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NEW YORK: The entire state experienced unseasonably warm weather for March. Few storms and even less snow made it across the state. Temperatures varied widely for the month with record-breaking highs in the 80s and lows in the teens. Outside activities progressed rapidly under extremely mild weather. Spring plowing got off to an early start. The maple season was cut short as temperatures were not conducive to sap runs. Trees budded early to put an end to the season. Fruit producers were concerned that a frost could damage early blooming fruit trees. Major activities included caring for livestock, spreading manure, preparing machinery, and grading and packing potatoes, onions, apples and cabbage. Winter meetings and trade shows were well attended.