

April 9, 2012

NEW YORK: Days suitable: 5.5. Soil moisture was rated 5% very short, 16% short, 76% adequate, and 3% surplus. Pasture Conditions were rated 5% very poor, 39% poor, 36% fair, 16% good, and 4% excellent. Pastures were turning green across the state. Favorable weather has allowed many farmers to get a jump start on field tillage operations, new seeding establishment, and manure spreading. Oats seedings 25% complete. Sweet corn was 7% planted. Lettuce was 11% planted. Fruit trees, grapes, and strawberries experienced early growth. There have been several evenings with freezing temperatures and this resulted in frost damage. The damage is being monitored. A few storms produced some rain across the state. Temperatures range from the low 20s to the high 60s.