

# Crop Progress & Condition



## NEW YORK

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**Good Week for Field Work:** New York had an average of 4.5 days suitable for field work. This past week turned out to be a good weather week for New York. The previous week had mostly rain so the ground was very wet while the first part of this week was spent letting fields dry out. From mid-week through the weekend though, conditions were perfect with nice sunny, warm days. Reports are that farmers took full advantage of the nice weather and got a lot of planting done. Field crops were going into soil that was ready while wheat really started to grow this week. Pastures and hay fields are said to be looking good and growing nicely now. Fruit trees seem to be finally taking off, while some fruit trees in the south are starting to bud. The week ahead looks like another good week for farmers to be in the fields as warm days are expected again but there are some chances of thunderstorms in different areas of the state. Field activities for the week include hauling and spreading manure, applying fertilizer, plowing and planting of fields, spraying of trees and fixing machinery.

### NY Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 11, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	1%	52%	47%
Subsoil	0%	1%	56%	43%

### Crop Progress (%)

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Spring Tillage	40%	25%	N/A	N/A
Barley Planted	28%	14%	N/A	N/A
Corn Planted	8%	2%	38%	32%
Oats Planted	32%	18%	76%	71%
Onions Planted	23%	14%	81%	63%
Potatoes Planted	15%	5%	41%	48%

Snap Beans Planted	16%	10%	4%	6%
Sweet Corn Planted	17%	9%	31%	22%
Winter Wheat Breaking Dormancy	93%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Winter Wheat Jointing	36	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apples Green Tip	51%	20%	99%	99%
Apples Pink	47%	N/A	90%	91%
Peaches Green Tip	68%	25%	98%	85%
Peaches Pink	34%	N/A	72%	88%
Pears Green Tip	70%	34%	99%	98%
Pears Pink	45%	N/A	78%	90%
Sweet Cherries Green Tip	52%	24%	100%	99%
Sweet Cherries Pink	37%	N/A	83%	92%
Tart Cherries Green Tip	73%	11%	100%	N/A
Tart Cherries Pink	25%	N/A	95%	N/A

### Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Hay Alfalfa	4	8	48	35	5
Hay Other Than Alfalfa	4	8	45	38	5
Pasture and Range	6	14	49	27	4
Winter Wheat	0	8	37	46	9

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## May 11, 2014 New York Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northern	Fort_Drum	82	30	54	+1	1.36	2	7.67	+3.48	20	99	+30	319
	Highmarket	77	26	49	-3	1.28	4	6.70	+0.57	22	56	+17	168
	Hooker_12NNW	77	32	52	+4	1.39	3	7.40	+2.27	20	70	+47	268
	Lowville	78	29	51	-2	0.92	2	4.28	-0.05	15	73	+15	246
	Massena	75	30	53	-2	0.23	2	4.76	+0.83	20	63	-6	266
	Watertown_Intl	84	30	54	+2	0.84	2	7.27	+3.50	18	101	+45	336
Northeast	Indian_Lake	76	25	48	+1	0.50	4	5.19	+1.10	21	32	+17	135
	Malone	79	30	50	-2	0.82	4	5.97	+2.24	23	61	+28	236
	Newcomb	73	27	47	-2	0.98	3	6.74	+2.27	21	37	+19	147
	North_Creek	78	30	50	-3	0.49	4	4.94	-0.39	18	45	-4	203
	Plattsburgh_Int	80	30	52	-2	0.37	3	4.06	+0.03	21	66	+9	291
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	70	27	48	-2	0.89	4	5.41	+0.98	24	46	+24	161
Western	Avon	85	35	56	+3	0.38	2	4.34	+0.55	16	114	+41	354
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	82	37	56	+3	0.31	2	5.52	+1.38	18	107	+25	369
	Canandaigua_3S	87	35	55	+2	0.49	2	4.36	+0.29	18	97	+20	323
	Colden_1W	81	34	54	+3	0.29	2	4.72	-0.26	19	82	+33	283
	Dansville_AP	89	35	59	+5	0.17	3	2.97	-0.67	18	171	+92	453
	Geneva_Research	85	36	55	+2	0.36	3	3.99	+0.13	19	101	+24	326
	Rochester_NY	87	39	57	+4	0.19	2	4.11	+0.40	19	133	+51	402
	Warsaw	81	32	52	+2	0.39	2	4.54	-0.01	19	71	+31	249
	Youngstown	84	37	52	-2	0.12	2	3.10	-0.35	15	63	-17	309
Central	Auburn_NY	84	33	55	0	0.81	2	5.53	+1.16	19	109	+22	330
	Boonville	74	29	50	-2	0.89	3	6.97	+0.84	19	59	+20	184
	Cooperstown	76	38	56	+5	0.49	3	5.78	+0.87	21	104	+62	346
	Fulton-Oswego	84	32	55	+2	0.46	3	4.55	+0.13	20	115	+47	342
	Oneonta	78	26	52	-3	0.40	4	4.10	-1.42	21	68	+2	241
	Sherburne	76	29	53	+2	0.95	4	3.98	-0.52	20	93	+37	292
	Syracuse_AP	84	36	57	+3	1.05	3	5.85	+1.25	19	141	+56	396
Eastern	Albany_County_A	81	34	57	+3	0.28	3	2.95	-1.56	16	155	+60	443
	Alcove_Dam	79	32	54	0	0.32	4	3.55	-1.44	19	77	+15	296
	Brunswick_NY	78	36	55	+2	0.25	4	3.74	-1.71	20	106	+45	370
	Buskirk	77	30	52	-2	0.23	3	3.80	-1.65	17	81	+20	284
	Cobleskill	76	34	53	0	0.21	3	3.40	-0.78	18	81	+23	279
	Peck_Lake	73	28	49	-4	0.67	3	7.27	+1.87	20	42	-12	173
	Saratoga_Spring	81	31	55	-2	0.20	3	4.06	-0.97	21	101	0	344
Southwest	Alfred	86	28	53	+3	0.28	2	4.14	-0.08	19	90	+49	271
	Bath	83	31	54	+3	0.36	3	4.37	+0.71	20	91	+34	302
	Corning	84	30	53	+1	0.25	2	3.92	+0.26	18	74	+17	257
	Franklinville	82	28	52	+3	0.62	4	4.79	+0.31	22	72	+37	258
	Jamestown_AP	81	34	56	+3	0.22	2	2.47	-2.12	14	111	+38	347
	Olean	84	34	54	+4	0.21	2	4.65	-0.12	21	83	+41	310
	Perrysburg	82	33	54	+1	0.40	3	5.25	+1.34	16	80	+6	303
Southern	Binghamton_Broo	80	38	57	+4	0.83	4	3.95	-0.79	21	115	+52	356
	Elmira_Ag	85	31	55	+1	0.20	3	3.82	-0.11	18	101	+22	320
	Ithaca_Cornell_	82	32	55	+3	0.73	3	3.81	-0.60	19	93	+34	298
	Mecklenburg	78	29	51	-1	0.34	3	3.56	-0.97	21	69	+22	211
	Owego_3WSW	79	33	55	+3	0.49	3	3.56	-1.18	18	89	+24	295
	Whitney_Point_L	81	32	55	+2	0.95	4	3.84	-0.90	21	88	+23	298
Southeast	Bridgehampton	73	42	56	+3	0.24	4	5.38	-0.34	15	80	+6	347
	Carmel_4N	75	38	55	-3	0.50	4	5.92	-0.11	17	106	-24	381
	East_Jewett	75	26	50	+2	0.47	4	5.42	-1.01	20	53	+29	217
	Mohonk_Lake	79	42	58	+2	0.47	4	6.43	+0.38	19	139	+27	459
	Montgomery_NY_A	82	34	58	+3	0.77	4	6.51	+1.04	16	166	+72	471
	New_York_LGA	82	50	61	+1	1.34	3	9.77	+4.62	16	222	+26	583
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	83	40	58	+3	1.31	4	7.21	+1.74	16	146	+43	450
	Vanderbilt_Muse	82	47	59	+2	1.25	5	7.67	+2.02	17	161	+18	485
	Walton	74	27	51	-3	0.78	4	4.80	-0.72	17	64	-2	248
	Yorktown_Height	80	44	58	+2	1.25	4	7.08	+0.96	16	153	+35	480

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.  
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.  
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## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

*Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.*

### **Allegheny County, Aaron Santangelo**

This past week's weather allowed for many farmers to start spring field work. Some corn going into the ground on prime farmland. Many hay fields began greening up this past week. Alfalfa fields off to a slow start this spring. Very weedy conditions in thinner/shorter alfalfa stands.

### **Cortland/Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty**

Sunshine and heat has jump-started pasture growth. Field work and planting has been moving along, some fields still have soggy spots but most are dry enough to work.

### **Columbia/Dutchess/Greene/Putnam/Ulster/Westchester Counties, Sandra Ferry**

Farmers are eager to get out. With the predicted warmer weather this week everyone is hoping the showers miss and they are able to get more corn planted and the hay starts growing. The fruit trees are started to bloom and we are hoping we are past any cold nights.

### **Genesee/Niagara/Orleans Counties, Nathan Herendeen**

Corn planting started and proceeding rapidly. Oat planting moving rapidly. Topdressing & weed control on wheat moving rapidly. Forage crops now making rapid growth.

### **Jefferson County, Mike Hunter**

Corn planting has begun in Jefferson County.

### **Lewis County, Joe Lawrence**

The week started with wet field conditions and little progress, midweek saw increased activities in fields with manure spreading, tillage and a little corn planting. Rain Friday night slowed everything down again.

### **Livingston County, Dean Pendergast**

There is great variation in the county with the level of field work completed and planting.

### **Madison County, Karen Baase**

There's been a lot of field work activity this week, as weather has finally cooperated. Planting of new seedings is winding down, and field corn is going in. Alfalfa height in Chittenango on Monday was around 9" and orchard grass measured around 14". The same measurements taken in the hills of southern Madison County are much less.

### **Madison County, Jessica Pylman**

Producers in several areas are having a hard time getting into the field, just not dry enough yet. Others are busy in the fields trying to beat the rain coming this week. Having spoke to several producers the pastures are a week behind or better.

### **Oneida County, William Paddock**

What a beautiful week in Oneida County. Farmers were able to work in the fields all week. Lots and lots of seedings went in this past week. Corn is going in as well especially the larger farms that are covering so many acres. Grass fields in the central to southern part of the county are really jumping, orchard grass is really coming on now. Some rotational grazers put cows out late last week, pastures are coming along just kind of short and not as thick as in the past. But they did change tremendously over the weekend with the shot of rain Friday night and the heat we have received the last 4 days.

### **Ontario County, Joann Rogers**

Ontario County producer are reporting being 2 to 3 weeks behind on spring prep/plantings as a result of the wet weather. Some plantings have been done on gravel ground.

### **Otsego County, Lisa Knapp**

With warmer and dryer weather conditions, new seeding and corn plantings have continued. Hay fields and pastures are getting greener and improving.

### **Saratoga/Rensselaer/ Warren/Washington Counties, David Holck**

Things are drying out in our counties, and farmers are making steady progress on tillage, seedings, and planting corn on well-drained soils. Manure trucks are rolling as lagoons are being emptied prior to tillage and planting. Hay and pasture growth has been slow. Consensus among farmers is that we are 2 weeks behind last year.

### **Schuyler/ Seneca Counties, Kathy Mastellar**

Sunny, warm days Thursday-Sunday allowed ground to dry out...possibly allowing some planting on well drained soils.

### **Suffolk County, Alice Wise**

Warm weather pushed grape buds through bud break last week. Shoots are now growing rapidly.

### **Suffolk County, Susan Gawlik**

Crops are still being planted and harvesting of early crops is slightly behind due to long winter.

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