

# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Fair Week for Field Work:** New York had an average of 4.0 days suitable for field work. Reporters expressed what a great week it was for farmers to be out in the fields. Warm weather allowed farmers to get some much needed plowing and planting done. There were some rain showers throughout the week that farmers had to dodge but overall it was a nice week. Corn and soybeans are being planted at a fast pace to try and catch up for lost time. Wheat seems to be growing nicely. The mixture of warm days with some rain has really greened up and allowed fields to grow. Fruit trees are progressing nicely. There are reports that some low areas still have a lot of moisture and are causing problems for farmers and planting. Overall, this was a productive week where farmers are still trying to catch up after the long winter. Field activities for the week include hauling and spreading manure, applying fertilizer, plowing and planting of fields, spraying of trees and fixing machinery.

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### New York Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 25, 2014

|         | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Topsoil | 0%         | 1%    | 46%      | 53%     |
| Subsoil | 0%         | 0%    | 53%      | 47%     |

### Crop Progress (%)

|                   | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Year Average |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Spring Tillage    | 68%       | 51%       | N/A       | N/A            |
| Barley Planted    | 59%       | 42%       | N/A       | N/A            |
| Barley Emerged    | 25%       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A            |
| Cabbage Planted   | 12%       | 9%        | N/A       | N/A            |
| Corn Planted      | 37%       | 16%       | 72%       | 67%            |
| Corn Emerged      | 14%       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A            |
| Hay First Cutting | 5%        | N/A       | N/A       | N/A            |
| Oats Planted      | 72%       | 50%       | 96%       | 87%            |

|                          |     |     |      |      |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Oats Emerged             | 38% | N/A | N/A  | N/A  |
| Onions Planted           | 53% | 30% | 97%  | 91%  |
| Potatoes Planted         | 37% | 27% | 62%  | 68%  |
| Snap Beans Planted       | 32% | 22% | 14%  | 16%  |
| Soybeans Planted         | 18% | 2%  | 36%  | 32%  |
| Sweet Corn Planted       | 48% | 29% | 44%  | 46%  |
| Winter Wheat Jointing    | 71% | 42% | N/A  | N/A  |
| Winter Wheat Booted      | 8%  | N/A | N/A  | N/A  |
| Apples Green Tip         | 92% | 78% | 100% | 100% |
| Apples Pink              | 80% | 48% | 100% | 100% |
| Peaches Green Tip        | 90% | 69% | 100% | 100% |
| Peaches Pink             | 75% | 51% | 99%  | 100% |
| Pears Green Tip          | 95% | 70% | 100% | 100% |
| Pears Pink               | 80% | 47% | 98%  | 100% |
| Sweet Cherries Green Tip | 88% | 60% | 100% | 100% |
| Sweet Cherries Pink      | 70% | 44% | 99%  | 100% |
| Tart Cherries Green Tip  | 88% | 78% | 100% | N/A  |
| Tart Cherries Pink       | 70% | 25% | 100% | N/A  |

### Crop Condition (in %):

|                        | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Hay Alfalfa            | 3         | 5    | 37   | 46   | 9         |
| Hay Other Than Alfalfa | 3         | 6    | 37   | 46   | 8         |
| Pasture and Range      | 6         | 8    | 38   | 39   | 9         |
| Winter Wheat           | 1         | 8    | 34   | 48   | 9         |

## May 26, 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       | 76                        | 42 | 58  | -2  | 0.95          | 3    | 9.83                             | +4.10 | 26   | 241          | +62  | 591      |
|           | Highmarket      | 75                        | 30 | 53  | -3  | 0.10          | 1    | 7.95                             | -0.23 | 26   | 158          | +42  | 395      |
|           | Hooker_12NNW    | 79                        | 42 | 58  | +4  | 0.44          | 4    | 9.45                             | +2.45 | 28   | 214          | +128 | 547      |
|           | Lowville        | 74                        | 34 | 56  | -3  | 0.52          | 3    | 5.93                             | +0.18 | 20   | 201          | +51  | 506      |
|           | Massena         | 76                        | 39 | 58  | -1  | 0.14          | 2    | 6.21                             | +1.02 | 26   | 201          | +24  | 541      |
|           | Watertown_Intl  | 78                        | 40 | 57  | -1  | 0.39          | 4    | 9.04                             | +4.01 | 27   | 232          | +83  | 596      |
| Northeast | Indian_Lake     | 71                        | 30 | 52  | -2  | 1.23          | 4    | 8.26                             | +2.49 | 29   | 119          | +51  | 351      |
|           | Malone          | 74                        | 41 | 56  | 0   | 0.18          | 2    | 8.14                             | +3.11 | 28   | 184          | +75  | 496      |
|           | Newcomb         | 73                        | 31 | 54  | 0   | 1.09          | 4    | 10.39                            | +4.21 | 28   | 142          | +68  | 382      |
|           | North_Creek     | 76                        | 34 | 55  | -3  | 0.82          | 3    | 7.86                             | +0.57 | 25   | 143          | +3   | 439      |
|           | Plattsburgh_Int | 74                        | 42 | 58  | -2  | 1.09          | 2    | 6.61                             | +1.23 | 26   | 202          | +46  | 567      |
|           | Tupper_Lake_Sun | 72                        | 31 | 53  | -2  | 1.18          | 4    | 9.32                             | +3.21 | 31   | 144          | +63  | 386      |
| Western   | Avon            | 75                        | 42 | 58  | -1  | 0.39          | 2    | 7.93                             | +2.87 | 24   | 264          | +81  | 643      |
|           | Buffalo_Intl_AP | 72                        | 45 | 57  | -3  | 0.23          | 4    | 7.98                             | +2.31 | 26   | 245          | +45  | 642      |
|           | Canandaigua_3S  | 76                        | 43 | 58  | -1  | 0.25          | 2    | 7.44                             | +2.07 | 26   | 246          | +53  | 607      |
|           | Colden_1W       | 71                        | 41 | 55  | -2  | 0.76          | 3    | 7.58                             | +1.01 | 26   | 200          | +63  | 526      |
|           | Dansville_AP    | 77                        | 41 | 61  | +3  | 0.16          | 3    | 6.30                             | +1.37 | 27   | 358          | +163 | 778      |
|           | Geneva_Research | 74                        | 41 | 58  | -2  | 0.30          | 4    | 7.73                             | +2.50 | 27   | 241          | +50  | 603      |
|           | Rochester_NY    | 75                        | 43 | 60  | +1  | 0.44          | 3    | 7.02                             | +2.05 | 27   | 299          | +100 | 706      |
|           | Warsaw          | 71                        | 39 | 54  | -2  | 0.26          | 3    | 7.05                             | +0.83 | 28   | 183          | +62  | 490      |
|           | Youngstown      | 77                        | 44 | 58  | -2  | 0.30          | 5    | 5.00                             | +0.21 | 23   | 180          | -18  | 565      |
| Central   | Auburn_NY       | 74                        | 38 | 57  | -4  | 0.61          | 2    | 9.19                             | +3.42 | 25   | 247          | +34  | 600      |
|           | Boonville       | 70                        | 36 | 55  | -2  | 0.59          | 3    | 9.17                             | +0.99 | 25   | 172          | +56  | 430      |
|           | Cooperstown     | 74                        | 41 | 57  | +2  | 0.83          | 3    | 9.01                             | +2.41 | 26   | 230          | +107 | 608      |
|           | Fulton-Oswego   | 75                        | 37 | 56  | -3  | 0.06          | 2    | 5.76                             | -0.07 | 26   | 258          | +86  | 615      |
|           | Oneonta         | 76                        | 34 | 55  | -3  | 0.58          | 4    | 8.22                             | +0.74 | 28   | 182          | +14  | 486      |
|           | Sherburne       | 78                        | 33 | 56  | -3  | 0.29          | 4    | 7.09                             | +0.94 | 26   | 226          | +75  | 556      |
|           | Syracuse_AP     | 75                        | 37 | 59  | -1  | 0.28          | 3    | 8.35                             | +2.23 | 25   | 307          | +103 | 696      |
| Eastern   | Albany_County_A | 78                        | 37 | 59  | -2  | 0.31          | 3    | 4.70                             | -1.49 | 22   | 320          | +97  | 748      |
|           | Alcove_Dam      | 74                        | 41 | 57  | -2  | 0.54          | 3    | 6.35                             | -0.46 | 25   | 198          | +36  | 556      |
|           | Brunswick_NY    | 78                        | 39 | 58  | 0   | 0.24          | 4    | 5.50                             | -2.05 | 27   | 256          | +93  | 660      |
|           | Buskirk         | 77                        | 34 | 56  | -4  | 0.29          | 3    | 5.32                             | -2.23 | 22   | 197          | +34  | 536      |
|           | Cobleskill      | 73                        | 36 | 56  | -3  | 1.25          | 4    | 7.62                             | +1.94 | 25   | 212          | +56  | 543      |
|           | Peck_Lake       | 70                        | 38 | 54  | -4  | 0.83          | 5    | 9.89                             | +2.53 | 28   | 134          | -14  | 397      |
|           | Saratoga_Spring | 83                        | 41 | 59  | -2  | 0.24          | 3    | 5.43                             | -1.42 | 27   | 262          | +25  | 645      |
| Southwest | Alfred          | 73                        | 32 | 54  | -2  | 0.61          | 3    | 7.51                             | +1.70 | 27   | 200          | +79  | 504      |
|           | Bath            | 77                        | 28 | 56  | -1  | 1.16          | 4    | 8.69                             | +3.74 | 28   | 243          | +92  | 585      |
|           | Corning         | 76                        | 33 | 55  | -3  | 0.27          | 5    | 6.79                             | +1.84 | 27   | 190          | +39  | 502      |
|           | Franklinville   | 71                        | 31 | 53  | -3  | 1.11          | 4    | 8.20                             | +2.09 | 31   | 171          | +62  | 475      |
|           | Jamestown_AP    | 70                        | 39 | 55  | -5  | 3.07          | 2    | 8.49                             | +2.22 | 21   | 233          | +50  | 592      |
|           | Olean           | 72                        | 35 | 56  | 0   | 1.17          | 3    | 10.00                            | +3.53 | 29   | 205          | +83  | 560      |
|           | Perrysburg      | 71                        | 35 | 56  | -4  | 1.23          | 3    | 10.40                            | +5.12 | 23   | 197          | +9   | 543      |
| Southern  | Binghamton_Broo | 72                        | 39 | 57  | -2  | 0.26          | 4    | 6.47                             | +0.15 | 28   | 249          | +84  | 628      |
|           | Elmira_Ag       | 76                        | 34 | 57  | -3  | 1.17          | 5    | 6.22                             | +0.94 | 27   | 231          | +37  | 584      |
|           | Ithaca_Cornell_ | 74                        | 33 | 56  | -2  | 0.46          | 5    | 6.89                             | +1.05 | 28   | 217          | +59  | 554      |
|           | Mecklenburg     | 75                        | 35 | 56  | 0   | 0.54          | 5    | 6.03                             | +0.00 | 29   | 187          | +52  | 463      |
|           | Owego_3WSW      | 72                        | 34 | 54  | -5  | 0.65          | 5    | 5.63                             | -0.58 | 25   | 194          | +27  | 533      |
|           | Whitney_Point_L | 76                        | 36 | 55  | -3  | 0.10          | 3    | 5.28                             | -0.93 | 26   | 208          | +41  | 554      |
| Southeast | Bridgehampton   | 74                        | 45 | 59  | 0   | 1.05          | 3    | 7.50                             | +0.10 | 20   | 224          | +41  | 631      |
|           | Carmel_4N       | 73                        | 38 | 57  | -5  | 1.11          | 3    | 8.38                             | +0.39 | 24   | 235          | -41  | 650      |
|           | East_Jewett     | 75                        | 38 | 58  | +4  | 0.85          | 4    | 9.99                             | +1.40 | 27   | 162          | +78  | 462      |
|           | Mohonk_Lake     | 78                        | 40 | 61  | +1  | 0.85          | 3    | 8.58                             | +0.05 | 25   | 304          | +54  | 764      |
|           | Montgomery_NY_A | 78                        | 35 | 61  | +2  | 1.01          | 3    | 8.95                             | +1.38 | 22   | 337          | +121 | 782      |
|           | New_York_LGA    | 77                        | 53 | 64  | -2  | 1.39          | 4    | 12.91                            | +5.84 | 23   | 428          | +45  | 929      |
|           | Poughkeepsie_Ag | 76                        | 39 | 59  | -2  | 0.78          | 4    | 9.91                             | +2.25 | 23   | 300          | +67  | 744      |
|           | Vanderbilt_Muse | 79                        | 48 | 61  | -1  | 1.23          | 4    | 9.48                             | +2.07 | 24   | 334          | +37  | 798      |
|           | Walton          | 76                        | 29 | 54  | -5  | 0.88          | 3    | 8.38                             | +0.90 | 22   | 176          | +8   | 489      |
|           | Yorktown_Height | 76                        | 43 | 60  | -2  | 0.83          | 4    | 9.30                             | +0.97 | 23   | 312          | +54  | 779      |

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.*

### **Albany/Fulton/Hamilton/Montgomery/Schenectady/Schoharie Counties, Andrew Michael**

Crop planting conditions are looking a lot better in the Schoharie Valley as well as the rest of the region of Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Albany and Schoharie Counties. The harvesting of the hay crop has begun as producers are short on feed. There is corn up but not a lot but planting is moving ahead full speed.

### **Broome County, Maria Heath**

The warmer weather has brought things on strong. This coming week should see fields starting to be chopped. Some areas did see some hail mid-week.

### **Cayuga/Oswego/Onondaga Counties, Krista Tyrrell**

Farmers are tilling and planting around wet holes in the fields. Dairy men are very concerned about how late it is getting and getting corn in to feed cows. They report they are planting the dry spots and will go back later and plant the wet spots if conditions allow. Farmers are working on fixing washes/gullies throughout the field. Many are working on this for the 2nd or 3rd time now. Conditions remain wet.

### **Delaware County, Mariane Kiraly**

Most corn is planted. Farmers have started harvesting first cutting for silage/baleage.

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

A great deal of field work and planting went on this past week but was temporarily slowed by rain Thursday. There was a strong storm system that hit the southern part of the county on Thursday bringing large amounts of hail and heavy rain to the area. It was a small geographic area but the damage was severe on some farms with recently planted corn and new seedings washed out and first cutting hay knocked down.

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

Weather cooperated with farmers planting corn this week. The very last of new seedings have gone in. Last weekend's rain helped pastures considerably. However, continuously grazed pastures are a bit on the short side. I expect 1st cutting hay harvest will begin very soon especially on all-grass fields in the northern part of Madison County.

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

Scattered showers were hit and miss and slowed some areas down a couple days throughout the week but others were able stay in the fields without a drop. Many people are trying to finish up with their corn and several have started and even finishing up with soybeans. Over the long weekend I saw some hay has been mowed and have had a couple farmers in the office mention their gearing up to start hay.

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

This past week was great for Oneida County producers. Most of the week was great and we had a few hit and miss showers on

Thursday and Friday. Corn is being planted and it looks as though the county is well on its way to being done with corn planting and soybeans. Some parts of the county may start to do some haying this week. Grass has headed out in parts of the county and with the recent good weather is maturing quickly. Pastures for rotational grazers are looking great and in most cases the grass has gotten ahead of the cows. Pastures look thick and great.

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

Producer's comments in regard to the weather in Ontario County was cold and damp and as a result very little progress was made on spring tillage or planting.

### **Orange County, Ford Barber**

Weather and crop conditions in the county have been generally good over the past week. While planting has been delayed this season, some catching up has been possible. Crops are generally still a week or so behind schedule.

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

Otsego County continues to get spring plantings done. Some producers have started first cutting.

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

Farmers in our counties continue to make progress between the showers and thunderstorms. Some haylage was chopped last week, corn planted earlier in the month has emerged, and corn planting is continuing. The pace of corn planting may be slowing down, as farmers switch to harvesting first cutting, and then go back to planting corn.

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

Rain still made an appearance a few days this past week, hindering planting once again. The weekend produced dry days with winds and sunshine resulting in some ground being worked.

### **St. Lawrence County, Clark Putman**

Soil continues to be wet, some corn being planted on tiled ground, cropping seems to be 2-3 weeks behind last couple of years.

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

In Long Island vineyards, Chardonnay ranges from 6-10". Growers are now disbudding, removing unwanted shoots from vine trunks.

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

Crops growing well.

### **Yates County, Amy Parmelee**

Yates County continues to have wet fields due to last week's storms. The cooler weather also is affecting slower than normal growth.

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