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Excellent Week for Field Work: New York had an average of 6 days suitable for field work. Weather this week was mostly cool and dry, though there were reports of frost and some crop-damaging hail. Because of this dry weather some areas are reporting drought as severe as class D1-Moderate (10%-20% occurrence). Hay third cutting made much progress this week. Pastures, while still green are drying out. Some dairy farms reported feeding winter rations early and chopping grain corn for silage to meet demand. Grain corn is maturing slowly with mostly good but variable condition. Harvest for grain corn is just beginning, but silage harvest is moving quickly. Winter wheat and barley plantings are progressing well, with some farms catching up to their corn and soybean harvests. Soybean leaves are falling, onion harvest is good, and aside from a few types, there is little in the way of vegetable loss. Grape harvest continues to do well. Field activities for the week include cutting hay, chopping silage, applying fertilizer, plowing and planting of fields, mowing and baling hay, mowing pastures, spraying of trees and fixing machinery.

Crop Progress (%)

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Fall Tillage	59%	46%	N/A*	N/A
Barley Harvested	95%	94%	N/A*	N/A
Cabbage Harvested	95%	90%	N/A*	N/A
Corn Dough	94%	90%	N/A*	N/A
Corn Dented	78%	66%	N/A*	N/A
Corn Mature	47%	22%	N/A*	N/A
Corn Silage Harvested	56%	35%	N/A*	66%
Hay Alfalfa Third Cutting	94%	92%	N/A*	93%
Hay Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	48%	39%	N/A*	N/A
Hay Other Third Cutting	92%	88%	N/A*	N/A
Hay Other Fourth Cutting	50%	35%	N/A*	N/A
Onions Harvested	70%	62%	N/A*	90%
Potatoes Harvested	74%	47%	N/A*	73%
Snap Beans Harvested	93%	91%	N/A*	94%
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	67%	51%	N/A*	N/A
Soybeans Harvested	8%	N/A	N/A*	11%
Sweet Corn Harvested	95%	93%	N/A*	97%
Winter Wheat Planted	70%	50%	N/A*	N/A
Apples Harvested	74%	57%	N/A*	63%
Grapes Harvested	47%	29%	N/A*	55%
Peaches Harvested	95%	90%	N/A*	100%
Pears Harvested	85%	80%	N/A*	93%

New York Soil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	3%	15%	67%	15%
Subsoil	2%	11%	73%	14%

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	4	18	54	23
Hay Alfalfa	2	4	23	55	16
Hay Other Than Alfalfa	2	6	29	50	13
Pasture and Range	11	10	30	40	9
Soybeans	1	5	20	53	21
Apples	3	10	41	40	6
Grapes	2	3	11	67	17

* Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled.

Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available.

Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oce/weather and click on "Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin."

October 5, 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	77	39	61	+8	0.67	2	27.72	+5.43	79	2316	+88	3978
	Highmarket	76	32	58	+8	0.75	2	31.17	+1.99	82	1601	-68	3119
	Hooker_12NNW	80	37	61	+12	0.72	3	31.05	+3.68	81	2293	+833	3940
	Lowville	77	37	59	+8	0.29	2	22.01	+0.44	66	1941	+43	3545
	Massena	78	42	59	+8	0.37	2	23.39	+3.09	75	2246	+142	3894
	Watertown_Intl	75	41	62	+10	0.87	2	25.31	+6.79	78	2369	+391	4055
Northeast	Indian_Lake	75	40	56	+9	0.71	2	25.42	+2.85	86	1515	+197	3034
	Malone	77	41	58	+8	0.42	2	25.82	+3.27	81	1941	+238	3544
	Newcomb	79	41	58	+10	0.74	2	29.16	+5.46	83	1595	+190	3117
	North_Creek	80	36	59	+7	0.50	2	24.35	-0.51	74	1964	-4	3574
	Plattsburgh_Int	78	44	58	+6	0.74	2	21.43	+1.22	71	2181	+72	3852
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	77	38	58	+10	0.65	2	26.18	+1.79	87	1660	+212	3179
Western	Avon	81	35	61	+8	0.43	3	24.95	+5.75	73	2414	+180	4116
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	80	39	63	+8	1.45	2	25.18	+3.58	75	2596	+236	4320
	Canandaigua_3S	82	38	63	+7	0.54	3	21.42	+1.25	78	2520	+114	4209
	Colden_1W	76	34	59	+7	0.73	3	28.77	+3.21	86	2058	+153	3698
	Dansville_AP	82	35	62	+8	0.20	2	18.99	-0.95	74	2696	+399	4442
	Geneva_Research	79	35	61	+7	0.65	3	24.00	+3.91	78	2347	+59	4033
	Rochester_NY	80	38	63	+8	0.22	2	20.57	+1.25	78	2659	+324	4395
	Warsaw	76	33	59	+7	0.34	1	28.55	+3.76	84	1966	+187	3579
	Youngstown	81	39	61	+6	0.45	4	17.62	-0.77	76	2438	+49	4151
Central	Auburn_NY	80	36	61	+6	0.65	3	27.72	+5.48	85	2334	-108	4009
	Boonville	77	31	58	+8	1.13	2	34.74	+5.56	75	1741	+72	3288
	Cooperstown	76	40	59	+8	0.87	3	24.87	+0.97	87	2133	+310	3840
	Fulton-Oswego	79	38	62	+7	0.61	2	23.12	+1.61	78	2409	+78	4089
	Oneonta	76	36	57	+4	0.55	3	25.24	-0.52	74	1914	-115	3536
	Sherburne	80	35	59	+7	0.73	3	25.42	+2.62	83	2128	+107	3775
	Syracuse_AP	81	39	64	+9	0.60	2	22.21	-0.58	70	2783	+426	4502
Eastern	Albany_County_A	83	42	62	+8	0.45	3	19.58	-2.08	68	2806	+436	4564
	Alcove_Dam	78	40	59	+6	0.50	4	23.26	-0.28	79	2102	-10	3786
	Brunswick_NY	80	42	62	+9	0.50	3	23.97	-3.20	77	2551	+569	4285
	Buskirk	78	42	59	+6	0.64	3	24.24	-2.93	67	2012	+30	3671
	Cobleskill	79	38	58	+6	0.51	2	24.89	+4.03	76	2048	-26	3704
	Peck_Lake	73	35	58	+5	0.85	4	34.68	+8.62	83	1655	-296	3216
	Saratoga_Spring	79	42	62	+8	0.42	3	24.36	+0.67	79	2438	+28	4151
Southwest	Alfred	77	32	56	+6	0.38	2	23.30	+0.53	81	1756	+34	3377
	Bath	79	31	59	+7	1.01	2	22.60	+3.35	70	2239	+219	3904
	Corning	82	28	57	+5	0.33	3	22.64	+3.39	73	1867	-153	3495
	Franklinville	78	31	58	+7	0.78	3	27.22	+2.95	94	1857	+176	3476
	Jamestown_AP	72	36	57	+4	0.39	1	26.85	+0.40	71	1975	-198	3650
	Olean	76	37	60	+9	0.77	4	28.44	+2.72	90	2142	+363	3817
	Perrysburg	76	36	59	+4	0.54	2	31.38	+9.90	66	2096	-223	3762
Southern	Binghamton_Broo	78	33	60	+8	0.45	3	22.88	+1.09	74	2303	+282	4003
	Elmira_Ag	80	31	60	+6	2.13	4	24.23	+3.53	76	2218	-66	3893
	Ithaca_Cornell_	80	31	60	+8	0.37	3	24.85	+3.13	78	2103	+35	3755
	Mecklenburg	80	36	61	+9	0.44	4	26.79	+4.24	79	2075	+161	3673
	Owego_3WSW	82	30	60	+7	0.25	3	16.26	-5.99	72	2187	+42	3847
	Whitney_Point_L	81	33	61	+7	0.31	2	18.95	-3.30	74	2161	+16	3830
Southeast	Bridgehampton	77	48	60	+2	0.75	5	17.26	-6.07	56	2506	-47	4243
	Carmel_4N	76	38	58	+1	1.14	5	26.61	-0.86	76	2203	-426	3945
	East_Jewett	82	30	57	+7	0.64	2	25.80	-1.00	77	1698	+240	3306
	Mohonk_Lake	81	40	61	+5	1.48	3	25.45	-2.83	68	2685	+154	4475
	Montgomery_NY_A	87	37	63	+9	0.53	3	18.47	-6.95	68	2784	+395	4558
	New_York_LGA	84	47	66	+4	1.09	3	26.42	+2.19	64	3557	+167	5388
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	83	44	62	+7	0.65	3	23.83	-1.26	69	2671	+156	4445
	Vanderbilt_Muse	81	46	62	+1	0.69	4	23.90	+0.15	66	2994	-8	4788
	Walton	81	31	58	+5	0.66	4	23.43	-2.33	71	1902	-127	3532
	Yorktown_Height	83	41	62	+6	1.00	4	24.09	-3.97	76	2817	+203	4613

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Copyright 2014: Agricultural Weather Information Service, Inc. All rights reserved.

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.

Broome County, Maria Heath

Cool weather has caused corn to mature very slowly. A few claims of snaplage corn not maturing enough.

Cortland/ Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty

Corn silage harvest is moving along. Widespread frost has arrived. Cortland County missed most of the rain on Tuesday, but a severe storm hit Tompkins County. One Tompkins farm ended up with hail damage to apples ready to harvest.

Franklin County, Jennifer Bosley

With the nice weather this past week, producers have been very busy chopping corn and harvesting 3rd cut haylage. Corn conditions are variable. Some was hit by frost a couple of weeks ago before maturity.

Genesee/ Niagara/ Orleans Counties, Nathan R Herendeen

Wheat planting pretty much caught up to soy or corn harvest. Conditions have been excellent for planting. Had some rain on Sat, Oct 4. Corn silage harvest proceeding rapidly. Corn grain harvest just starting. Last two weeks have been excellent for crops and fall field work.

Lewis County, Joe Lawrence

Warm dry weather allowed for a great deal of field work this week.

Oneida County, William Paddock

What a stretch of weather, dating back to the previous week we had 10 straight days of great weather. Farmers in Oneida County have been very busy with corn silage harvest, haylage, baleage, dry hay and we are about halfway through planting of wheat and barley. Farmers report that for the most part corn looks very good, maybe some ears smaller than they would like, but it is drying down for silage harvest. One farmer estimated that his corn for grain was at about 30% so he did not start grain harvest immediately. Leaves are falling off the soybeans and they may be ready before a lot of the corn for grain. Pastures are still green but are quickly heading the other way with the dry stretch we had and the shorter days as well.

Ontario County, Joann Rogers

Ontario County had a great week for harvest, field prep and planting winter wheat; harvesting of soybeans started this week, corn silage was in full swing and grape harvest continued.

Orange County, Ford Barber

Saturday saw the first measurable rainfall in a month, at 1/2 inch. The ground is exceptionally dry, and as of Friday Orange and Ulster Counties are now classified as D1-Moderate Drought. The onion harvest by most accounts has been a good one. With the exception of winter squash and pumpkins, there have been few vegetable crop losses reported. The primary concern is for dairy and livestock farmers who have been feeding winter rations of hay and alfalfa to compensate for the loss of grazing and pasture land. Corn which would have normally gone for grain is being chopped for silage by many of the dairy farmers.

Rensselaer/ Saratoga/ Warren/ Washington Counties, David Holck

Our counties got between .75 and 1.0 inches of rain on Saturday, which was the most rainfall we had received in a month. Farmers continue to harvest corn silage, haylage, and baled hay. Most producers are reporting above normal corn silage yields.

Schuyler/ Seneca Counties, Kathy Mastellar

Corn silage harvest is still going strong. Hay is still being cut when days are good.

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