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Good Week for Field Work: New York had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work. Light rain reported this week as well as spotty frosts. Frost was heavy in some places, missing in others and helped dry out corn in some areas. It was a good week for harvesting haylage and baleage, but the weather has slowed growth as well. Some farms continue to supplement feed. Silage harvest is going strong and is nearly finished in some areas. In some instances difficulty with storage capacity has slowed the silage harvest. Soybeans are harvesting quickly and producing a good yield. Grain corn still has a wide range of maturities and dryness. Vegetable harvests are nearing completion. It was a good week for planting winter wheat, rye and cover crops. Grapes are producing good quality and high yields. 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.

New York Soil Moisture

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Topsoil | 3% | 14% | 69% | 14% |
| Subsoil | 2% | 13% | 73% | 12% |

Crop Condition (in %):

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Corn | 1 | 4 | 18 | 53 | 24 |
| Hay Alfalfa | 2 | 4 | 24 | 55 | 15 |
| Hay Other Than Alfalfa | 2 | 6 | 30 | 50 | 12 |
| Pasture and Range | 11 | 10 | 31 | 39 | 9 |
| Soybeans | 1 | 5 | 20 | 55 | 19 |
| Grapes | 2 | 3 | 11 | 67 | 17 |

Crop Progress (%)

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Year Average |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Fall Tillage | 63% | 59% | N/A* | N/A |
| Corn Dough | 96% | 94% | N/A* | N/A |
| Corn Dented | 83% | 78% | N/A* | N/A |
| Corn Mature | 56% | 47% | N/A* | N/A |
| Corn Silage Harvested | 65% | 56% | N/A* | 78% |
| Hay Alfalfa Third Cutting | 95% | 94% | N/A* | 96% |
| Hay Alfalfa Fourth Cutting | 60% | 48% | N/A* | N/A |
| Hay Other Third Cutting | 94% | 92% | N/A* | N/A |
| Hay Other Fourth Cutting | 61% | 50% | N/A* | N/A |
| Onions Harvested | 79% | 70% | N/A* | 95% |
| Potatoes Harvested | 77% | 74% | N/A* | 82% |
| Snap Beans Harvested | 95% | 93% | N/A* | 98% |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves | 80% | 67% | N/A* | N/A |
| Soybeans Harvested | 23% | 8% | N/A* | 22% |
| Winter Wheat Planted | 80% | 70% | N/A* | N/A |
| Winter Wheat Emerged | 21% | N/A | N/A* | N/A |
| Apples Harvested | 80% | 74% | N/A* | 71% |
| Grapes Harvested | 62% | 47% | N/A* | 69% |
| Pears Harvested | 90% | 85% | N/A* | 96% |

* 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/oc/weather and click on **"Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin."**

October 13, 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 | 68 | 31 | 51 | -1 | 0.76 | 5 | 28.48 | +5.35 | 84 | 2338 | +87 | 4054 |
| | Highmarket | 63 | 26 | 45 | -4 | 1.74 | 4 | 32.91 | +2.67 | 86 | 1606 | -77 | 3156 |
| | Hooker_12NNW | 66 | 30 | 48 | +2 | 1.41 | 3 | 32.46 | +4.18 | 84 | 2298 | +830 | 3995 |
| | Lowville | 66 | 29 | 48 | -2 | 0.86 | 3 | 22.87 | +0.53 | 69 | 1951 | +35 | 3603 |
| | Massena | 69 | 31 | 50 | +2 | 0.71 | 5 | 24.10 | +3.10 | 80 | 2266 | +144 | 3967 |
| | Watertown_Intl | 69 | 32 | 53 | +3 | 0.84 | 6 | 26.15 | +6.93 | 84 | 2400 | +402 | 4146 |
| Northeast | Indian_Lake | 62 | 28 | 44 | -2 | 0.68 | 3 | 26.10 | +2.69 | 89 | 1519 | +201 | 3064 |
| | Malone | 66 | 35 | 48 | +1 | 0.76 | 6 | 26.58 | +3.33 | 87 | 1949 | +235 | 3601 |
| | Newcomb | 61 | 28 | 43 | -3 | 1.19 | 4 | 30.46 | +5.93 | 87 | 1595 | +188 | 3135 |
| | North_Creek | 66 | 29 | 47 | -4 | 0.50 | 3 | 24.85 | -0.81 | 77 | 1971 | -15 | 3621 |
| | Plattsburgh_Int | 68 | 32 | 50 | +2 | 0.34 | 2 | 21.77 | +0.93 | 73 | 2200 | +73 | 3926 |
| | Tupper_Lake_Sun | 61 | 31 | 44 | -3 | 0.99 | 6 | 27.17 | +2.01 | 93 | 1660 | +207 | 3210 |
| Western | Avon | 68 | 30 | 51 | -2 | 0.35 | 4 | 25.30 | +5.51 | 77 | 2434 | +170 | 4196 |
| | Buffalo_Intl_AP | 65 | 35 | 52 | -2 | 1.45 | 3 | 26.63 | +4.33 | 78 | 2616 | +223 | 4403 |
| | Canandaigua_3S | 68 | 32 | 52 | -2 | 0.06 | 3 | 21.48 | +0.65 | 81 | 2542 | +100 | 4295 |
| | Colden_1W | 63 | 32 | 47 | -4 | 1.29 | 4 | 30.06 | +3.60 | 90 | 2068 | +141 | 3751 |
| | Dansville_AP | 69 | 31 | 52 | -1 | 0.17 | 3 | 19.16 | -1.43 | 77 | 2718 | +390 | 4526 |
| | Geneva_Research | 68 | 35 | 52 | -2 | 0.09 | 3 | 24.09 | +3.30 | 81 | 2368 | +50 | 4116 |
| | Rochester_NY | 69 | 33 | 52 | -1 | 0.35 | 3 | 20.92 | +1.00 | 81 | 2684 | +318 | 4483 |
| | Warsaw | 63 | 31 | 47 | -3 | 0.86 | 4 | 29.41 | +3.77 | 88 | 1974 | +177 | 3628 |
| | Youngstown | 68 | 33 | 52 | -2 | 0.53 | 3 | 18.15 | -0.86 | 79 | 2458 | +38 | 4237 |
| Central | Auburn_NY | 67 | 32 | 51 | -3 | 0.46 | 3 | 28.18 | +5.21 | 88 | 2350 | -128 | 4085 |
| | Boonville | 61 | 32 | 47 | -2 | 1.20 | 5 | 35.94 | +5.70 | 80 | 1746 | +63 | 3335 |
| | Cooperstown | 65 | 36 | 50 | +2 | 0.46 | 2 | 25.33 | +0.69 | 89 | 2149 | +310 | 3913 |
| | Fulton-Oswego | 69 | 31 | 51 | -3 | 0.30 | 5 | 23.42 | +1.07 | 83 | 2431 | +65 | 4171 |
| | Oneonta | 64 | 28 | 46 | -5 | 0.35 | 1 | 25.59 | -1.02 | 75 | 1919 | -133 | 3581 |
| | Sherburne | 67 | 29 | 49 | -3 | 0.27 | 1 | 25.69 | +2.13 | 84 | 2140 | +97 | 3837 |
| | Syracuse_AP | 71 | 33 | 54 | +2 | 0.64 | 3 | 22.85 | -0.65 | 73 | 2818 | +430 | 4602 |
| Eastern | Albany_County_A | 72 | 32 | 55 | +4 | 0.14 | 2 | 19.72 | -2.64 | 70 | 2846 | +451 | 4671 |
| | Alcove_Dam | 69 | 32 | 49 | -2 | 0.36 | 2 | 23.62 | -0.66 | 81 | 2109 | -25 | 3853 |
| | Brunswick_NY | 70 | 38 | 53 | +3 | 0.44 | 2 | 24.41 | -3.67 | 79 | 2578 | +575 | 4380 |
| | Buskirk | 68 | 31 | 49 | -2 | 0.35 | 2 | 24.59 | -3.49 | 69 | 2027 | +24 | 3738 |
| | Cobleskill | 66 | 31 | 50 | -2 | 0.06 | 2 | 24.95 | +3.39 | 78 | 2063 | -34 | 3775 |
| | Peck_Lake | 62 | 30 | 45 | -6 | 0.30 | 3 | 34.98 | +8.09 | 86 | 1662 | -310 | 3251 |
| | Saratoga_Spring | 68 | 33 | 51 | -2 | 0.16 | 3 | 24.52 | +0.06 | 82 | 2457 | +20 | 4229 |
| Southwest | Alfred | 67 | 27 | 48 | -2 | 0.31 | 2 | 23.61 | +0.07 | 83 | 1770 | +31 | 3435 |
| | Bath | 70 | 30 | 49 | -2 | 0.28 | 3 | 22.18 | +2.30 | 73 | 2263 | +220 | 3978 |
| | Corning | 64 | 28 | 46 | -5 | 0.80 | 3 | 23.44 | +3.56 | 76 | 1873 | -170 | 3540 |
| | Franklinville | 64 | 28 | 47 | -3 | 0.91 | 4 | 28.13 | +3.02 | 98 | 1867 | +169 | 3527 |
| | Jamestown_AP | 61 | 30 | 48 | -4 | 0.54 | 2 | 27.33 | +0.02 | 73 | 1986 | -211 | 3706 |
| | Olean | 65 | 31 | 49 | -1 | 0.93 | 3 | 29.37 | +2.81 | 93 | 2155 | +357 | 3883 |
| | Perrysburg | 64 | 31 | 48 | -7 | 0.49 | 1 | 31.87 | +9.66 | 67 | 2103 | -250 | 3817 |
| Southern | Binghamton_Broo | 64 | 31 | 51 | +1 | 0.18 | 3 | 23.06 | +0.57 | 77 | 2322 | +279 | 4081 |
| | Elmira_Ag | 66 | 29 | 49 | -3 | 0.21 | 2 | 24.44 | +3.11 | 78 | 2233 | -79 | 3957 |
| | Ithaca_Cornell_ | 66 | 28 | 49 | -2 | 0.13 | 1 | 24.98 | +2.50 | 79 | 2120 | +28 | 3822 |
| | Mechlenburg | 68 | 31 | 51 | +2 | 0.61 | 3 | 27.40 | +4.11 | 82 | 2094 | +161 | 3751 |
| | Owego_3WSW | 68 | 30 | 49 | -3 | 0.28 | 1 | 16.54 | -6.48 | 73 | 2200 | +30 | 3911 |
| | Whitney_Point_L | 67 | 33 | 50 | -2 | 0.20 | 2 | 19.15 | -3.87 | 76 | 2177 | +7 | 3905 |
| Southeast | Bridgehampton | 71 | 37 | 54 | -2 | 1.03 | 3 | 18.29 | -5.83 | 59 | 2540 | -60 | 4343 |
| | Carmel_4N | 68 | 35 | 51 | -5 | 0.81 | 4 | 27.42 | -0.97 | 80 | 2221 | -447 | 4022 |
| | East_Jewett | 65 | 28 | 47 | -1 | 0.75 | 2 | 26.55 | -1.23 | 79 | 1709 | +240 | 3360 |
| | Mohonk_Lake | 72 | 38 | 56 | +3 | 0.34 | 2 | 25.79 | -3.42 | 70 | 2731 | +164 | 4591 |
| | Montgomery_NY_A | 74 | 32 | 55 | +4 | 0.12 | 3 | 18.59 | -7.59 | 71 | 2827 | +411 | 4663 |
| | New_York_LGA | 73 | 49 | 61 | +2 | 0.39 | 3 | 26.81 | +1.85 | 67 | 3638 | +177 | 5539 |
| | Poughkeepsie_Ag | 72 | 38 | 53 | +1 | 0.49 | 4 | 24.32 | -1.59 | 73 | 2701 | +155 | 4540 |
| | Vanderbilt_Muse | 71 | 45 | 57 | -2 | 0.60 | 3 | 24.50 | -0.09 | 69 | 3047 | -18 | 4911 |
| | Walton | 67 | 27 | 48 | -4 | 0.30 | 3 | 23.73 | -2.88 | 74 | 1917 | -135 | 3589 |
| | Yorktown_Height | 72 | 38 | 55 | 0 | 0.54 | 3 | 24.63 | -4.34 | 79 | 2854 | +201 | 4716 |

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

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

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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.

Cortland/ Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty

Several nights of hard frost in the past week. Pasture has slowed, supplemental feeding has started. Silage harvest continues full-swing.

Genesee/ Niagara/ Orleans Counties, Nathan R Herendeen

Had excellent conditions for wheat planting and acreage is up. Soybean harvest moving quickly. Yields good. Still harvesting hay crop silage. Corn silage harvest nearly done. No frost yet in northwest NY.

Madison County, Karen Baase

Fourth and fifth cutting hay, haylage, and baleage harvest continues virtually uninterrupted because of weather conditions. Corn silage is still being harvested especially on late planted fields that haven't had a frost. There's a huge range of corn maturities still out there - green-as-grass to complete dry down.

Madison County, Jessica Pylman

Madison County has had some isolated showers throughout different areas of the county, not enough to hinder any harvesting. Harvesting seems to be in full swing. Many farms are finishing up with corn silage. Some have started picking high moisture corn and soybeans.

Oneida County, William Paddock

Another great week for farmers in Oneida County weather wise. Most farmers were able to get out in the fields almost every day this past week. Corn silage progress is really moving along. I would estimate that we are more than 60 percent completed with corn silage harvest, most are winding down or have extra and are doing a little each day to top off the silo or are waiting for a bagger to do the rest in bags. Corn silage harvest has been quite good, stalks for the most part I am hearing are very big and tall, corn did dent and some farmers are saying that this is a good year for them and some are saying it is average, much better than last year all agree on. Still seeing some third and fourth cuttings going in and that should be winding down as grass growth has really slowed down or come to a halt. Wheat plantings are nearly complete and Rye is about 70% done as well. Soybeans are really drying down and some farmers may harvest soybeans before corn. Had a report of corn down to 21% moisture this past week so high moisture corn will be going in soon as well.

Ontario County, Joann Rogers

Ontario County had another busy week with fall harvest of soybeans, apples, grapes and pumpkins; in addition producers were busy with preparing fields for winter wheat and cover crops.

Orange County, Ford Barber

Rainfall this past week totaled less than 1 inch, but it was delivered over a period of 3 separate showers. This helped to replenish some of the soil moisture, though drought conditions remain. Grain harvest is underway, and most vegetable crops are now out of the ground. The onion crop has been a good one.

Schuyler/ Seneca Counties, Kathy Mastellar

Frost in some areas is helping crops dry down. Corn silage is almost done being harvested and soybeans have been started. Some new hay seedings have been planted.

Suffolk County, Alice V Wise

Harvest of Chardonnay continued this week in Long Island vineyards. Cabernet Franc and Merlot destined for rose wine were also picked. Both fruit quality and yields are good this year.

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