

## January 2014 Crop & Weather Roundup

New York (36): New York experienced very cold temperatures with average snowfall in January 2014. Cold temperatures and high winds have combined for an extreme wind chill factor on many days. Most reports indicate below zero temperatures during nighttime and temperatures in the teens during the daytime. This winter has been extremely challenging for some growers because of sustained cold. Some crop loss is expected for high tunnel winter greens. Reports indicate greens of all types are growing slowly. Peach growers around the state are also concerned about the 2014 crop. Initial reports have indicated some concern for alfalfa in some lower snowfall areas. Very few acres of corn or soybeans remain un-harvested, lack of snow cover may also hurt wheat stands due to cold temperatures. Additionally, there are reports of beef cow deaths due to being immobilized in frozen or icy conditions. As of January 31, 2014, the Albany area received 15.0 inches of snow for the month, with the greatest snowfall on January 2<sup>nd</sup> producing 7.1 inches of snow. The highest temperature of 56 degrees occurred on January 11<sup>th</sup>, while the lowest temperature of -12.0 occurred on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The average temperature was 19.7 degrees which is 2.9 below normal. A total of 2.31 inches of rain fell, which is 0.28 inches below normal. Albany also received fog, mist, or haze during the month of January.