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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Poor Week for Field Work:** New York had an average of 2 days suitable for field work.

This was another cold wet and snowy week over almost all parts of the state, slowing agricultural progress. In some areas field work was still possible, though limited. Fruit trees are progressing despite the weather, raising concerns over temperature damage. Field activities for the week include spreading manure and fertilizer, plowing and planting, spraying trees, repair and maintenance, and spring prep work.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 26, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	2	42	56
Subsoil	0	0	45	55

## Crop Conditions as of April 26, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	1	6	55	31	7
HAY, OTHER	1	11	51	31	6
WINTER WHEAT	0	8	36	43	13

## Crop Progress as of April 26, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE: SINGLE	14	5	14	N/A
OATS: PLANTED	8	N/A	10	N/A
APPLES: GREEN TIP	11	5	7	N/A
PEARS: GREEN TIP	6	0	22	N/A
CHERRIES, SWEET: GREEN TIP	6	0	15	N/A
CHERRIES, TART: GREEN TIP	10	0	10	N/A

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## April 26, 2015 New York Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		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	63	26	42	-6	0.57	5	2.01	-0.61	13	21	+14	123
	Highmarket	59	21	37	-8	1.24	5	4.02	+0.03	17	0	0	43
	Hooker_12NNW	63	26	40	-2	0.84	5	2.76	-0.42	14	13	+13	107
	Lowville	63	28	40	-6	0.69	4	1.84	-0.96	11	1	-3	79
	Massena	60	28	44	-4	1.18	4	2.48	-0.08	12	26	+18	132
	Watertown_Intl	65	22	42	-5	0.51	4	1.69	-0.72	12	29	+24	140
Northeast	Indian_Lake	55	27	37	-5	1.83	5	3.42	+0.93	14	0	0	30
	Malone	57	28	40	-4	1.05	4	2.67	+0.29	15	9	+9	79
	Newcomb	59	28	40	-2	1.17	5	2.48	-0.23	13	3	+3	63
	North_Creek	63	28	40	-7	1.53	5	3.02	-0.36	13	0	-2	52
	Plattsburgh_Int	57	30	43	-5	0.65	3	1.51	-1.06	12	17	+12	127
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	57	25	36	-6	0.86	2	2.20	-0.56	10	4	+4	49
Western	Avon	68	25	42	-6	0.48	5	2.27	-0.19	15	32	+21	162
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	70	27	44	-5	0.54	4	2.65	+0.01	15	47	+32	188
	Canandaigua_3S	62	28	43	-5	0.74	5	2.85	+0.18	14	34	+22	165
	Colden_1W	69	23	40	-6	0.91	4	4.23	+0.98	15	30	+27	149
	Dansville_AP	72	26	47	-2	0.61	5	2.59	+0.30	17	79	+66	241
	Geneva_Research	64	28	42	-6	0.73	3	2.50	+0.01	11	23	+11	140
	Rochester_NY	71	27	45	-4	1.00	4	2.70	+0.31	13	65	+50	212
	Warsaw	68	24	39	-6	0.92	5	3.35	+0.45	15	15	+15	118
	Youngstown	69	25	44	-5	0.61	4	3.58	+1.48	16	36	+23	163
Central	Auburn_NY	68	25	43	-6	0.80	6	3.63	+0.79	17	24	+9	149
	Boonville	58	23	36	-9	1.39	5	4.27	+0.28	15	3	+3	54
	Cooperstown	55	24	40	-7	1.52	5	3.51	+0.36	14	17	+16	132
	Fulton-Oswego	65	27	43	-5	0.76	5	3.31	+0.43	13	24	+14	147
	Oneonta	68	18	40	-8	1.17	6	3.07	-0.35	17	4	-6	92
	Sherburne	66	22	41	-6	1.49	6	3.30	+0.45	17	6	0	109
	Syracuse_AP	65	27	43	-6	0.75	5	2.79	-0.16	14	42	+27	183
Eastern	Albany_County_A	62	30	47	-4	0.92	4	2.10	-0.71	11	54	+34	208
	Alcove_Dam	61	29	43	-5	1.38	5	3.02	-0.09	12	13	+5	129
	Brunswick_NY	61	30	45	-3	1.26	5	2.58	-0.74	13	21	+14	147
	Buskirk	61	28	42	-6	1.38	4	2.52	-0.80	12	8	+1	107
	Cobleskill	62	21	40	-7	0.89	5	1.98	-0.70	11	3	-2	79
	Peck_Lake	52	26	36	-11	1.91	6	4.32	+0.94	16	0	-5	26
	Saratoga_Spring	60	25	43	-8	0.74	4	1.83	-1.29	11	9	-11	107
Southwest	Alfred	70	22	41	-5	1.24	5	3.69	+0.98	17	14	+14	136
	Bath	68	25	43	-5	0.97	4	3.71	+1.40	16	23	+16	149
	Corning	67	25	42	-6	0.67	3	3.69	+1.38	15	12	+5	114
	Franklinville	70	25	42	-4	0.87	4	3.40	+0.57	16	19	+19	127
	Jamestown_AP	70	27	41	-7	0.76	5	2.76	-0.18	16	42	+31	180
	Olean	70	26	42	-4	1.32	4	3.71	+0.59	16	22	+21	151
	Perrysburg	73	23	42	-7	0.88	4	4.08	+1.52	13	36	+25	176
Southern	Binghamton_Broo	65	26	42	-6	1.52	4	4.27	+1.25	16	37	+29	162
	Elmira_Ag	68	26	44	-6	0.91	3	4.11	+1.53	13	24	+11	154
	Ithaca_Cornell_	66	25	42	-5	0.82	4	3.60	+0.75	14	13	+6	122
	Mecklenburg	66	26	41	-6	0.92	5	3.56	+0.63	17	12	+9	128
	Owego_3WSW	70	24	42	-6	1.60	4	5.03	+1.92	16	16	+6	135
	Whitney_Point_L	68	27	43	-5	1.20	5	3.94	+0.83	15	10	0	124
Southeast	Bridgehampton	65	32	47	-3	0.70	2	1.82	-1.98	12	17	+2	164
	Carmel_4N	65	27	45	-7	1.05	3	2.66	-1.18	12	20	-17	159
	East_Jewett	58	24	39	-5	1.93	5	3.71	-0.32	16	0	0	68
	Mohonk_Lake	65	30	47	-5	1.34	4	2.89	-0.70	12	57	+30	229
	Montgomery_NY_A	67	28	47	-3	0.87	4	2.40	-0.89	11	73	+52	227
	New_York_LGA	67	39	52	-4	1.42	3	2.10	-1.06	9	116	+46	329
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	65	29	47	-4	1.42	4	3.83	+0.60	14	47	+22	198
	Vanderbilt_Muse	66	35	49	-4	1.21	3	1.88	-1.78	12	70	+24	247
	Walton	66	21	40	-8	1.55	6	4.07	+0.65	17	5	-5	92
	Yorktown_Height	66	30	47	-5	1.43	4	2.56	-1.23	11	43	+11	207

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:**

In the Albany, Schenectady, Schoharie, Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton Counties no spring work was completed and it snowed last night.

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

Slow start to spring. Rain and snow has hindered the progress of plowing.

### **Capital Region Counties, Laura Mcdermott:**

Mohawk Valley considerably behind in terms of soil temperature and phenology. Very cold week last week for all areas north of Albany.

### **Cayuga County, Keith Severson:**

This weather YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!!! Snow and cold no progress and now another week behind

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

The past week was cold and wet and very little was able to get done in the fields. Some manure was able to go on towards the end of the week and a little spring seeding was able to get done over the weekend. Apricots were in full bloom and with the cold nights we may have some fruit loss. All other fruit is starting to get into green tip so the next few weeks the orchards will be watching the temperatures very carefully and spraying.

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

Snow flurries returned, but field work has made progress. New seedings are being planted and plowing continues. Wet fields still present. Grass is just beginning to green, but no growth yet to graze.

### **Erie County, Emily M Dechow:**

Erie County experienced unseasonably cold temperatures and snow this week.

### **Franklin County, Jennifer Bosley:**

Parts of the county received snowfall on Thursday. Temperatures have remained below normal with wet field conditions. Field activities have mostly involved spreading manure with some spring plowing.

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

spring grain planting, forage crop planting, topdress nitrogen on wheat

### **Livingston County, Dean R Pendergast:**

Rain, snow and cold temperatures halted recent progress in the field.

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

Last week was primarily wet, rainy and it even snowed in some areas throughout Madison County. Towards the end of the week and over the weekend I have started to see more tillage work getting started. Hay fields are still slightly brown in the higher elevations and the lower elevations grass hay fields are greening up and started grow.

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

Not too bad a week in Oneida County. Still could use some heat and sunshine though. We are starting to see more and more people out trying to do some tillage work each week. We have not heard of any seedings going in yet and the winter wheat is up and green and may average 3-4 inches tall. Hearing that a lot of guys are planning on trying to get going this week and also putting on some fertilizer. Some farms are spreading pits and manure piles from this winter as well.

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

With the cool temperatures and moisture (snow and rain) spring work has been delayed but some field preparation has started.

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

We had a week of cold weather and showers in eastern New York. Not much field work got done due to the weather conditions. Tillage continues and there have been some seedings that have gone in on well drained ground.

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

4 days of rain and 2 days of snow/flurries prohibited field work this week. Temperatures reached 31/32 degrees overnight during April 22-24.

### **Suffolk County, Alice V Wise:**

Cool temperatures have slowed the progress of bud swell in Long Island vineyards.

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

we have had another unseasonably colder than normal week with rain.