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Excellent Week for Field Work: New York had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work.

While a hot dry week allowed plenty of tilling and planting, several areas have reported that, despite being too wet to plow just a few weeks ago, fields are becoming too dry and that rain is needed. In addition to the man-made progress, it was another great week for tree fruit with most types entering full bloom. Worries about fire blight were reported and alfalfa weevil adults have been spotted in at least one area. Despite the heat, conditions for pasture, hay and wheat are good. 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 May 10, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	4	25	51	20
SUBSOIL	0	13	60	27

Crop Conditions as of May 10, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	6	40	43	11
HAY, OTHER	0	8	39	43	10
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	6	41	45	8
WINTER WHEAT	0	4	25	54	17

Crop Progress as of May 10, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE: SINGLE	62	29	38	21
BARLEY: PLANTED	60	10	26	15
CORN: PLANTED	28	5	7	23
OATS: PLANTED	62	27	30	59
OATS: EMERGED	6	0	0	5
ONIONS DRY: PLANTED	75	20	22	50
POTATOES: PLANTED	31	<5	14	40
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	13	8	16	19
APPLES: GREEN TIP	83	56	47	88
APPLES: PINK	31	16	40	80
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	12	N/A	17	58
PEACHES: GREEN TIP	85	30	62	92
PEACHES: PINK	24	5	29	77
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	15	N/A	13	53
PEARS: GREEN TIP	81	35	65	92
PEARS: PINK	41	12	39	81
PEARS: FULL BLOOM	27	N/A	17	55
CHERRIES, SWEET: GREEN TIP	80	67	48	89
CHERRIES, SWEET: PINK	19	<5	32	80
CHERRIES, SWEET: FULL BLOOM	11	N/A	13	56

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May 10, 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	87	44	66	+14	0.07	1	2.12	-1.96	15	165	+102	397
	Highmarket	86	33	58	+9	0.01	1	4.03	-1.96	18	63	+28	218
	Hooker_12NNW	85	40	64	+16	0.08	1	2.90	-2.10	17	131	+111	355
	Lowville	85	38	62	+11	0.01	1	1.85	-2.38	12	99	+46	301
	Massena	88	36	65	+13	0.21	2	2.69	-1.15	14	158	+95	400
	Watertown_Intl	87	34	63	+11	0.07	2	1.76	-1.92	14	136	+85	371
Northeast	Indian_Lake	83	31	59	+12	0.00	0	3.45	-0.53	16	67	+55	198
	Malone	86	42	63	+13	0.20	2	2.93	-0.71	19	111	+82	305
	Newcomb	85	31	59	+12	0.04	1	2.78	-1.57	14	65	+50	210
	North_Creek	85	37	62	+10	0.00	0	3.01	-2.19	13	89	+45	268
	Plattsburgh_Int	86	40	63	+11	0.01	1	1.59	-2.35	15	130	+78	371
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	85	34	59	+12	0.02	1	2.22	-2.09	11	72	+53	226
Western	Avon	90	45	66	+13	0.13	1	2.42	-1.28	17	161	+94	416
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	89	46	68	+15	0.09	2	2.77	-1.27	19	196	+120	461
	Canandaigua_3S	89	48	67	+14	0.15	1	3.05	-0.93	16	179	+108	440
	Colden_1W	86	49	65	+15	0.33	2	4.69	-0.18	19	155	+111	394
	Dansville_AP	90	50	69	+16	0.12	1	2.73	-0.82	19	244	+171	539
	Geneva_Research	86	44	65	+12	0.05	1	2.57	-1.20	13	148	+77	394
	Rochester_NY	92	48	68	+15	0.12	1	2.82	-0.80	14	231	+155	513
	Warsaw	86	45	64	+14	0.17	2	3.71	-0.73	19	119	+83	339
	Youngstown	87	42	62	+9	0.20	2	3.80	+0.44	20	142	+68	403
Central	Auburn_NY	89	48	66	+13	0.11	2	3.82	-0.46	20	157	+77	412
	Boonville	84	34	61	+12	0.02	1	4.31	-1.68	17	95	+60	269
	Cooperstown	86	45	67	+17	0.08	1	3.59	-1.20	15	165	+127	410
	Fulton-Oswego	89	39	66	+14	0.00	0	3.31	-1.01	13	161	+98	415
	Oneonta	84	36	63	+11	0.02	1	3.09	-2.29	18	107	+46	316
	Sherburne	87	39	63	+12	0.00	0	3.30	-1.09	17	104	+53	330
	Syracuse_AP	90	45	69	+15	0.01	1	2.80	-1.69	15	205	+127	480
Eastern	Albany_County_A	89	47	70	+15	0.00	0	2.12	-2.27	12	236	+148	530
	Alcove_Dam	86	42	64	+12	0.00	0	3.15	-1.71	13	135	+78	388
	Brunswick_NY	88	50	69	+17	0.00	0	2.62	-2.68	14	192	+136	457
	Buskirk	87	43	64	+11	0.00	0	2.52	-2.78	12	112	+56	340
	Cobleskill	86	40	62	+11	0.00	0	2.00	-2.08	12	97	+44	297
	Peck_Lake	82	37	59	+8	0.00	0	4.34	-0.92	17	73	+24	216
	Saratoga_Spring	89	41	65	+10	0.00	0	1.83	-3.07	11	138	+45	366
Southwest	Alfred	89	36	65	+15	0.16	1	3.90	-0.21	19	125	+88	366
	Bath	87	43	65	+13	0.23	3	3.94	+0.37	19	143	+91	394
	Corning	87	37	63	+11	0.16	1	3.90	+0.33	17	110	+58	330
	Franklinville	87	39	63	+14	0.29	3	3.57	-0.80	21	110	+79	325
	Jamestown_AP	84	52	65	+12	0.30	3	3.14	-1.34	21	161	+94	417
	Olean	87	39	65	+15	0.41	3	4.14	-0.52	20	134	+96	385
	Perrysburg	87	45	64	+12	0.51	3	4.75	+0.93	17	147	+79	403
Southern	Binghamton_Broo	85	49	66	+14	0.21	2	4.49	-0.14	19	179	+121	431
	Elmira_Ag	88	46	65	+12	0.12	1	4.23	+0.39	14	145	+72	399
	Ithaca_Cornell_	87	43	65	+14	0.06	1	3.66	-0.65	15	127	+73	360
	Mecklenburg	86	42	64	+14	0.11	1	3.69	-0.74	19	123	+80	361
	Owego_3WSW	90	38	64	+11	0.12	2	5.18	+0.54	20	125	+65	367
	Whitney_Point_L	87	39	63	+11	0.05	2	3.99	-0.65	17	118	+58	358
Southeast	Bridgehampton	76	39	58	+5	0.00	0	1.82	-3.78	12	88	+20	362
	Carmel_4N	82	42	64	+8	0.03	2	2.69	-3.20	14	132	+10	410
	East_Jewett	82	35	59	+11	0.00	0	3.78	-2.49	17	66	+45	248
	Mohonk_Lake	85	45	68	+13	0.02	1	4.32	-1.56	14	233	+129	543
	Montgomery_NY_A	88	41	66	+12	0.00	0	2.40	-2.92	11	234	+147	528
	New_York_LGA	82	52	66	+7	0.01	1	2.11	-2.90	10	283	+98	636
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	86	44	66	+11	0.02	1	3.85	-1.46	15	199	+103	488
	Vanderbilt_Muse	83	44	64	+8	0.00	0	1.88	-3.64	12	201	+67	518
	Walton	86	33	61	+9	0.02	1	4.14	-1.24	19	91	+30	302
	Yorktown_Height	83	45	65	+9	0.00	0	2.56	-3.40	11	174	+64	478

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:

Here in Eastern Central New York including Schoharie, Schenectady, Albany, Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton Counties it has been a really good week as the weather has been most spring like. All across the area we have been able to begin plowing and some parts have corn nearly 50% in the ground. A lot of seedings were put in also this week.

Broome County, Maria Heath:

Very warm weather with no rain has dried things out considerably. Field work is in full swing. Lots of acres have been planted. Rain is needed to spur growth.

Capital Region Counties, Laura Mcdermott:

Very dry in most places.

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

The hot, dry weather has made it possible for a great deal of field work to get done the past two weeks in the Hudson Valley. However, we could use some rain now that fields are planted. Vegetable crops are having to be irrigated and corn, new seedings and small grains are starting to emerge but need a drink. Our orchards are in full bloom and are having to spray and hoping to not have much rain to help lower the risk of fire blight. We have gone from winter to summer in a matter of a couple weeks and we are just hoping that Mother Nature moderates soon.

Cortland/ Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty:

Another dry week has brought much progress in the field. Manure lagoons are still being emptied ahead of plowing. A few farms have completed all planting. Dust is rolling, but storms Sunday night brought much needed rain, although some severe weather ran through Homer area with down trees/wires and hail.

Delaware County, Mariane Kiraly:

it's pretty dry but field work is progressing.

Franklin County, Jennifer Bosley:

We had a great week of weather. Producers are making progress with spring tillage, some new seedings & small grains with a little bit of corn being planted on drier soil types.

Genesee/ Niagara/ Orleans Counties, Nathan R Herendeen:

Fields went from too wet for planting to too dry for uniform emergence in a matter days. Heat units have caught up and are pushing plants ahead of normal. Saw the first alfalfa weevil adults on May 7. Egg laying in stems should be prolific now with continued hot and dry conditions. Corn planting in full swing.

Lewis County, Joe Lawrence:

What a week! The flurry of field activity continues with dry field conditions. Many farms reporting "even the usual wet spots are dry".

Madison County, Jessica Pylman:

Sunday, Madison County had some much needed rain. The rain was very spotty and scattered throughout the day but by Sunday evening wide spread showers covered over the county. Despite the lack of rain over the last couple weeks, the hay looks good. Alfalfa especially seems to be going great. There is a lot of ground tilled up and planted but there seems to be a lot of ground that has yet to be touched.

Oneida County, William Paddock:

Another great week in Oneida County for field work! Farmers are really rolling now even though it is quite dry, lots of plowing, chiseling and discing going on now. We are seeing and hearing that a lot of seedings are in and I just noticed some corn in this weekend in the middle of the county. We have reports that some people are all done with corn and soybean planting in the southern part of the county. I hope to hear more this week on wheat, alfalfa and hay as to how they are doing this spring. We got a much needed rain on Sunday evening. I believe with this rain you will see cattle out on pasture this week, the grass grew overnight with the shot of rain.

Ontario County, Joann Rogers:

A full week of sunshine and warm weather resulted in spreading of manure, field prep, spraying wheat and planting.

Orange County, Ford Barber:

Weather conditions have been dry to very dry with intermittent periods of excessive heat. The average temperature for the month of April was 64 degrees with 2.47 inches of rain. To date, the Average temperature in May has been 79 degrees with no precipitation for the month. Planting is well underway, though producers without means to irrigate crops are beginning to feel the effects of the hot, dry conditions. Some damage to crops is noted, though it is too soon to determine any permanent loss.

Otsego County, Lisa Knapp:

Producers were busy planting with the dry weather this week.

Schuyler/ Seneca Counties, Kathy Mastellar:

Warm, sunny days all week put a huge dent in planting. Unfortunately the ground is now dry and we need some rain.