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Poor week for field work: New York averaged 3 days suitable for field work.

Weather conditions for this past week offered a small window for fieldwork activity in part due to dry conditions in some areas of the state, but still other fields received plenty precipitation to flooding status. Manure spreading and turning over continued last week while other activities included spring tillage.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 14, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	44	56
SUBSOIL	0	1	55	44

Crop Progress as of April 14, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	5	<5	<5	<5
OATS: PLANTED	8	<5	0	<5

Crop Conditions as of April 14, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	4	10	35	32	19
HAY, OTHER	9	5	58	17	11
WINTER WHEAT	2	7	48	26	17

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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.

Hamilton/Ostego/ Schenectady/Schoharie Counties; Sandra Scott, Schoharie/Scenectady/Albany FSA:

It looks like spring has arrived! There is a great deal of manure being applied and a small amount of spring tillage has started in the river valley areas of my region. Maple season has just about ended in my area. It was a short season for most maple syrup producers.

Broome County; Maria Heath:

Good week to start getting manure pits emptied. Grass starting to green. Tillage started on dryer ground.

Cayuga County; Colleen Cargile, Cayuga County FSA:

A pattern of milder, spring-like weather continues. Spring tillage has just begun in the southern parts of the county, and I anticipate that producers will begin planting spring grains and spring seeding within the next couple of weeks.

Chemung/ Cortland/ Tioga/ Tompkins Counties; Janice Degni:

Early season field operations underway. Manure spreading and field prep began in early April on gravel soils. Hay fields still dormant so can't assess status. Some oats and new seeding have been planted. Early sweet corn under cover will be going in this week. For the most part conditions are on the dryer side which is always good for progression of early spring work. There has been limited precipitation and lots of breeze to help dry soil out.

Columbia/ Greene Counties; Matthew Forrest:

Progress in field work and planting has continued but rain and snow this past week has slowed progress. Warm temperatures have started fruit trees hay fields and small grains to start developing. If warm temperatures continue I expect significant progress in blooms of fruit trees in the next 3 weeks.

Cortland/ Tompkins Counties; Jennifer Doty:

Additional 2018 grain corn has been harvested to make way for 2019 field work. Grass is starting to green with sun and warmth, but not much growth yet. Field work continues on dry enough plots.

Delaware County; Mariane Kiraly, Cornell Cooperative Extension:

Ground started to dry out before heavy rains Sunday/Monday. Warmer conditions are helpful but fields aren't growing much yet.

Genesee/ Niagara/ Orleans Counties; Nathan R Herendeen:

Wheat and grass hay making slow progress, cold nights and cool days continue. Alfalfa making slow regrowth. Some field activity on graves, sands and very well drained soils. Some sweet corn planted under plastic on sands. Topdress Nitrogen on wheat and manure spreading on well drained spots.

Lewis County; Joe Lawrence:

Overall field conditions are still rather wet, though progress has been made in drying over the last few days. Some field activity is starting with the main focus on manure application.

Livingston County; Dean R Pendergast:

Continued manure application on limited acres. A few spring seeding's planted in the last few days. Recent concern with possible winter kill with some winter wheat acreages, possibility of growth in the next week or two will be the deciding factor for nitrogen application or termination of the crop.

Madison County; Jessica Pylman:

We had a cool windy week that allowed for a lot of drying time with a few scattered rain showers. However, after talking to the Madison County FSA County Committee, it's just too wet yet to get a lot of the ground worked up. There has been a lot of land being turned over but they appear to be well drained fields getting worked up first and those wetter fields being left to dry down more.

We're still seeing 2018 corn coming off some fields throughout the county.

Onondaga County; Seara Lelakowski:

Producers are beginning to work fields, hay is starting to grow.

Ontario County; Joann Rogers, County Executive Director FSA:

Ontario County experienced a typical week of spring weather; some spring tillage was completed and some manure spreading was completed.

Oswego County; Ellen deMey:

The sun and increasing wind have helped dry some fields up. Farmers have been spreading winter piled manure but field work has not yet begun. Onion planting on the mucks should begin soon.

Rensselaer/ Saratoga/ Warren/ Washington Counties; David Holck, USDA-Farm Service Agency:

It seems like we have been getting rain every 2 or 3 days so far this spring. Manure is being spread, but field work has been limited. On Sunday night parts of our counties got up to 3 inches of rain, which produced flooding, cropland erosion, and washouts in some areas.

Schuyler/ Seneca Counties; Kathy Mastellar, CED, Seneca/Schuyler FSA:

Minimal spring tillage and temperatures average around 40 degrees with still some rain & snow showers.