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Fair week for field work: New York averaged 3.0 days suitable for field work.

Colder, wet conditions created unfavorable conditions for many parts of the state this past week with some areas with winter wheat destroyed and crop insurance claims. Some places reported freezing temperatures and snow flurries. As a result, spring planting slowed with saturated areas. Only some areas were able to do spring tillage, manure spreading, and oats planting. Some onions were also planted. Bud break started on Long Island vineyards.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 28, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	2	47	51
SUBSOIL	2	3	52	43

Crop Conditions as of April 28, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	3	8	23	47	19
HAY, OTHER	6	6	40	35	13
WINTER WHEAT	6	11	37	26	20

Crop Progress as of April 28, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	15	9	8	18
BARLEY: PLANTED	16	11	<5	8
OATS: PLANTED	13	10	<5	16
ONIONS DRY: PLANTED	10	<5	8	14
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	10	5	<5	<5

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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.

Cayuga County; Colleen Cargile, Cayuga County FSA:

Significant rainfall and cold temperatures have brought spring planting to a halt. Some areas of the county even saw snow over the weekend. Although there was no accumulation of snow, the cold temperatures this time of year certainly are not favorable for planting. The ground is quite saturated, so it will be a few days before anyone is able to get out into the fields again. This week it looks like it may warm up slightly. At this point, it definitely looks like it is going to be a late spring.

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

Spring work progress continues, but is slow. Other than well drained soils, soils are wet, tiles are running. We receive over an inch of rain last week in at least 2 events which is keeping people out of the fields. We saw snow flurries Saturday and had frost Monday 4/29. Manure spreading, tillage and planting will continue as soils allow. Farmers will be getting anxious now since May 1 arrives Wednesday. Hardwoods are just beginning to bud or leaf out. Ornamental trees were in bloom last week. Hay crop is green and growing.

Delaware County; Mariane Kiraly, Cornell Cooperative Extension:

Continued cold and wet.

Genesee/ Niagara/ Orleans Counties; Nathan R Herendeen:

Manure application, top dress Nitrogen on wheat, very limited oat and barley planting. Soils continue wet, temps below normal. Grasses and wheat are making slow growth.

Lewis County; Joe Lawrence:

A few seedings were planted this past week. The week ended with snow flurries and freezing temperatures.

Livingston County; Dean R Pendergast:

Persistent rains and cool temperatures have continued to limit much field work. Hay fields are starting to green up along with wheat.

Oneida County; Devon Kenny:

The weather has been all over the place this week with temps reaching the 80's early on then heavy rain later in the week with snow showers on Saturday. Fields are being worked up and hay has been trying to grow. There was also a heavy frost this morning. No significant planting is happening yet.

Ontario County; Joann Rogers, County Executive Director FSA:

Ontario County producers did some spring tillage, manure spreading and planting of oats on ground that was dry enough. Still evaluating the condition of the rye, wheat and hay from the winter months.

Oswego County; Ellen deMey:

Spring tillage has slowly started in areas where the soil is well drained. Producers have started planting onions on the muck. The ground is cold but the wind has helped dry things up considering all of the rain that has fallen. Winter manure piles have started to be spread. Pastures and hay fields are greening up with the sun and few warm days that we have had.

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

We continue to be in a weather pattern where we have rain or showers every few days. Our counties have received nearly 6 inches of rain in April. Manure is being spread, but fields remain too wet for tillage or seeding.

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

The weather has still been cool and rainy, but more sunshine. Producers are reporting failed wheat and as a result oats are being planted for a straw crop.

Suffolk County; Alice V Wise:

Bud break has started in Long Island vineyards.

Yates County; Amy Parmelee, Farm Service Agency

Winter wheat did not make it through the winter very well. Those with crop insurance have claims and are destroying.