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Fair week for field work: New York averaged 2.0 days suitable for field work.

Precipitation throughout our region continued last week slowing normal fieldwork for the season. Wet conditions raised concerns among those producers whom did not have enough time to get all crops planted. Report of winter injury in alfalfa and some other grasses was reported. There were a few area which reported spring tillage, manure spreading, oats, and onions planting. Bud break started on Long Island vineyards but growth is slow due to cool weather.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 5, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	2	41	57
SUBSOIL	1	2	51	46

Crop Conditions as of May 5, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	6	4	26	45	19
HAY, OTHER	8	3	34	43	12
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	6	29	54	10
WINTER WHEAT	6	11	38	26	19

Crop Progress as of May 5, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	18	15	29	32
BARLEY: PLANTED	19	16	12	20
OATS: PLANTED	19	13	28	32
OATS: EMERGED	10	<5	N/A	N/A
ONIONS DRY: PLANTED	15	10	32	33
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	13	10	<5	8
APPLES: PINK	19	<5	13	23

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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.

Broome County; Maria Heath:

Cherry blossoms froze, strawberries heaved from saturated ground last fall. Ground too wet for most to be planted this spring.

Cayuga County; Colleen Cargile, Cayuga County FSA:

Continuous rain has saturated soils and put all forms of spring field work on pause. Very little tillage has been completed in the county at this time, and almost no crops have been planted, besides a few spring seeding and spring grains, for those that were lucky enough to get them in before the constant rain began. Now that we have entered May, it is definitely a concern among producers about having enough time to get all crops planted. If this pattern of weather continues for much longer, I anticipate that there will be many prevented planted acres claimed. Fruit orchard producers are also expressing concern due to the low temperatures at the beginning of the week. Temperatures dipped into the upper 20s, and even the mid 20's in some areas, which has fruit producers concerned about freeze damage. It has definitely been a difficult start to the spring, hopefully the weather pattern changes and producers are able to get into the fields soon.

Columbia/ Greene Counties; Matthew Forrest:

Cool wet weather beginning 2 weeks ago has delayed field work & Planting. Fruit trees continue to progress but extreme cold this past winter has severely affected stone fruits. Onion & Spring small grain planting has pretty much wrapped up or is wrapping up.

Cortland/ Tompkins Counties; Jennifer Doty:

Continuing rain has made field work slow. Pastures are growing, but too soggy for some to turn out.

Erie County; Emily Miller, Erie Co. Farm Service Agency:

Continued wet conditions in Erie County have prevented much progress in the fields.

Genesee/ Niagara/ Orleans Counties; Nathan R Herendeen:

Wet and cold continue, very slow field activity.

Lewis County; Joe Lawrence:

Reports of winter injury in alfalfa and some grasses. Most areas still quite wet. Even the days that did not rain last week were not good drying days.

Livingston County; Dean R Pendergast:

Weather continues to limit field work.

Madison County; Jessica Pylman:

Showers and rain drizzles all week have really slowed Madison County producers from doing much field work. There are a few more fields fit and some have said they were able to get their seeding in but overall it very slow going for most. There are a few that have started plating their corn but most land is too wet to get on. Pastures are growing grass however their so wet any livestock traffic is punching it up.

Ontario County; Joann Rogers, County Executive Director FSA:

Ontario County experienced another week of off and on showers with overcast skies; in need of sunshine. Limited spring work was completed this week.

Oswego County; Ellen deMey:

Cool, wet weather has continued which has prevented any progress in field work. The ground is still quite cool and the soil is once again saturated.

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

The weather pattern of rain, showers, and cloudy weather continued this week. Other than manure being spread, little field work was done. Farmers are getting frustrated with the wet conditions. When the weather finally breaks there will be a lot of field work that will need to be done.

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

Cool, rainy weather continues with limited sunshine and is deterring planting.

Suffolk County; Alice V Wise:

In the Long Island vineyards, all varieties have broken bud. However, growth is slow due to continued cool weather.

Monroe/ Wayne Counties; Bruce Wadhams, Farm Service Agency:

Very wet conditions this week.

Yates County; Amy Parmelee, Farm Service Agency:

The temperatures are still on the cooler side so the ground isn't warming up enough to plant corn and soybeans.