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Crop Progress & Condition



New England



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<u>Good week for field work:</u> New England averaged 4.5 days suitable for field work last week.

New England continued to experience seasonably cooler temperatures last week, along with scattered precipitation throughout the region. Average weekly temperatures in the region ranged from one degree below normal to seven degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.08 to 1.79 inches in the region. Several states experienced their first snowfall of the season, with Maine reporting heavy snowfall. In Massachusetts, high winds and lower temperatures hindered cranberry harvesting. The harvesting of field crops was wrapping up in most areas and crops were being put into storage. Farmers were preparing for the winter and starting to plan for the next growing season. Activities included cleaning fields, spreading lime and manure, and putting equipment away.

New England Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 2nd, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus			
Topsoil	0%	10%	80%	10%			
Subsoil	0%	12%	75%	13%			

Crop Progress as of November 2nd, 2014

Fruit Crops	Harvested					
Cranberries (MA)	80%					
Field Crops	Harvested					
Corn for silage	100%					
Day Hoy	4 th Cutting					
Dry Hay	93%					

November 2, 2014 New England Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summ					mary Accumulation Since April 1, 2014							
		Temperature		ıre	Precip	itation	Precipitation			GDD 50	Base 40F			
State	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total	
Maine	Augusta_State_A	55	32	45	+2	0.35	5	28.43	+2.59	88	2297	+122	4201	
	Bangor_Intl_Air	57	32	45	+3	0.48	4	26.80	+3.33	85	2267	+237	4152	
	Bethel	53	32	44	+2	0.33	3	35.16	+6.99	89	1936	+11	3758	
	Bridgton	55	32	43	+3	0.25	2	29.39	+1.01	78	2039	+309	3865	
	Caribou_Municip	52	30	42	+5	0.24	4	27.42	+3.69	97	1962	+480	3650	
	Dover-Foxcroft	55	29	42	+4	0.36	3	28.68	+1.98	90	1899	+392	3646	
	Durham	61	30	45	+2	0.35	4	33.60	+6.79	92	1982	-8	3851	
	East_Surry	56	31	44	+1	1.79	6	30.30	+3.64	90	1835	-52	3676	
	Eustis	52	28	40	+4	0.26	3	27.13	+2.31	86	1405	+255	2988	
	Frenchville	50	27	39	+3	0.26	3	27.06	+2.77	99	1606	+246	3179	
	Harmony	58	29	43	+4	0.35	3	31.50	+5.28	93	1880	+113	3675	
	Houlton	56	31	44	+6	0.32	3	26.62	+2.75	89	1896	+380	3613	
	Livermore_Falls	57	30	43	+4	0.41	4	33.84	+5.61	83	1919	+385	3707	
	Machias	61	30	44	+3	0.99	5	34.57	+6.27	90	1620	+140	3359	
	Millinocket_Wtr	53	30	41	+3	0.54	5		+2.17	90	1763	-1	3437	
	Moosehead	55	29	41	+5	0.23	3	29.52	+2.59	98	1580	+272	3232	
	Portland_ME	63	34	49	+6	0.38	3	33.51	+7.69	75	2322	+383	4263	
	Sanford	63	33	45	+1	0.28	1	30.19	+2.36	56	2243	-7	4119	
	Topsfield_2	57	30	44	+5	0.83	3		+9.63	84	1945	+250	3724	
	Turner	53	33	44	-1	0.46	4		+8.11	89	2124	-228	3982	
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	53	32	42	+3	0.57	5	26.67	+0.43	84	1794	+132	3538	
P	Bradford_2	59	28	43	0	0.44	3		+8.91	74	1826	-246	3623	
	Colebrook	55	30	41	+3	0.23	5		+4.77	111	1579	+64	3204	
	Concord	66	30	46	+3	0.30	3		+3.88	75	2445	+270	4336	
	East Milford	63	34	46	+2	0.43	2		+1.36	73	2417	+78	4341	
	Epping Epping	62	34	46	+2	0.49	2	25.26		78	2415	+196	4335	
	Fitzwilliam	65	34	46	+5	0.34	2		+6.35	72	1898	+75	3728	
	Greenville	66	34	46	+5	0.46	2		+3.01	65	2107	+284	3979	
	Jefferson	52	31	41	+2	0.23	3		+1.80	82	1825	+95	3548	
	Keene_AG	66	32	46	+4	0.22	2		+8.90	81	2246	+154	4130	
	Lakeport_2	57	33	46	+3	0.32	2		+1.98	76	2481	+197	4402	
	Lebanon	61	31	45	+3	0.32	4		+1.27	83	2452	+426	4348	
	North_Conway	58	28	43	+2	0.38	4		-1.23	101	1954	-47	3780	
	Tamworth_4	55	27	43	+2	0.29	3		-3.77	84	1703	+140	3429	
Vermont	Bennington_AP	73	28	47			3	23.22		86	2399	+735	4302	
Vermont			33	47	+7	0.12				94	2807			
	Burlington_Intl	64 52			+5		4		+0.57			+562	4731	
	Corinth	53	30	41	+1	0.24	4		+1.44	109	1639	-158	3284	
	Island_Pond	55	26	40	+3	0.24	6		+3.22	108	1753	+288	3432	
	Johnson_2N	57	27	41	+3	0.49	4		+3.66	94	1762	+108	3459	
	Marlboro_Raws	61	33	44	+6	0.25	2		11.95	82	1837	+224	3608	
	Montpelier_AP	59	29	42	+2	0.26	4		+2.09	96	1962	+165	3717	
	Newport_AG	57	28	42	-1	0.31	4		+6.48	102	1948	-118	3662	
	Rochester	60	31	44	+3	0.31	4		-1.42	97	2078	+328	3887	
	Rutland_AG	67	32	45	+2	0.43	5		-1.72	84	2084	-64	3879	
	Springfield_VT	63	31	45	+5	0.08	2		+0.80	79	2266	+376	4134	
	South_Lincoln	59	31	44	+6	0.32	4		-3.22	86	1669	+236	3364	
	Sutton	53	29	41	+4	0.17	3		+0.22	101	1763	+298	3426	
	Walden	54	24	38	+1	0.23	6	24.87	-2.70	101	1358	-107	2886	

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	Woodstock	60	31	44	+3	0.16	4	27.76	+1.87	81	2182	+269	3990	
Massachusetts	Amherst	64	31	46	+2	0.20	2	30.29	+2.21	83	2561	+184	4504	
	Barre_Falls_Dam	67	31	45	+3	0.33	2	32.30	+3.81	87	2057	+239	3894	
	Bedford_Hanscom	73	33	48	+2	0.54	2	24.08	-2.91	72	2646	+191	4594	
	Beverly_Ag	72	37	49	-1	1.15	1	26.69	+1.04	66	2676	-18	4610	
	Birch_Hill_Dam	67	32	45	+4	0.30	2	34.38	+7.08	77	2237	+395	4095	
	Boston_Logan_In	74	34	52	+3	0.62	2	22.25	-1.76	69	3087	+222	5122	
	Chatham_AP	65	36	53	+4	1.09	2	21.49	-4.61	77	2616	+474	4613	
	Chicopee_Westov	68	28	48	+4	0.28	3	32.03	+3.95	81	2733	+356	4705	
	Edgartown	69	36	53	+4	0.76	2	18.16	-7.90	69	2738	+286	4770	
	East_Brimfield_	71	35	47	+3	0.48	2	25.36	-2.28	90	2360	+187	4290	
	Fitchburg	72	38	51	+6	0.33	2	23.33	-5.70	78	2967	+481	4967	
	Greenfield	64	33	46	+3	0.18	2	35.74	+7.66	85	2315	-62	4254	
	Hyannis_AP	70	37	54	+6	1.00	2	22.48	-1.53	64	2751	+399	4766	
	Maynard	75	36	50	+5	0.60	2	28.85	+1.86	85	2689	+234	4672	
	New_Bedford	71	33	52	+2	0.67	2	26.56	-1.68	67	2740	-171	4751	
	Newburyport	65	36	48	+3	0.51	2	26.21	-1.11	75	2567	+81	4532	
	North_Adams_Har	71	28	47	+6	0.21	3	24.85	-6.48	79	2422	+648	4334	
	Norwood	76	33	50	+4	0.81	2	21.85	-4.83	63	2664	+84	4634	
	Pittsfield	65	28	45	+3	0.30	4	31.58	+1.41	84	2184	+190	4063	
	Plymouth	73	33	52	+3	1.05	2	25.16	-3.36	70	2704	+101	4681	
	Tauton_4NW	74	37	50	+3	0.61	2	23.44	-4.17	74	2884	+345	4889	
	Westfield_Barne	66	31	49	+7	0.26	3	30.15	+1.37	76	2948	+911	4959	
	West_Otis	68	32	47	+5	0.28	2	28.62	-4.02	88	2368	+427	4238	
	Worcester	69	35	48	+4	0.48	2	32.18	+2.37	81	2502	+277	4444	
	Worthington	64	28	43	+1	0.19	4	36.65	+6.17	95	1948	+80	3783	
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	69	37	54	+4	0.29	2	20.20	-5.01	66	2797	+232	4827	
	Providence	73	36	52	+5	0.24	2	20.43	-5.51	66	3074	+279	5126	
	Westerly-Wester	69	37	51	+3	0.17	2	20.28	-7.50	63	2681	+91	4688	
	Woonsocket	76	36	51	+6	0.45	2	22.40	-5.97	68	2820	+276	4839	
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	70	41	53	+4	0.56	3	25.30	-1.17	72	3352	+385	5409	
	Danbury_AP	71	36	50	+5	0.20	3	27.08	-4.69	86	2739	+107	4738	
	Hartford_Bradle	73	31	51	+5	0.38	3	25.79	-2.29	87	3173	+338	5218	
	Meriden-Meriden	74	32	49	+4	0.33	3	21.17	10.88	70	2917	+328	4924	
	Norfolk	69	31	45	+3	0.21	3	34.60	+1.96	93	2182	+241	4052	
	Norwich	73	36	51	+4	0.26	2	20.31	-9.74	64	2928	+166	4974	
	Staffordville	70	33	47	+3	0.58	3	26.01	-3.90	76	2264	+22	4154	
	Thomaston_Dam	72	32	48	+4	0.42	3	33.73	+2.75	100	2660	+370	4631	
	West_Thompson_L	72	33	48	+3	0.41	2	25.13	-4.96	81	2341	+70	4264	
	Willimantic	74	33	50	+6	0.43	3	23.13	-6.78	76	2873	+631	4890	

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.

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD & TOLLAND, Ross Eddy

High winds over the weekend did knock some grain corn down.

WINDHAM, Dawn Pindell

Mowing, chopping grass, and baling hay. Cleaning up fields and equipment, and putting things away 'til next growing season. Mowing Christmas tree fields. Conditions still dry. Saturday, 40 to 50 mph winds and colder, with temperatures in the 40s.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK, Larry James

Ten inches of snow on the ground. All crops are out and are keeping in storage. The yields on most all crops were average to above average. The quality was well above average.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

This area dodged the snow. The ground was frozen this morning. Grain corn and soybeans still left to harvest.

HANCOCK, Valerie Porter

Well, the first snow storm hit Penobscot/Hancock and Washington Counties this weekend. Crop harvest is over. Penobscot received between 8-10 inches in most areas, and Hancock and Washington counties got a lot of rain then snow on top of ice.

MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, Heather Baylis

The end of October is looking good for many farmers. Nice weekends have helped Farmers' Markets. Fall crops are going well. Grain corn yields are up this year. Most are starting their winter preparations and beginning to plan for the next growing season. Falling fuel prices will help everyone.

NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH, Deb Cannon

First snow of the season yesterday didn't accumulate, but high winds and low temperatures hindered cranberry harvesting. More growers than usual are still harvesting as we enter November.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

BELKNAP, Donna Juneau

Nice weather during the early part of the week gave way to slightly colder than normal temperatures by Thursday and Friday (end of October). The first two days of November brought even colder temperatures, rain, and high winds by Sunday, November $2^{\rm nd}$. Farm stands have closed and producers are buttoning up for the winter.

COOS, Steve Turaj

Silage corn harvest finishing; a little grain corn to come in yet. Manure spreading.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

For the week ending November 1st, we received light rain showers on 5 out of 7 days. Cool conditions combined with persistent showers kept soils on some fields fully saturated. Most of the corn is now harvested. Farmers are still scrambling to chop what haylage they have. Pumpkin harvest is over. Vegetable growers are beginning to wind down for the winter.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Last picking of tomatoes, sweet corn, eggplants and cucumbers. Abundance of apples, winter squashes and pumpkins. Also harvesting carrots, beets, cabbage, different types of kale, spinach, arugula, mesclun mix, baby and Swiss chard, turnips, radishes, daikon, bok choy, micro greens, leeks and Brussels sprouts. Sunday Northeastern storm with gusty wind, cold air, rain and some snow showers in the Seacoast area and Southern towns such as reported in Londonderry, Derry, Salem and other towns. Storage of crop harvest, fall clean up, and winter greens planting. Cleaning fields and spreading manure.

RHODE ISLAND

No reporter comments available.

VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Much lime and manure spread in Franklin County this week. Great to see lime going onto fields that are much in need of it. Grain harvest is looking good for this week with some dry weather in the forecast. No reports of the great pumpkin being spotted, so we will have to look forward to next Halloween for another search. This is the official end to the garden season with the exception of some ground veggies that will stay out of the cold for awhile longer.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett

We saw our first snow of the season over the weekend, but it didn't stay long. With the exception of manure spreading and a little bit of grain corn harvest, the season is pretty well wrapped up. Farmers are putting their equipment up for the winter. Overall, farmers will have plenty of feed with average quality. A reasonably successful harvest season.

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