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Good week for field work: New England averaged 5.5 days suitable for field work last week.

Temperatures in New England remained warm last week, with some areas receiving some much needed rainfall. Average weekly temperatures in the six states ranged from four to fifteen degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.0 to 2.53 inches in the region. The variable precipitation was helpful to some of the drier fields in the region, but left other fields saturated and soggy. Areas that had experienced either persistent dry conditions for the past several weeks or recently saturated fields due to heavy rainfall were concerned about the quantity and quality of hay being made. The planting of corn and potatoes continued, but was starting to wind down. Fruit growers remained active with pest management, controlling for borers, mites, caterpillars, and other pests that can attack fruit trees. In Maine, very little mummy berry disease was seen on blueberries, but there was some winter kill noted. Some growers were applying thinning sprays to apple orchards and hand thinning peaches, mowing orchard floors, and spraying for weeds under trees. Vegetable growers were in full swing planting vegetables. Some growers were laying more drip tape under plastic mulch because of dry soils. Some Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares and farmers' markets started up this week.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 31, 2015

(in percent)

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| TOPSOIL | 2 | 10 | 51 | 37 |
| SUBSOIL | 1 | 14 | 72 | 13 |

Crop Conditions as of May 31, 2015

(in percent)

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| DRY HAY | 3 | 13 | 40 | 33 | 11 |
| PASTURE AND RANGE | 1 | 6 | 35 | 46 | 12 |
| QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE | 0 | 0 | 24 | 38 | 38 |

Crop Progress as of May 31, 2015

(in percent)

| Item | This Week |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| APPLES: PINK | 100 |
| APPLES: FULL BLOOM | 93 |
| APPLES: PETAL FALL | 66 |
| APPLES: FRUIT SET | 26 |
| BLUEBERRIES, TAME: PINK | 98 |
| BLUEBERRIES, TAME: FULL BLOOM | 81 |
| BLUEBERRIES, TAME: PETAL FALL | 19 |
| BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME): PINK | 60 |
| BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME): FULL BLOOM | 37 |
| CORN: PLANTED | 86 |
| CORN: EMERGED | 61 |
| CRANBERRIES (MA): GREEN TIP | 80 |
| CRANBERRIES (MA): PINK | 50 |
| DRY HAY: 1st CUTTING | 30 |
| PEACHES: FULL BLOOM | 98 |
| PEACHES: PETAL FALL | 76 |
| PEACHES: FRUIT SET | 24 |
| PEARS: PINK | 98 |
| PEARS: FULL BLOOM | 94 |
| PEARS: PETAL FALL | 66 |
| PEARS: FRUIT SET | 15 |
| POTATOES: PLANTED | 94 |
| POTATOES: EMERGED | 19 |
| SPRING TILLAGE: SINGLE | 94 |
| STRAWBERRIES: PINK | 95 |
| STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM | 66 |
| STRAWBERRIES: PETAL FALL | 44 |
| STRAWBERRIES: FRUIT SET | 12 |
| SWEET CORN: PLANTED | 69 |

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May 31, 2015 New England Weekly Weather Summary

| | | Last Week Weather Summary | | | | | | Accumulation Since April 1, 2015 | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------------|------|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | Precipitation | | | GDD Base 50F | | Base 40F |
| State | Station | Hi | Lo | Avg | DFN | Total | Days | Total | DFN | Days | Total | DFN | Total |
| Maine | Augusta_State_A | 83 | 50 | 69 | +10 | 0.37 | 2 | 5.98 | -1.70 | 26 | 320 | +126 | 762 |
| | Bangor_Intl_Air | 82 | 51 | 68 | +10 | 1.11 | 4 | 4.53 | -2.19 | 31 | 263 | +94 | 671 |
| | Bethel | 88 | 49 | 69 | +10 | 0.54 | 2 | 5.03 | -2.73 | 19 | 272 | +101 | 663 |
| | Bridgton | 88 | 50 | 69 | +12 | 0.41 | 2 | 4.45 | -3.31 | 17 | 290 | +145 | 700 |
| | Caribou_Municip | 86 | 48 | 67 | +11 | 1.37 | 5 | 4.96 | -0.96 | 32 | 220 | +104 | 568 |
| | Dover-Foxcroft | 88 | 44 | 69 | +14 | 2.52 | 6 | 6.15 | -1.30 | 33 | 250 | +155 | 611 |
| | Durham | 88 | 44 | 68 | +11 | 0.28 | 2 | 4.17 | -4.41 | 26 | 264 | +119 | 681 |
| | East_Surry | 75 | 48 | 61 | +4 | 1.07 | 3 | 5.33 | -2.72 | 28 | 142 | +7 | 508 |
| | Eustis | 87 | 48 | 66 | +13 | 1.29 | 4 | 4.48 | -2.08 | 25 | 198 | +132 | 491 |
| | Frenchville | 84 | 43 | 64 | +10 | 0.80 | 4 | 4.51 | -1.50 | 29 | 168 | +82 | 485 |
| | Harmony | 89 | 42 | 70 | +14 | 0.80 | 4 | 5.27 | -2.17 | 30 | 291 | +150 | 676 |
| | Houlton | 87 | 49 | 68 | +13 | 2.06 | 4 | 6.55 | +0.48 | 28 | 231 | +116 | 574 |
| | Livermore_Falls | 88 | 47 | 69 | +14 | 0.56 | 4 | 5.03 | -3.04 | 24 | 276 | +171 | 659 |
| | Machias | 76 | 47 | 63 | +10 | 0.46 | 2 | 4.93 | -4.17 | 21 | 139 | +62 | 439 |
| | Millinocket_Wtr | 86 | 41 | 66 | +10 | 1.77 | 4 | 7.38 | +0.06 | 27 | 192 | +56 | 517 |
| | Moosehead | 86 | 48 | 66 | +13 | 1.47 | 4 | 5.16 | -2.05 | 27 | 227 | +158 | 567 |
| | Portland_ME | 91 | 54 | 71 | +14 | 0.41 | 2 | 6.34 | -1.74 | 19 | 361 | +221 | 831 |
| | Rangeley_2NW | 85 | 47 | 65 | +11 | 1.66 | 4 | 6.61 | +0.03 | 28 | 179 | +100 | 448 |
| | Sanford | 89 | 52 | 71 | +12 | 0.31 | 1 | 3.94 | -4.48 | 9 | 342 | +121 | 770 |
| | Topsfield_2 | 86 | 47 | 68 | +12 | 1.34 | 2 | 6.75 | -0.80 | 26 | 226 | +111 | 580 |
| | Turner | 87 | 48 | 70 | +10 | 0.18 | 3 | 5.30 | -2.61 | 25 | 319 | +96 | 743 |
| | Wesley_2W | 90 | 45 | 67 | +11 | 0.85 | 3 | 6.20 | -1.08 | 22 | 226 | +117 | 597 |
| | West_Rockport | 83 | 49 | 68 | +11 | 0.79 | 4 | 6.04 | -3.08 | 29 | 260 | +146 | 657 |
| New Hampshire | Berlin_AG | 89 | 44 | 68 | +11 | 1.08 | 4 | 4.77 | -1.91 | 27 | 269 | +125 | 635 |
| | Bradford_2 | 87 | 51 | 70 | +11 | 0.50 | 3 | 3.21 | -4.99 | 16 | 309 | +69 | 709 |
| | Colebrook | 86 | 40 | 65 | +9 | 1.32 | 4 | 6.63 | +0.16 | 31 | 193 | +72 | 487 |
| | Concord | 92 | 50 | 73 | +13 | 0.15 | 4 | 2.48 | -3.92 | 18 | 457 | +239 | 922 |
| | East_Milford | 89 | 51 | 71 | +11 | 0.17 | 2 | 3.15 | -4.43 | 14 | 419 | +168 | 886 |
| | Epping | 89 | 51 | 72 | +13 | 0.01 | 1 | 3.27 | -4.54 | 17 | 383 | +164 | 833 |
| | Errol_AP | 88 | 47 | 66 | +13 | 1.85 | 5 | 6.28 | +0.06 | 30 | 243 | +160 | 548 |
| | Fitzwilliam | 86 | 49 | 71 | +13 | 0.60 | 3 | 3.61 | -3.84 | 19 | 387 | +213 | 842 |
| | Greenville | 86 | 48 | 70 | +12 | 0.18 | 2 | 2.81 | -4.64 | 12 | 340 | +166 | 773 |
| | Hancock | 87 | 49 | 70 | +12 | 0.56 | 3 | 4.01 | -3.85 | 25 | 344 | +154 | 759 |
| | Jefferson | 87 | 47 | 69 | +11 | 1.84 | 5 | 6.68 | +0.35 | 31 | 298 | +118 | 665 |
| | Keene_AG | 89 | 47 | 70 | +11 | 0.83 | 3 | 2.91 | -4.24 | 18 | 373 | +163 | 804 |
| | Lakeport_2 | 90 | 54 | 72 | +12 | 1.10 | 4 | 4.18 | -2.74 | 15 | 376 | +162 | 817 |
| | Lebanon | 90 | 50 | 71 | +12 | 1.77 | 2 | 4.20 | -2.11 | 17 | 418 | +222 | 864 |
| | North_Conway | 90 | 49 | 69 | +10 | 0.68 | 4 | 4.96 | -3.11 | 23 | 300 | +117 | 698 |
| | Tamworth_4 | 88 | 50 | 68 | +12 | 0.65 | 4 | 4.32 | -4.46 | 21 | 266 | +144 | 642 |
| | Wolfeburro | 85 | 55 | 70 | +11 | 0.79 | 4 | 4.09 | -2.83 | 20 | 366 | +152 | 810 |
| Vermont | Bennington_AP | 88 | 48 | 70 | +13 | 0.22 | 3 | 2.53 | -5.82 | 19 | 449 | +283 | 915 |
| | Burlington_Intl | 89 | 48 | 73 | +13 | 1.18 | 5 | 5.14 | -1.06 | 24 | 488 | +247 | 959 |
| | Corinth | 85 | 35 | 65 | +7 | 1.54 | 3 | 5.62 | -0.25 | 25 | 261 | +77 | 599 |
| | Island_Pond | 85 | 44 | 66 | +10 | 1.67 | 4 | 6.67 | +0.16 | 31 | 255 | +134 | 576 |
| | Johnson_2N | 85 | 46 | 67 | +10 | 0.77 | 1 | 4.49 | -2.33 | 25 | 287 | +137 | 662 |
| | Marlboro_Raws | 86 | 40 | 69 | +12 | 0.48 | 2 | 4.07 | -2.04 | 16 | 378 | +242 | 804 |
| | Montpelier_AP | 85 | 45 | 68 | +10 | 2.53 | 3 | 6.60 | +0.73 | 26 | 338 | +154 | 718 |
| | Newport_AG | 88 | 44 | 67 | +7 | 1.68 | 5 | 6.37 | -0.23 | 26 | 298 | +66 | 658 |

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|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------------|------|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | Precipitation | | | GDD Base 50F | | Base 40F |
| State | Station | Hi | Lo | Avg | DFN | Total | Days | Total | DFN | Days | Total | DFN | Total |
| | Rochester | 86 | 48 | 69 | +12 | 0.83 | 4 | 6.30 | -1.63 | 21 | 336 | +171 | 739 |
| | Rutland_AG | 85 | 47 | 68 | +8 | 1.62 | 4 | 5.20 | -1.12 | 23 | 344 | +87 | 748 |
| | Springfield_VT | 89 | 49 | 70 | +12 | 0.30 | 2 | 3.14 | -5.01 | 16 | 393 | +215 | 835 |
| | South_Lincoln | 83 | 47 | 66 | +10 | 1.46 | 2 | 5.78 | -2.73 | 16 | 281 | +157 | 621 |
| | Sutton | 84 | 46 | 66 | +11 | 1.34 | 5 | 6.75 | +0.24 | 35 | 261 | +140 | 602 |
| | Walden | 82 | 42 | 63 | +8 | 1.62 | 5 | 6.86 | +0.35 | 32 | 221 | +100 | 498 |
| | Woodstock | 88 | 50 | 69 | +11 | 1.49 | 2 | 5.74 | -1.59 | 20 | 352 | +173 | 759 |
| Massachusetts | Amherst | 86 | 51 | 71 | +10 | 0.78 | 1 | 3.20 | -4.74 | 14 | 444 | +186 | 922 |
| | Barre_Falls_Dam | 85 | 42 | 68 | +11 | 0.52 | 3 | 2.91 | -4.87 | 21 | 341 | +183 | 775 |
| | Bedford_Hanscom | 89 | 54 | 73 | +12 | 0.28 | 2 | 2.23 | -5.52 | 13 | 457 | +187 | 949 |
| | Beverly_Ag | 84 | 52 | 71 | +10 | 0.07 | 3 | 2.36 | -5.23 | 16 | 383 | +115 | 884 |
| | Birch_Hill_Dam | 86 | 45 | 70 | +12 | 0.45 | 3 | 2.39 | -5.04 | 17 | 371 | +213 | 809 |
| | Boston_Logan_In | 88 | 55 | 73 | +11 | 0.25 | 1 | 2.83 | -4.01 | 15 | 484 | +183 | 992 |
| | Chatham_AP | 72 | 56 | 64 | +7 | 0.00 | 0 | 2.52 | -5.14 | 17 | 270 | +135 | 728 |
| | Chicopee_Westov | 88 | 49 | 72 | +11 | 0.18 | 3 | 3.15 | -4.79 | 16 | 501 | +243 | 992 |
| | Edgartown | 77 | 53 | 65 | +7 | 0.00 | 0 | 1.84 | -5.96 | 16 | 321 | +124 | 833 |
| | East_Brimfield_ | 84 | 53 | 70 | +10 | 0.28 | 2 | 4.05 | -3.82 | 18 | 389 | +177 | 859 |
| | Fitchburg | 90 | 56 | 74 | +13 | 0.43 | 2 | 2.95 | -5.35 | 16 | 559 | +290 | 1067 |
| | Greenfield | 86 | 50 | 70 | +9 | 0.46 | 4 | 2.81 | -5.13 | 21 | 408 | +150 | 868 |
| | Hyannis_AP | 77 | 54 | 66 | +8 | 0.00 | 0 | 2.08 | -4.91 | 14 | 322 | +149 | 810 |
| | Maynard | 91 | 43 | 72 | +11 | 0.10 | 2 | 2.77 | -4.98 | 17 | 481 | +211 | 967 |
| | New_Bedford | 80 | 51 | 67 | +6 | 0.00 | 0 | 2.61 | -5.45 | 16 | 390 | +117 | 900 |
| | Newburyport | 90 | 52 | 72 | +12 | 0.10 | 2 | 3.48 | -4.71 | 16 | 380 | +131 | 838 |
| | North_Adams_Har | 87 | 47 | 70 | +13 | 0.80 | 4 | 3.28 | -5.94 | 20 | 440 | +280 | 900 |
| | Norwood | 86 | 48 | 71 | +9 | 0.01 | 1 | 1.85 | -5.67 | 15 | 464 | +170 | 963 |
| | Pittsfield | 84 | 49 | 69 | +10 | 1.29 | 3 | 4.44 | -4.41 | 20 | 407 | +204 | 860 |
| | Plymouth | 84 | 53 | 69 | +9 | 0.00 | 0 | 2.24 | -6.11 | 16 | 397 | +157 | 877 |
| | Taunton_4NW | 85 | 52 | 70 | +9 | 0.00 | 0 | 3.07 | -4.59 | 19 | 446 | +182 | 946 |
| | Westfield_Barne | 89 | 51 | 73 | +15 | 0.28 | 2 | 3.92 | -4.69 | 16 | 562 | +362 | 1069 |
| | West_Otis | 85 | 50 | 70 | +12 | 0.62 | 3 | 3.98 | -5.36 | 20 | 422 | +243 | 898 |
| | Worcester | 85 | 58 | 71 | +12 | 0.12 | 2 | 3.23 | -5.04 | 20 | 469 | +248 | 964 |
| | Worthington | 84 | 47 | 68 | +10 | 0.46 | 4 | 3.23 | -5.60 | 24 | 335 | +161 | 756 |
| Rhode Island | Newport_AP | 75 | 51 | 63 | +4 | 0.00 | 0 | 1.94 | -5.87 | 16 | 317 | +106 | 807 |
| | Providence | 85 | 52 | 71 | +9 | 0.00 | 0 | 3.02 | -4.80 | 18 | 497 | +186 | 1019 |
| | Westerly-Wester | 75 | 50 | 64 | +4 | 0.00 | 0 | 2.07 | -5.95 | 15 | 316 | +66 | 800 |
| | Woonsocket | 86 | 51 | 71 | +10 | 0.00 | 0 | 4.19 | -3.82 | 15 | 475 | +206 | 977 |
| Connecticut | Bridgeport_Siko | 81 | 56 | 70 | +7 | 0.05 | 2 | 2.71 | -5.31 | 18 | 491 | +166 | 1019 |
| | Danbury_AP | 85 | 53 | 71 | +8 | 0.73 | 2 | 2.92 | -6.04 | 15 | 477 | +156 | 981 |
| | Hartford_Bradle | 89 | 56 | 74 | +11 | 0.44 | 2 | 4.45 | -3.80 | 18 | 620 | +256 | 1136 |
| | Meriden-Meriden | 85 | 51 | 71 | +10 | 0.10 | 1 | 2.16 | -7.17 | 13 | 508 | +237 | 1012 |
| | Norfolk | 83 | 46 | 69 | +11 | 0.57 | 1 | 5.13 | -4.21 | 19 | 375 | +196 | 804 |
| | Norwich | 83 | 55 | 70 | +8 | 0.00 | 0 | 2.73 | -5.98 | 16 | 478 | +148 | 989 |
| | Staffordville | 83 | 40 | 68 | +8 | 0.00 | 0 | 3.47 | -5.02 | 14 | 333 | +98 | 774 |
| | Thomaston_Dam | 90 | 50 | 71 | +11 | 0.52 | 2 | 5.03 | -3.76 | 21 | 459 | +221 | 943 |
| | West_Thompson_L | 84 | 51 | 69 | +10 | 0.09 | 1 | 3.72 | -4.62 | 20 | 398 | +167 | 874 |
| | Willimantic | 86 | 52 | 72 | +13 | 0.00 | 0 | 3.80 | -4.69 | 16 | 521 | +286 | 1026 |

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.

CONNECTICUT

ALL CT COUNTIES, Jude Boucher

At last a good soaking rain. We were planting into dust. This should get the season off to a much better start.

LITCHFIELD, Richard Meinert

Rain came in several batches this week. Hay harvest tonnage is coming in light - but the quality is good. Still a few fields of corn left to plant as farms finish up hauling manure before planting the final acres.

WINDHAM, Dawn S. Pindell

Chopping grass, planting corn; some corn is about a foot tall. Dry hay fields starting to look cardboard brown due to lack of rain. Topdressing hay fields. Light showers on Sunday, May 31st brought a much needed 1.5" of rain to southern part of county with 5" in northeast part of county. Blueberries blooming. Controlling borers, mites, caterpillars, and other pests that attack fruiting trees.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK, Larry James

Most operations have finished potatoes and grain. Most of the ground that is left will be planted to green manure crops. Hay fields are growing rapidly.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

Widespread rains finally arrived on Sunday, May 31st, making everyone very happy. The rain is too late for first crop hay; reports are it is 50 - 75% down. Farmers with irrigation have been making full use of it. Asparagus and some early vegetables are being picked. Strawberries are sizing up and should be ready in 10 to 14 days.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

A heavy, steady dose of rain has fallen at the right time. This should really help the hay crop and get other crops off to a good start. Fruits are in full blossom or petal drop. Soil temperatures are favorable.

HANCOCK, PENOBSCOT, Valerie Porter

Much needed rain over the weekend. Apple blossoms have fallen in most areas, but bees have been out in full swing. Potato planting is completed in Penobscot. Corn is being planted along with all other crops. Veggie growers are in full swing with planting. Some have been chopped on dry fields for green chop on high ground. Pastures are looking better. Blueberries are greening up and look okay so far in Hancock County. Strawberry crop really needed this rain and appears to have done well over the winter.

HANCOCK, David Yarborough

Fields are in full bloom and we have warm but windy weather so pollination is progressing well. Plants had a long mild growing season last fall so there are large numbers of blossoms and large numbers of native bees observed this year. Very little mummy

berry disease is being seen, but there is some winter kill noted with certain fields having extensive injury. It has been a very dry spring, but scattered showers are providing some badly needed moisture.

PISCATAQUIS/SOMERSET, Elaine S. Moceus

Producers started planting corn two weeks ago; most have finished. Some areas of low-lying ground may be too wet, with the rain over the weekend. Producers are anticipating chopping grass in the coming week. Reports of strawberry plants developing slowly due to the dry weather during the month of May. Apple fruit set appears to be good to excellent. Highbush blueberries are in bloom and some fruit has started to set.

WALDO, Rick Kersbergen

Rain on Sunday, May 31st was most welcome. Yields of first cutting/hay/haylage are short, but maturity is moving ahead quickly as the quality drops. Most corn emerged quickly with warm weather.

WASHINGTON, Michael Look

Need rain.

MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, Carolyn DeMoranville

Another week with no rain. Water supplies are generally holding due to heavy winter snows, but soil conditions are dry. Most cranberry plants have reached at least roughneck stage (0.5 inch growth), with many advancing to jewel (flower buds protruding) or hook (flower buds expanded and hooked downward) stage.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

BELKNAP/MERRIMACK/HILLSBOROUGH, Donna Juneau

Another warm, dry week with daytime temperatures above average. Scattered showers mid-week brought a bit of much needed rain, but conditions continued to be dry until Sunday, May 31st when heavy rain fell throughout the day. Producers spent the week planting corn and other spring seeded annual crops. Hay harvests have reportedly been good quality, but quantity has been very low due to the lack of rain throughout the month of May.

CARROLL, Olivia Saunders

Much needed rain the last weekend in May has helped green things up. Vegetable growers laying more drip tape this year under plastic mulch because of dry soils. Nursery and plant sales are strong. First week of many CSA shares and Farm Markets. Greens, asparagus, rhubarb, and peas available.

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Hot and a bit sticky most of the week, but finally a good soaking rain Sunday, May 31st. Corn is pretty much planted, and most of it has emerged. Harvest of first cutting has begun. Vegetable planting on schedule. Some fruit producers concerned about heat/moisture stress, but still waiting to see.

COOS, Steve Turaj

Heavy rains Sunday, May 31st into Monday, June 1st. Fields quite saturated; most corn now in. Farms looking to chop grass soon as weather permits. Early grasses: Kentucky bluegrass, Orchardgrass and such headed out. Dandelions at peak bloom. Windy conditions this week have affected ability to apply sprays.

GRAFTON, Heather Bryant

No frosts reported for this week, but a couple isolated reports of damage from last week are coming in. Much needed rain began falling towards the end of the week. We had two thunderstorms; one included hail warnings, but so far no reports of damage.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

On Wednesday, May 27th thunderstorms dropped over a half inch of rain. Some areas further east and in the higher elevations received more than this. Temperatures remained warm and field work has continued to move forward. Farmers have made significant progress planting corn. Many fields have already germinated and the corn is up 3 to 4 inches. The wild turkeys, Canada Geese and crows all appear to be enjoying this feast of tender young seedlings. In some fields, the losses to wildlife could be significant. Some farms are well on the way toward completion of their first cutting of hay. Reports indicate that the dry conditions that have prevailed over the last couple of months have had some impact on the yields for first cutting.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruits: Fruit growers monitoring pest and crop development and applying cover sprays for pest control. Orchardists are applying thinning sprays to apple orchards and hand thinning peach where there is a crop. Mowing orchard floor and weed spraying under trees. Blueberries were at petal fall by week's end. Strawberries were blooming. Field Crops: Farmers are plowing, disking, fertilizing, planting corn, and applying herbicides to fields. Farmers making haylage and baled hay. Vegetables: Transplanting tomato and pepper plants in fields, and making successive planting vegetable crops. Harvesting spinach, asparagus and rhubarb. First European corn borer moth caught in traps.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Dry weather most of the week, with finally some light steady rain on Sunday, May 31st and cooler temperatures. During the afternoon of Thursday, May 28th, the town of Salem saw some lightening, downpour and gusty winds that uprooted trees in some neighborhoods. Young vegetable transplants are struggling with the lack of water and many of the direct seeded vegetables such as carrots, turnips, and baby greens are slow to germinate. Irrigating fields where water source is available has kept growers busy. Harvesting lettuce, kale, greens, herbs, asparagus and rhubarb. Monitoring for pests and spraying protective fungicides. Haying and hay quality fairly decent, but yield lower. Garden centers and farmers' markets had a busy weekend with steady traffic. More rain in the forecast for the beginning of next week.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Paul E. Brule

The month of May has been very dry, but during the last day of the month some sections of the state received over 3 inches of rain. The rest of the state received an inch or more of rain which was well needed. Later this week we will assess the state to see if there were any soil erosion or other issues that may have been affected due to this recent rainfall. The seeds that were planted in the last week or so needed this rain to germinate. I am sure farmers won't be irrigating this week. Rhode Island farmers will continue to plant their seeds, vegetable plants, etc.

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Dry.

VERMONT

ADDISON, Jeffrey Carter

Continued planting and spraying corn this past week. First crop haylage harvest in full swing. End of week heavy rains and soils very wet with widespread flooding in fields.

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Wet week in Franklin County has brought things to a virtual standstill. No flooding problems to date, however, fields are very soggy. Grass has gone from low yield high quality to high yield "poorer" quality in a hurry. Corn is doing okay with this week telling the real story on spring emergence and growth. Gardens are generally planted, however, at that growth standstill.