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New  
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**Good week for field work:** New England averaged 5.0 days suitable for field work last week.

New England experienced milder temperatures during the day, with near freezing temperatures at night and some sporadic rain showers. Average weekly temperatures ranged from five degrees below normal to seven degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.45 to 3.51 inches. The harvest for most crops was winding down throughout the region. Potatoes have been sent to cold storage. Vegetable cover crops were planted and farmers' markets were stocked and ready for the Thanksgiving season with a bevy of greens, vegetables, and fruits. As previously reported, apples have been overly abundant this year with a very positive harvest. That said, many outdoor operations and markets were closing for the winter months. In Massachusetts, cranberry deliveries had slowed, although the harvest continued. Farmers remained busy with late autumn chores such as manure spreading, winterizing equipment, cleaning up fields, picking up plastic, and testing soils for the next season.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 1, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	14	76	10
SUBSOIL	0	18	76	6

## Crop Conditions as of November 1, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	16	49	33	1
QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE	2	6	23	43	26

## Crop Progress as of November 1, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week
CRANBERRIES (MA): HARVESTED	85
DRY HAY: 4th CUTTING	93
FALL TILLAGE: SINGLE	80
PEARS: HARVESTED	93

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### November 1, 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	71	26	46	+3	1.96	3	29.49	+3.78	85	2403	+228	4271
	Bangor_Intl_Air	67	23	44	+2	1.62	4	21.54	-1.81	91	2262	+232	4071
	Bethel	68	25	42	0	2.39	3	29.85	+1.82	79	2087	+162	3862
	Bridgton	70	26	43	+3	2.18	3	31.80	+3.57	75	2056	+326	3846
	Caribou_Municip	66	24	40	+3	1.66	3	23.24	-0.39	98	1948	+466	3624
	Dover-Foxcroft	69	22	41	+3	1.75	3	34.18	+7.61	102	2000	+493	3692
	Durham	73	27	45	+2	2.10	3	27.72	+1.06	90	2178	+188	4013
	East_Surry	62	25	43	-2	2.72	4	26.40	-0.11	84	1892	+5	3648
	Eustis	65	20	38	+1	1.59	4	24.35	-0.36	84	1554	+404	3103
	Frenchville	59	21	38	0	0.90	3	22.26	-1.93	93	1666	+306	3267
	Harmony	70	24	43	+3	1.43	3	31.23	+5.14	98	2087	+320	3849
	Houlton	65	18	40	+3	1.69	3	28.93	+5.18	89	1917	+401	3587
	Livermore_Falls	72	21	42	+2	2.97	4	31.64	+3.55	83	2015	+481	3759
	Machias	65	23	42	0	2.58	3	29.65	+1.51	85	1912	+432	3581
	Millinocket_Wtr	67	22	40	0	2.43	3	32.98	+6.48	85	1846	+82	3477
	Moosehead	68	23	40	+3	1.19	3	28.48	+1.67	94	1816	+508	3465
	Portland_ME	73	27	48	+5	1.62	4	26.83	+1.17	70	2546	+607	4482
	Rangeley_2NW	64	22	37	0	0.98	4	26.64	+0.91	98	1479	+177	2991
	Sanford	75	26	44	-1	1.80	2	24.41	-3.26	49	2461	+211	4288
	Topsfield_2	61	25	40	0	2.64	3	32.21	+5.14	87	1991	+296	3678
	Turner	72	28	45	0	2.60	3	30.70	+4.58	83	2299	-53	4122
	Wesley_2W	62	19	39	-3	2.65	3	34.25	+9.43	68	2055	+340	3754
	West_Rockport	62	27	44	0	3.15	3	30.39	+2.11	86	2230	+408	4030
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	68	22	41	+2	1.20	4	26.24	+0.13	91	1894	+232	3615
	Bradford_2	69	21	43	-2	2.04	2	25.99	-1.57	66	2091	+19	3865
	Colebrook	66	18	38	-2	0.97	4	32.65	+6.22	120	1605	+90	3206
	Concord	76	23	48	+5	1.77	3	24.21	+1.39	70	2822	+647	4730
	East_Milford	75	26	46	+1	2.05	2	24.47	-2.20	60	2641	+302	4541
	Epping	75	25	46	+2	1.40	3	21.33	-4.95	70	2618	+399	4499
	Errol_AP	67	18	39	+2	1.46	3	29.64	+4.90	96	1732	+368	3336
	Fitzwilliam	71	26	45	+4	1.77	3	26.74	-0.09	86	2608	+785	4493
	Greenville	72	25	44	+3	2.19	2	29.92	+3.09	55	2329	+506	4168
	Hancock	70	23	43	-1	2.01	3	35.15	+7.24	87	2291	+286	4104
	Jefferson	66	23	41	+1	0.45	4	33.67	+7.78	108	1971	+241	3700
	Keene_AG	71	23	44	+2	1.83	4	30.18	+4.55	73	2512	+420	4364
	Lakeport_2	72	25	45	+1	1.68	2	25.85	+0.29	70	2510	+226	4383
	Lebanon	71	23	45	+3	1.22	3	23.24	+0.42	75	2671	+645	4558
	North_Conway	72	25	43	+2	2.25	3	29.06	+0.63	87	2108	+107	3893
	Tamworth_4	70	21	40	-1	2.69	4	33.15	+2.37	85	1871	+308	3584
	Wolfeburro	69	32	46	+3	1.45	4	25.57	+0.01	75	2543	+259	4429
Vermont	Bennington_AP	69	24	46	+6	1.14	2	19.53	-11.25	74	2592	+928	4507
	Burlington_Intl	65	26	45	+3	1.79	2	28.90	+4.24	89	2983	+738	4902
	Corinth	65	23	39	-2	1.39	2	32.80	+9.64	88	1798	+1	3466
	Island_Pond	66	21	39	+2	1.40	4	31.70	+4.24	111	1856	+391	3498
	Johnson_2N	63	22	39	-2	2.24	4	32.07	+5.03	100	1861	+207	3575
	Marlboro_Raws	65	26	43	+5	2.07	2	28.34	+3.16	75	2306	+693	4136
	Montpelier_AP	67	22	42	+2	1.48	3	29.89	+6.73	101	2159	+362	3923
	Newport_AG	66	23	38	-5	1.33	2	32.05	+5.83	97	2048	-18	3732

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	Rochester	64	24	41	-2	1.96	3	30.02	+0.25	82	2239	+489	4040
	Rutland_AG	66	22	44	+1	1.60	2	25.56	-0.59	90	2249	+101	4071
	Springfield_VT	70	23	44	+3	1.36	2	22.67	-5.57	78	2530	+640	4395
	South_Lincoln	61	22	39	+1	1.82	2	31.23	-0.29	83	1803	+370	3477
	Sutton	66	22	38	+1	1.66	4	32.89	+5.43	114	1875	+410	3553
	Walden	61	20	37	-1	2.11	5	32.87	+5.41	112	1509	+44	3061
	Woodstock	68	23	42	+1	1.42	1	28.40	+2.63	71	2367	+454	4170
Massachusetts	Amherst	74	26	46	+2	2.18	3	11.55	-2.60	25	1289	-1088	2263
	Barre_Falls_Dam	70	24	44	+2	1.91	3	10.58	-2.71	28	946	-872	1832
	Bedford_Hanscom	75	24	49	+3	1.27	4	6.46	-6.38	26	1221	-1234	2147
	Beverly_Ag	75	27	48	-3	1.27	4	6.15	-6.81	24	778	-1914	1431
	Birch_Hill_Dam	71	27	45	+4	1.78	3	10.08	-2.37	23	1007	-835	1906
	Boston_Logan_In	75	38	53	+3	1.11	2	6.25	-5.26	23	1396	-1467	2368
	Chatham_AP	64	33	51	+2	0.96	2	10.22	-2.68	24	1151	-989	2120
	Chicopee_Westov	76	25	47	+4	1.68	3	6.51	-6.86	21	1230	-1147	2165
	Edgartown	67	31	51	+2	1.14	1	12.40	+0.25	18	948	-1502	1622
	East_Brimfield_	69	28	46	+2	1.84	3	8.77	-4.49	24	1116	-1057	2045
	Fitchburg	75	26	49	+4	1.54	1	7.45	-6.20	23	1358	-1128	2298
	Greenfield	71	25	45	+1	2.35	3	13.23	-1.83	34	1394	-983	2449
	Hyannis_AP	69	28	51	+3	1.67	2	9.98	-1.55	19	1210	-1141	2176
	Maynard	77	24	47	+2	1.72	3	10.47	-1.61	26	840	-1615	1480
	New_Bedford	71	27	50	0	1.33	1	12.05	-0.84	18	1213	-1696	2175
	Newburyport	76	28	47	+1	1.67	2	6.69	-6.56	19	1081	-1405	2003
	North_Adams_Har	71	24	47	+6	1.45	2	10.24	-4.47	29	1089	-685	1999
	Norwood	76	21	49	+3	1.55	2	5.23	-7.09	21	1162	-1418	2090
	Pittsfield	67	25	46	+3	1.20	2	9.01	-5.40	25	1017	-977	1914
	Plymouth	73	26	50	+2	1.41	1	8.90	-5.06	17	1220	-1382	2179
	Taunton_4NW	75	29	48	0	1.47	3	7.45	-6.75	22	1130	-1408	1858
	Westfield_Barne	74	26	49	+6	2.97	1	9.30	-4.39	18	1345	-692	2288
	West_Otis	70	28	46	+4	1.89	2	9.27	-0.95	20	739	-1202	1347
	Worcester	70	31	49	+4	2.31	3	7.48	-7.06	25	1205	-1020	2131
	Worthington	68	24	43	0	1.91	4	10.38	-3.92	31	898	-970	1763
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	69	34	53	+3	1.83	3	22.06	-3.01	62	2974	+411	4980
	Providence	75	32	52	+4	1.51	2	22.66	-3.14	56	3349	+555	5374
	Westerly-Wester	69	32	53	+4	1.09	2	21.16	-6.48	55	2906	+317	4896
	Woonsocket	75	29	49	+3	2.75	1	21.85	-6.37	54	3125	+581	5102
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	73	37	55	+6	1.12	2	17.89	-8.46	61	3600	+635	5650
	Danbury_AP	71	28	50	+5	0.78	2	22.28	-9.35	59	3059	+427	5048
	Hartford_Bradle	75	29	51	+4	2.09	2	23.37	-4.58	69	3423	+588	5430
	Meriden-Meriden	76	30	53	+7	1.10	2	14.04	-17.86	51	3358	+769	5367
	Norfolk	66	28	45	+2	2.00	2	26.19	-6.30	76	2418	+477	4254
	Norwich	73	32	50	+3	2.24	3	19.83	-10.06	52	3223	+461	5216
	Staffordville	71	27	46	+1	1.76	3	27.26	-2.49	55	2499	+257	4370
	Thomaston_Dam	73	28	47	+3	3.51	1	23.27	-7.57	72	2908	+618	4841
	West_Thompson_L	71	27	45	0	1.91	2	21.46	-8.48	59	2697	+426	4612
	Willimantic	75	29	51	+7	1.93	3	21.47	-8.28	60	3245	+1003	5237

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

WINDHAM, Dawn S. Pindell

One day of heavy rain helped, but ponds still remain low and rainfall is still about 8 inches below normal. Farmers' Markets were ending for the season, but some winter markets were getting ready to start. Farmers spent the week combining corn, baling hay, spreading manure, and cleaning up vegetable beds. Cover crop looks good.

### MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Northern), Donald M. Audibert

Potato crop looks good in storage. Some producers are loading their crop that is stored in cold storage, due to big yield and ran out of storage. Market prices at the moment for potatoes are low.

AROOSTOOK (Central), Larry James

Wet weather has made getting the last of the fall work done difficult. Soybeans look like a decent crop if they can harvest them. Potatoes are good and plentiful. Hope they can find a market for the overage.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Moisture remains high in grain corn standing. Producers will continue to let it field dry. Soybeans still left to harvest. The foliage change was late this year and there are still lots of leaves to drop.

PISCATAQUIS/SOMERSET, Elaine S. Moceus

Field work continues, including spreading manure on hayfields. Corn silage is mostly harvested. A heavy rainstorm yielding 2+ inches in most areas on Thursday of the reporting week halted all field work. Although there have been frosts in the morning, mild temperatures continue.

### MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, Carolyn DeMoranville

Cranberry deliveries are slowing, but many growers have yet to complete their harvest.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Cooler most of the week, with rain on Wed/Thurs. Most field work seems to be done for the season.

COOS, Steve Turaj

Most, if not all, silage corn is now harvested. Manure was being spread on fields and late autumn chores were getting done. It has been an interesting year for farmers up here; pretty wet and cold. July weather came in September, which the corn really needed but made it tough to make dry baled hay. There were lots of wild apples and blueberries. Christmas greens have begun to head south.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

Light rain at the beginning of the week did little to slow field work down. There was nearly an inch of rain in the middle of the week; however, it only soaked some soils. Some field activities slowed down or stopped to allow soils to dry down for a day or two. Some farms were still chopping grass for haylage. Farmers are spreading manure and completing fall tillage practices. Pumpkin growers are done for the season. Some hard frosts and heavy winds have helped clear the leaves off the trees. Winter will be here soon!

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruit: Orchardists busy marketing crop. Apple harvest is almost done; harvesting latest varieties. It was a very large crop and orchardists ran out of bins, cold storage, and CA space to store apple crop. Orchardists getting ready to paint tree trunks. They also began spreading vole bait in orchards. Vegetables: Farmers were cleaning up fields and picking up plastic mulch, drip tape, trellis stakes, and irrigation equipment while soil testing fields for next season. Farm equipment was being cleaned and put away as well. Field crops: Silage corn chopping finished.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Growers with farm stores will be stocking with a great selection of fall vegetables and fresh greens for Thanksgiving. Bringing potatoes to cold storage. Sweet potatoes have cured nicely and have great flavor and sweetness. Salad greens, pumpkins, and winter squashes are available at farm stands. Picking apples at Pick-Your-Own (PYO) operations and many orchards will be closing this week to the public. Some closed on Sunday. Growers with commercial kitchens are still taking pie orders until mid-November for Thanksgiving. Finished planting vegetable fields with cover crops and next week forecast with warmer and sunny weather will help the crop growing. Most open-air farmers' markets closed for the season. Next week, many of the winter farmers will open indoors. Some heavy rain mid and end of week. This week saw mild temperatures during the day and some nights saw freezing temperatures.

## RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Paul E. Brule

Well, Halloween has come and gone, and the season is pretty much closed. There are still a few winter crops being harvested out there, such as cabbage and kale. A lot of farmers are finishing up planting cover crops and starting to clean up and store their machinery. There are a couple of farmers who still have a few acres of potatoes to harvest and store, as well as apples. This week is supposed to reach into the 70s during the day, and high 40s and 50s at night, with no rain in sight. As we say, it's a little bit of Indian Summer coming back. A lot of things will get finished up this week with this type of weather. Potato farmers had a pretty good crop of winter potatoes to store this year, and they filled their storage bins up. In a week or two, they will start to take them out of storage, bag, and sell them for table stock throughout the winter.

## VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Rainy week in Franklin County this week has rejuvenated the water table. This is a welcome situation in keeping water supplies in good shape for the winter months. All that is left for harvest is some picking corn and maybe some soybeans scattered here and there. Still some manure to be spread, at low rates per acre on land with plenty of organic matter to capture and hold those nutrients for the winter months and be ready to go next spring. Another Halloween has come and gone with no sign of the great pumpkin. We will have our sights set on next year and hope for a good growing season to keep up the search.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett

Fieldwork is all but done up here. There will probably be some manure spreading in the first half of November, but cropping is complete. Cows are still being grazed, but that will be ending soon as well. Crop yields were average to perhaps slightly above average for the year. Quality for first cut hay was very low for most farmers, but second through fourth cut was very good. Corn yields were average but the quality was good. The first half of the growing season was a real challenge, but August through October made up for it. June brought record rainfall and July was wet as well. The corn looked very poor in places at the end of July. August brought a lot of sun and some heat, allowing the corn to catch up. Frost held off to later September, allowing the corn to mature.