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Crop Progress & Condition







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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in New England, there were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 24, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. Pasture conditions ranged from 14 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 53 percent fair, 13 percent good, and 0 excellent.

Crop Progress as of November 24, 2019 (in percent)

| Item | This | Last | Last | 5 Year |
|----------------------|------|------|------|--------|
| | Week | Week | Year | Avg. |
| DRY HAY: 4th CUTTING | 97 | 93 | N/A | N/A |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 24, 2019

(in percent)

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|---------------|-------|----------|---------|
| TOPSOIL | 0 | 0 | 56 | 44 |
| SUBSOIL | 0 | 0 | 66 | 34 |

Crop Conditions as of November 24, 2019

(in percent)

| Item | Very | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | Poor | | | | |
| DRY HAY | 1 | 14 | 15 | 64 | 6 |
| PASTURE AND | 14 | 20 | 53 | 13 | 0 |
| RANGE | | | | | |
| QUALITY OF | 0 | 4 | 13 | 49 | 34 |
| DRY HAY MADE | | | | | |

November 24, 2019 New England Weekly Weather Summary

| | Air Temperature Last Week | | | | | Precipitation | | | | | |
|-------------|---|------|--------|-------|-------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------|---------------|----------------------|
| State | Station | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| Connecticut | NORTHWEST | WIAA | IVIIII | Avg | TTOTH | DIT | VVCCK | Days | DIN | VVCCRS | DIN |
| Connecticut | Norfolk 2 Sw | 37.6 | 27.7 | 32.64 | 35.83 | -3.19 | 1.65 | 5.0 | 0.56 | 4.45 | 0.23 |
| | Extreme/Average | 37.6 | 27.7 | 32.64 | 35.83 | -3.19 | 1.65 | 5.0 | 0.56 | 4.45 | 0.23 |
| | CENTRAL | 37.0 | 21.1 | 32.04 | 33.83 | -3.19 | 1.03 | 3 | 0.50 | 4.43 | 0.23 |
| | Burlington | N/A | N/A | N/A | 40.04 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3.29 | 0.91 |
| | 0 | 44.7 | 32.6 | 38.64 | 39.11 | -0.47 | 1.6 | 5.0 | 0.52 | 3.02 | -0.57 |
| | Danbury Municipal Ap | 48.3 | 35.7 | 42.0 | 40.66 | 1.34 | 1.68 | 5.0 | 0.32 | 2.83 | -0.37 |
| | Hartford-Bradley International Airport | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Meriden Markham Municipal Ap | 45.7 | 34.3 | 40.0 | 40.07 | -0.07 | 1.48 | 6.0 | 0.52 | 2.48 | -1.19 |
| | Norwich Pub Utility Plant | 46.4 | 34.6 | 40.5 | 41.33 | -0.83 | 0.49 | 4.0 | -0.74 | 2.91 | -1.58 |
| | Staffordville | 41.3 | 28.1 | 34.71 | 38.36 | -3.64 | 0.85 | 5.0 | -0.16 | 3.54 | -0.57 |
| | West Thompson Lake | 42.6 | 29.6 | 36.07 | 38.69 | -2.61 | 0.83 | 5.0 | -0.3 | 3.49 | -0.95 |
| | Willimantic Windham Ap | 45.4 | 33.6 | 39.5 | 39.91 | -0.41 | 2.22 | 5.0 | 1.23 | 3.0 | -0.97 |
| | Extreme/Average | 44.9 | 32.6 | 38.77 | 39.77 | -0.96 | 1.31 | 6 | 0.26 | 3.07 | -0.71 |
| | COASTAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bridgeport-Success Hill | N/A | N/A | N/A | 42.37 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Extreme/Average | N/A | N/A | N/A | 42.37 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | STATE TOTAL | 36.8 | 26.8 | 31.77 | 39.36 | -1.27 | 1.18 | 5 | 0.28 | 2.89 | -0.42 |
| Maine | NORTHERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Caribou Wfo | 32.0 | 20.0 | 26.0 | 29.21 | -3.21 | 1.42 | 4.0 | 0.55 | 4.1 | 0.72 |
| | Frenchville Northern Aroostook Ap | 30.1 | 20.7 | 25.43 | 27.6 | -2.17 | 0.62 | 3.0 | -0.12 | 4.31 | 1.67 |
| | Houlton Airport | 33.1 | 20.9 | 27.0 | 30.41 | -3.41 | 1.45 | 4.0 | 0.51 | 3.97 | 0.24 |
| | Millinocket Municipal Airport | 35.7 | 23.9 | 29.79 | 32.57 | -2.79 | 1.51 | 4.0 | 0.34 | 4.02 | 0.14 |
| | Moosehead | 32.0 | 9.0 | 20.5 | N/A | N/A | 0.33 | 1.0 | 0.08 | 3.31 | 0.4 |
| | Rangeley | 33.0 | 17.1 | 25.07 | 29.69 | -4.61 | 0.3 | 2.0 | -0.58 | 2.61 | -0.78 |
| | Extreme/Average | 32.6 | 18.6 | 25.63 | 29.90 | -3.24 | 0.94 | 4 | 0.13 | 3.72 | 0.40 |
| | SOUTHERN INTERIOR | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Augusta State Ap | 38.4 | 28.3 | 33.36 | 35.96 | -2.6 | 1.64 | 4.0 | 0.62 | 3.07 | -1.05 |
| | Bangor International Airport | 39.6 | 25.7 | 32.64 | 35.04 | -2.4 | 1.77 | 4.0 | 0.77 | 3.46 | -0.4 |
| | Bethel 6 Sse | 36.9 | 24.3 | 30.57 | N/A | N/A | 0.67 | 4.0 | N/A | 3.27 | N/A |
| | Bridgton 3 Nw | N/A | N/A | N/A | 34.16 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Dover-Foxcroft Wwtp | 37.1 | 19.0 | 28.07 | 31.9 | -3.83 | 0.77 | 4.0 | -0.27 | 3.23 | -0.87 |
| | Harmony | 38.0 | 21.6 | 29.79 | N/A | N/A | 0.62 | 4.0 | -0.4 | 3.11 | -0.91 |
| | Livermore Falls 1 E | 37.6 | 21.4 | 29.5 | N/A | N/A | 0.51 | 4.0 | -0.62 | 3.01 | -1.23 |
| | Topsfield 2 | 34.3 | 22.4 | 28.36 | 32.4 | -4.04 | 1.26 | 4.0 | 0.06 | 4.63 | 0.05 |
| | Turner | 37.7 | 24.6 | 31.14 | 34.5 | -3.36 | 0.39 | 4.0 | -0.77 | 3.32 | -1.16 |
| | Woodland | 38.3 | 28.9 | 33.57 | 35.0 | -1.43 | 1.09 | 2.0 | -0.1 | 3.94 | -0.91 |
| | Extreme/Average | 37.5 | 24.0 | 30.78 | 34.14 | -2.94 | 0.97 | 4 | -0.09 | 3.45 | -0.81 |
| | COASTAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Durham | 37.4 | 24.4 | 30.93 | 34.64 | -3.71 | 0.62 | 4.0 | -0.49 | 3.52 | -0.79 |
| | East Surry | 39.1 | 26.3 | 32.71 | N/A | N/A | 2.0 | 6.0 | N/A | 5.18 | N/A |
| | Hollis | 37.9 | 24.0 | 30.93 | 34.5 | -3.57 | 0.48 | 5.0 | -0.67 | 3.17 | -1.48 |
| | Portland Jetport | 42.3 | 30.3 | 36.29 | 37.8 | -1.51 | 1.27 | 5.0 | 0.11 | 2.69 | -1.97 |
| | West Rockport 1 Nnw | 38.4 | 28.0 | 33.21 | 36.96 | -3.74 | 0.82 | 3.0 | -0.13 | 4.5 | 1.33 |

| | Station | Air Temperature Last Week | | | | | Precipitation | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|--------------|-------|---------------|----------------------|--|
| State | | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN | |
| | Extreme/Average | 39.0 | 26.6 | 32.81 | 35.98 | -3.13 | 1.04 | 6 | -0.30 | 3.81 | -0.73 | |
| | STATE TOTAL | 35.1 | 21.5 | 28.31 | 32.13 | -3.13 | 0.96 | 4 | -0.00 | 3.65 | -0.15 | |
| Massachusetts | WESTERN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lenox Dale | N/A | N/A | N/A | 35.36 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1.68 | 0.09 | |
| | North Adams Harriman Airport | 40.3 | 31.3 | 35.79 | 37.41 | -1.63 | 1.86 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 3.39 | -0.22 | |
| | Pittsfield Municipal Ap | 40.4 | 30.7 | 35.57 | 36.01 | -0.44 | 2.29 | 6.0 | 1.34 | 4.09 | 0.59 | |
| | Worthington | 39.7 | 25.4 | 32.57 | 35.17 | -2.6 | 1.19 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 3.89 | -0.45 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 40.1 | 29.1 | 34.64 | 35.99 | -1.56 | 1.78 | 6 | 0.81 | 3.26 | 0.00 | |
| | CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Amherst | 41.5 | 27.8 | 34.67 | 37.76 | -3.15 | 0.88 | 3.0 | 0.11 | 3.02 | -0.49 | |
| | Barre Falls Dam | 39.8 | 26.0 | 32.9 | 36.01 | -3.46 | 0.63 | 3.0 | -0.04 | 3.55 | 0.12 | |
| | Beverly Municipal Ap | 45.6 | 34.3 | 39.93 | 39.8 | 0.13 | 2.36 | 5.0 | 1.46 | 2.9 | -1.03 | |
| | Chatham Municipal Ap | 49.6 | 39.0 | 44.29 | 43.97 | 0.31 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 0.96 | 3.98 | -0.19 | |
| | East Brimfield Lake | 42.7 | 30.1 | 36.43 | 39.01 | -2.59 | 0.88 | 4.0 | -0.17 | 3.64 | -0.29 | |
| | Fitchburg Municipal Ap | 44.6 | 31.9 | 38.21 | 39.19 | -0.97 | 0.25 | 4.0 | -0.71 | 0.95 | -2.87 | |
| | Greenfield No. 3 | 43.1 | 27.0 | 35.07 | 37.59 | -2.51 | 1.09 | 5.0 | 0.15 | 3.34 | -0.3 | |
| | Lawrence | 43.7 | 33.9 | 38.79 | 40.83 | -2.04 | 1.05 | 4.0 | 0.04 | 2.93 | -0.95 | |
| | Lowell | 43.4 | 30.1 | 36.79 | 38.86 | -2.07 | 0.67 | 5.0 | -0.37 | 2.65 | -1.07 | |
| | Norwood Memorial Ap | 48.7 | 35.0 | 41.86 | 39.0 | 2.86 | 2.17 | 5.0 | 1.17 | 3.34 | -0.75 | |
| | Westfield Barnes Municipal Ap | 45.1 | 32.1 | 38.64 | 37.97 | 0.67 | 1.97 | 4.0 | 1.05 | 2.99 | -0.74 | |
| | Worcester | 40.6 | 31.4 | 36.0 | 38.51 | -2.51 | 1.92 | 5.0 | 0.89 | 3.21 | -0.78 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 44.0 | 31.5 | 37.80 | 39.04 | -1.28 | 1.32 | 5 | 0.38 | 3.04 | -0.78 | |
| | COASTAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bedford Hanscom Field | 46.0 | 34.1 | 40.07 | 41.07 | -1.0 | 1.53 | 5.0 | 0.56 | 2.76 | -1.15 | |
| | Birch Hill Dam | 41.3 | 27.0 | 34.14 | 35.77 | -1.63 | 0.63 | 3.0 | -0.08 | 2.93 | -0.12 | |
| | Boston | 47.3 | 38.0 | 42.64 | 43.16 | -0.51 | 2.31 | 5.0 | 1.37 | 3.28 | -0.39 | |
| | Edgartown | 48.2 | 40.0 | 44.12 | 45.3 | -1.63 | 0.48 | 4.0 | -0.09 | 4.42 | 0.93 | |
| | Hyannis Barnstable Municipal Ap | 50.4 | 37.9 | 44.14 | 43.36 | 0.79 | 2.48 | 6.0 | 1.49 | 4.05 | -0.04 | |
| | New Bedford Municipal Ap | 49.0 | 35.0 | 42.0 | 41.69 | 0.31 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 0.44 | 2.38 | -1.87 | |
| | Plymouth Municipal Ap | 47.9 | 34.4 | 41.14 | 40.83 | 0.31 | 2.73 | 5.0 | 1.61 | 3.72 | -0.04 | |
| | Taunton Municipal Ap | 48.5 | 29.8 | 39.17 | 41.14 | -1.97 | 2.33 | 5.0 | 1.29 | 3.98 | -0.03 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 47.3 | 34.5 | 40.93 | 41.54 | -0.67 | 1.75 | 6 | 0.82 | 3.44 | -0.34 | |
| | STATE TOTAL | 44.3 | 32.0 | 38.13 | 39.20 | -1.15 | 1.54 | 5 | 0.59 | 3.20 | -0.50 | |
| New Hampshire | NORTHERN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Berlin | 36.6 | 21.6 | 29.07 | 32.86 | -3.79 | 0.82 | 4.0 | -0.04 | 3.19 | -0.58 | |
| | Colebrook 3Sw | 33.5 | 13.0 | 23.25 | 29.77 | -7.15 | N/A | 0.0 | -0.24 | 3.49 | 0.76 | |
| | Errol Airport | 34.1 | 16.7 | 25.43 | N/A | N/A | 0.55 | 4.0 | N/A | 4.15 | N/A | |
| | Jefferson | 33.0 | 20.9 | 26.93 | N/A | N/A | 0.54 | 4.0 | -0.23 | 3.23 | 0.04 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 34.3 | 18.0 | 26.17 | 31.31 | -5.47 | 0.64 | 4 | -0.17 | 3.52 | 0.07 | |
| | SOUTHERN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bradford 2 | 37.2 | 28.0 | 32.6 | N/A | N/A | 0.11 | 2.0 | -0.47 | 2.66 | -0.81 | |
| | Concord Asos | 41.3 | 28.9 | 35.07 | 36.47 | -1.4 | 2.4 | 5.0 | 1.52 | 3.16 | -0.37 | |
| | East Milford | 42.6 | 28.1 | 35.36 | 37.8 | -2.44 | 0.77 | 5.0 | -0.27 | 2.79 | -1.01 | |
| | Epping | 42.2 | 29.3 | 35.75 | 36.91 | -1.17 | 0.68 | 5.0 | -0.14 | 3.08 | -0.82 | |
| | Hancock | 40.0 | 24.8 | 32.4 | N/A | N/A | 0.54 | 3.0 | N/A | 1.43 | N/A | |
| | Jaffrey Silver Ranch Airpark | 41.6 | 25.9 | 33.71 | N/A | N/A | 1.31 | 6.0 | N/A | 3.35 | N/A | |

| | | 1 | Air Temp | erature L | ast Week | | Precipitation | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|---------------|--------------|-------|---------------|----------------------|--|
| State | Station | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN | |
| | Keene | 39.9 | 25.1 | 32.5 | 35.73 | -3.23 | 1.03 | 6.0 | 0.12 | 2.33 | -1.08 | |
| | Lakeport 2 | 39.8 | 31.8 | 35.83 | 36.9 | -0.88 | 0.77 | 5.0 | -0.02 | 2.89 | -0.74 | |
| | Lebanon Municipal Ap | 40.0 | 27.9 | 33.93 | 36.24 | -2.31 | 1.23 | 5.0 | 0.42 | 2.25 | -1.11 | |
| | North Conway | 38.9 | 26.4 | 32.64 | 33.77 | -1.13 | 0.64 | 3.0 | -0.5 | 3.44 | -1.13 | |
| | Tamworth 4 | 37.1 | 23.7 | 30.43 | 34.2 | -3.77 | 0.65 | 5.0 | -0.5 | 4.21 | -0.36 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 40.1 | 27.3 | 33.66 | 36.00 | -2.04 | 0.92 | 6 | 0.02 | 2.87 | -0.83 | |
| | STATE TOTAL | 38.3 | 24.4 | 31.35 | 34.56 | -3.10 | 0.83 | 5 | -0.04 | 3.07 | -0.55 | |
| Rhode Island | ALL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Newport State Ap | 48.6 | 37.9 | 43.21 | 44.1 | -0.89 | 1.43 | 5.0 | 0.35 | 2.74 | -1.23 | |
| | Providence | 47.4 | 35.4 | 41.43 | 42.83 | -1.4 | 1.86 | 5.0 | 0.75 | 2.96 | -1.14 | |
| | Westerly State Airport | 50.3 | 38.4 | 44.36 | 42.6 | 1.76 | 1.95 | 4.0 | 0.98 | 3.38 | -0.65 | |
| | Woonsocket | 45.1 | 31.7 | 38.43 | 40.97 | -2.54 | 0.87 | 4.0 | -0.27 | 3.08 | -1.37 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 47.9 | 35.8 | 41.86 | 42.62 | -0.77 | 1.53 | 5 | 0.45 | 3.04 | -1.10 | |
| | STATE TOTAL | 47.9 | 35.8 | 41.86 | 42.62 | -0.77 | 1.53 | 5 | 0.45 | 3.04 | -1.10 | |
| Vermont | NORTHEASTERN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Averill | 33.3 | 17.7 | 25.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0.0 | N/A | 2.23 | N/A | |
| | Barre Montpelier Knapp State Ap | 35.4 | 24.7 | 30.07 | 33.37 | -3.3 | 0.82 | 5.0 | 0.07 | 3.12 | 0.14 | |
| | Burlington International Airport | 38.4 | 27.0 | 32.71 | 36.39 | -3.67 | 0.5 | 4.0 | -0.22 | 5.61 | 2.6 | |
| | Corinth | 35.9 | 21.1 | 28.5 | 31.94 | -3.44 | 0.57 | 5.0 | N/A | 3.43 | N/A | |
| | Newport | 34.1 | 17.3 | 25.71 | 31.3 | -5.59 | 0.39 | 4.0 | -0.46 | 6.44 | 3.09 | |
| | Rochester | 39.1 | 21.1 | 30.14 | 34.84 | -4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.88 | 0.0 | -3.08 | |
| | Saint Johnsbury | 36.9 | 23.3 | 30.07 | N/A | N/A | 0.57 | 5.0 | N/A | 2.36 | N/A | |
| | Sutton | 33.7 | 19.0 | 26.36 | 29.56 | -3.2 | 0.31 | 5.0 | -0.62 | 4.33 | 0.96 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 35.9 | 21.4 | 28.63 | 32.90 | -3.98 | 0.45 | 5 | -0.42 | 3.44 | 0.74 | |
| | WESTERN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bennington Morse State Ap | 39.7 | 29.9 | 34.79 | 37.07 | -2.29 | 1.79 | 5.0 | 1.08 | 2.63 | -0.22 | |
| | Rutland | 36.7 | 22.4 | 29.57 | 34.6 | -5.03 | 1.02 | 6.0 | 0.25 | 3.65 | 0.52 | |
| | South Lincoln | 35.7 | 19.1 | 27.43 | 33.1 | -5.67 | 0.82 | 4.0 | -0.1 | 5.6 | 2.07 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 37.4 | 23.8 | 30.60 | 34.92 | -4.33 | 1.21 | 6 | 0.41 | 3.96 | 0.79 | |
| | SOUTHEASTERN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Johnson 2 N | 35.0 | 18.0 | 26.5 | N/A | N/A | 0.46 | 3.0 | N/A | 5.9 | N/A | |
| | Springfield Hartness State Ap | 39.1 | 27.6 | 33.36 | 35.3 | -1.94 | 1.17 | 5.0 | 0.25 | 2.33 | -1.27 | |
| | Woodstock | 39.0 | 23.7 | 31.36 | 34.73 | -3.37 | 0.67 | 4.0 | -0.32 | 3.3 | -0.31 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 37.7 | 23.1 | 30.41 | 35.02 | -2.66 | 0.77 | 5 | -0.04 | 3.84 | -0.79 | |
| | STATE TOTAL | 36.7 | 22.5 | 29.57 | 33.92 | -3.88 | 0.75 | 5 | -0.08 | 3.68 | 0.51 | |

 $DFN = Departure \ from \ normal.$

 $\label{lem:weather summary provided by the Southern Regional Climate Center, \ https://climdata.srcc.lsu.edu.$

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.

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Reporter comments not available.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK, Larry James

Another 8 inches of snow this morning has ended the chance that the corn crop will be harvested before spring. Most of the soybeans were left in the field. A few reports of potato problems associated with the wet harvest, but most are keeping well.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

There is a snow cover and farmers are buttoning up for winter. Grain corn harvest is still in progress.

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL COUNTIES, Tom Smiarowski

Western parts of Massachusetts saw first measurable snow on Sunday.

BARNSTABLE/BRISTOL/DUKES/NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH,

Dr. Peter Jeranyama

The harvesting season is over and all the crop is delivered. This year's crop was lower than last year and there could be a shortfall of fresh fruit. However, the quality of the 2019 fruit was much better than 2018.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Other than some final preparations putting fields to bed, and spreading manure, not a whole lot going on.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Farmers and growers busy marketing remaining fall crops, cleaning and putting away farm equipment. Farmers assessing challenges of this growing season for planning next year. Farmers are soil testing fields for next season, spreading lime on fields, and cleaning and putting away farm equipments. Orchardists busy marketing crop. Orchardists to spread bait to control voles and paint tree trunks. Also, repairing broken bins and cleaning and putting away farm equipments.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Clouds and rain most of the week and on Sunday it was a rain deluge during the day into evening. Some nights saw very cold weather. Only some field work done this week because of rain and very wet fields in some location. Many farmstands still open and busy accommodating customer's last minute requests for turkey, pies and many other agricultural products. Many different winter vegetable varieties, root crops, greens, apples, meat and dairy products, available at farm stands and winter farmers markets. Growers ready for a short vacation after Thanksgiving and soon after getting reading for ordering seeds, soil amendments and hoping to finish field work as soon as weather permits.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Michael Sullivan

Quick end to the year with all areas of the state reporting that killing frosts have been experienced. Good fall season with plenty of pumpkins sold and lots of corn maze activities held.

VERMONT

BENNINGTON/RUTLAND, Tina Williams

Another wet week keeps fields saturated. Corn picking is wrapping up, spreading of manure is wrapping up and winter time buttoning up is being taken care of. Maple season is about to begin with many tapping in early December now.

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Winter conditions continue in Franklin County Vt. this week. Some Corn for grain being harvested and very high grain moisture is taking huge amounts propane for drying and keeping quality at bay. Manure spreading on snow has been approved by the State with caution on where spreading occurs. Following an NMP is the safe way to approach this with no applications in flood plains and land prone to spring erosion.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett

Temperatures stayed just above or below the freezing mark all week. There were several days of rain mixed with snow. Some farmers are in need of spreading manure in order to have enough winter storage. This is a challenge due to the snow cover. Farms are required to get an exemption from the State Agency of Agriculture in order to spread manure on snow covered fields. Many exemptions have been granted however only on certain fields. It looks like winter is here to stay.