

April 23, 2007

NEW YORK: Days suitable: 1.6. Soil moisture was rated 41% adequate, 59% surplus. Pastures were rated 13% very poor, 26% poor, 34% fair, 24% good, 3% excellent. In the Finger Lakes Grape Region, vineyard development was on schedule due to warmer temperatures. In the Lake Ontario Fruit Region McIntosh have developed 50% green tip. Other varieties were ¼ inch. Spraying to prevent scab infection started. Onion growers trying to assess damages done to early planted fields caused by extreme wetness. Many fields were completely under water five days after the storm. Some sweet corn has been planted under plastic. Tillage activities were delayed due to wet field conditions. A Nor'easter brought heavy rain and snow to much of the state Sunday into Monday. Flooding occurred in much of eastern New York and Long Island, lesser amounts occurred over western and central New York. Temperatures were below normal for the first portion of the week; soared well above normal Friday into Saturday. Precipitation was well above normal for the week for most of the state excluding western New York.