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NEW YORK: Cold, snowy weather dominated most of March. Toward the end of the month warmer daytime temperatures provided excellent conditions for sap runs in maple syrup sugar bushes. Producers spent long days and nights boiling sap to make syrup. Apple, onion, and potato growers continued moving their crops from storage for grading and packing. Other major activities included tending livestock, spreading manure, attending meetings and trade shows, and finalizing plans for the upcoming season.