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NEW YORK: Winter finally let New York out of its grasp after the last snowfall on April fool's day. Temperatures ranged from the upper 20's to lower 60's. Most areas saw precipitation early in the week, but clear skies dominated the majority of the week. Maple syrup production continued in the northern portion of the state, but will probably finish this week as the warming trend continues. 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, preparing equipment for plantings, and finalizing plans for the upcoming season. Fence repairs and machinery maintenance continued.