

Crop Progress & Condition



NEW YORK

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Very Poor Week for Field Work: New York had an average of 1 day suitable for field work. Much of New York is still covered with snow from the winter which was one of the worst in recent memory. Some melting of the snow was being reported for this past week as temperatures rose into the 50s throughout much of the state. This warmer weather with a mix of rain showers this past week saturated the ground in some areas. Most of the state though, is still covered with snow and the ground is still frozen. This means that farmers are not able to work in their fields because they are too wet, snow covered or still frozen. Farmers are hoping that temperatures rise soon and the fields thaw or dry out some so that they can start their planting. Winter wheat seems to have made it through the winter fairly well but in some of the harder hit areas farmers are still concerned. Fruit and grape producers are reporting that their trees were hit hard by the winter and some freeze damage is expected. The maple season started late because of the persistent cold temperatures but the sap is running now, although the season is expected to be shortened this year. Overall, it was a cold, snow filled winter for New York and farmers are ready for warmer temperatures so they can get into the fields and start planting. Field activities for the week include fixing equipment, pruning trees, spreading manure where able, attending meetings, collecting and boiling sap for maple syrup production.

NY Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 6, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	0%	18%	82%
Subsoil	0%	0%	32%	68%

Crop Progress

The hard winter in New York has caused a delay in the planting season so there is no crop progress to report. Fields are either covered in snow, frozen or saturated with water.

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	5	61	33	1
Pasture and Range	31	21	40	8	0

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oce/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin](#)."

Weather Summary For New York [Northeast Region NASS]
 Prepared By AWIS.com from NWS preliminary data

For the Period: March 31, 2014
 To: April 6, 2014

LAST WEEK WEATHER SUMMARY | April 1, 2014 - April 6, 2014

STATION	PRECIPITATION			PRECIPITATION			GDD BASE 50F		BASE 40F		DFN	TOT
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN	TOTAL	DAYS	TOTAL	DFN	DAYS	TOTAL		
NORTHERN												
Fort_Drum	47	22	34	-6	0.52	3	0.48	-0.12	2	0	+0	1
Highmarket	52	15	31	-5	0.66	3	0.65	-0.31	2	0	+0	0
Hooker_12NNW	53	23	34	+2	0.48	2	0.44	-0.28	1	0	+0	0
Lowville	49	24	34	-4	0.32	1	0.32	-0.31	1	0	+0	0
Massena	43	22	34	-4	0.52	2	0.51	-0.05	1	0	+0	0
Watertown_Intl	52	18	36	-3	0.49	1	0.49	-0.05	1	0	+0	7
NORTHEAST												
Indian_Lake	52	19	33	+1	0.70	2	0.58	-0.02	1	0	+0	0
Malone	50	23	32	-3	0.31	2	0.27	-0.26	1	0	+0	0
Newcomb	53	20	34	+2	0.75	2	0.60	+0.00	1	0	+0	0
North_Creek	53	22	35	-3	0.50	2	0.45	-0.33	1	0	+0	0
Plattsburgh_Int	54	21	36	-3	0.36	2	0.32	-0.25	1	0	+0	4
Tupper_Lake_Sun	49	20	31	-3	0.44	3	0.40	-0.20	2	0	+0	0
WESTERN												
Avon	58	18	37	-4	0.31	3	0.31	-0.23	3	0	+0	5
Buffalo_Intl_AP	68	26	39	-2	0.49	2	0.48	-0.12	1	1	+1	16
Canandaigua_3S	54	25	37	-4	0.19	2	0.17	-0.42	1	0	+0	3
Colden_1W	64	20	36	-3	0.46	1	0.46	-0.26	1	0	+0	7
Dansville_AP	65	19	40	-1	0.21	3	0.21	-0.28	3	0	+0	17
Geneva_Research	57	25	37	-3	0.29	3	0.19	-0.35	2	0	+0	5
Rochester_NY	54	22	37	-4	0.52	2	0.52	-0.02	2	0	+0	7
Warsaw	61	21	34	-4	0.48	3	0.47	-0.19	2	0	+0	5
Youngstown	59	25	37	-4	0.48	2	0.48	+0.00	2	0	+0	6
CENTRAL												
Auburn_NY	58	23	36	-5	0.35	3	0.29	-0.34	2	0	+0	6
Boonville	51	18	31	-5	0.82	1	0.82	-0.14	1	0	+0	0
Cooperstown	55	30	39	+2	0.36	2	0.26	-0.46	1	0	+0	6
Fulton-Oswego	52	24	36	-5	0.58	2	0.58	-0.10	2	0	+0	2
Oneonta	56	18	35	-6	0.35	3	0.06	-0.72	2	0	+0	1
Sherburne	56	23	36	-3	0.46	2	0.17	-0.48	1	0	+0	2
Syracuse_AP	58	25	38	-3	0.35	2	0.35	-0.31	2	0	+0	7
EASTERN												
Albany_County_A	60	28	41	-2	0.21	3	0.11	-0.54	2	0	+0	14
Alcove_Dam	57	14	38	-2	0.37	3	0.14	-0.57	2	0	+0	4
Brunswick_NY	57	29	39	+0	0.28	3	0.13	-0.59	2	0	+0	6
Buskirk	55	27	37	-3	0.69	2	0.40	-0.32	1	0	+0	3
Cobleskill	55	25	37	-2	0.25	2	0.14	-0.46	1	0	+0	1
Peck_Lake	48	22	34	-4	0.88	2	0.65	-0.13	1	0	+0	0
Saratoga_Spring	56	28	39	-3	0.56	3	0.48	-0.24	2	0	+0	5
SOUTHWEST												
Alfred	66	17	35	-3	0.50	3	0.49	-0.11	2	0	+0	4
Bath	61	21	37	-3	0.29	3	0.29	-0.22	3	0	+0	5
Corning	59	20	36	-4	0.43	3	0.42	-0.09	2	0	+0	3
Franklinville	64	14	35	-3	0.37	3	0.37	-0.26	3	0	+0	5
Jamestown_AP	66	25	39	-2	0.40	2	0.40	-0.26	2	0	+0	16
Olean	66	21	38	+0	0.58	3	0.58	-0.14	3	0	+0	10
Perrysburg	65	23	38	-3	0.56	2	0.56	-0.04	2	0	+0	9
SOUTHERN												
Binghamton_Broo	59	26	38	-2	0.23	3	0.20	-0.46	2	0	+0	15
Elmira_Ag	62	21	37	-4	0.35	2	0.35	-0.23	2	0	+0	10
Ithaca_Cornell_	58	23	36	-4	0.25	2	0.25	-0.38	2	0	+0	2
Mecklenburg	54	22	32	-7	0.22	3	0.22	-0.44	3	0	+0	0
Owego_3WSW	62	20	38	-3	0.34	4	0.30	-0.41	3	0	+0	7
Whitney_Point_L	58	25	38	-3	0.15	3	0.15	-0.56	3	0	+0	4
SOUTHEAST												
Bridgehampton	60	29	42	-2	0.47	3	0.24	-0.66	2	0	+0	17
Carmel_4N	57	26	41	-4	0.54	2	0.16	-0.68	1	0	+0	17
East_Jewett	56	24	37	+2	0.50	3	0.09	-0.87	2	0	+0	3
Mohonk_Lake	60	29	44	+2	0.52	3	0.36	-0.47	2	0	+0	29
Montgomery_NY_A	63	24	43	+2	0.39	3	0.14	-0.58	2	2	+2	25
New_York_LGA	64	36	47	-2	0.57	4	0.28	-0.47	3	3	-3	47
Poughkeepsie_Ag	62	30	44	+1	0.36	2	0.25	-0.47	1	0	+0	29
Vanderbilt_Muse	63	32	44	-2	0.74	4	0.39	-0.51	3	2	+2	32
Walton	59	23	37	-4	0.80	3	0.24	-0.54	2	0	+0	2
Yorktown_Height	61	30	43	-1	0.72	4	0.30	-0.54	3	0	+0	23

Summary based on NWS data.
 DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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.

Allegheny/Cattaraugus Counties, Aaron Santangelo

Most ground is still frozen across Allegheny County. Topsoil surface thaws during days, freezes at night. Temperature fluctuations (above freezing days, below freezing nights) provides ideal situation for frost seeding pastures and wheat stands.

Broome County, Maria Heath

Frost out of the top 8-12" of ground.

Capital Region, Laura McDermott

It has been too wet to work any soils in eastern NY area, although this week should provide really great warming and drying hopefully!

Cayuga/Onondaga/Oswego Counties, Krista Tyrrell

All 3 counties remain saturated at this point as a result of heavy snow melt and rain.

Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester Counties, Sandy Ferry

The snow is finally melting in Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester Counties! Farmers are concerned about winter kill in their alfalfa fields as well as freeze damage on stone fruit and grapes.

Cortland/Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty

Long, cold winter has delayed spring work. Fields are too wet or frozen, but manure spreading is underway. Maple sap season was delayed and just recently has been running, likely to be short-lived.

Erie County, Megan Burley

Snow is still melting. Not a whole lot going on out there.

Essex County, David Reckahn

Snow just starting to melt this week and no fieldwork as it is too wet and cold. By the end of the week areas near Lake Champlain open but all fields away from the lake have as much as 2 feet of snow.

Franklin County, Jennifer Bosely

There has been some melting but there is still quite a bit of snow & ice covering the fields.

Herkimer County, Mary Snider

Herkimer County has had continuing cool weather, delaying field work.

Jefferson/Lewis Counties, Glenn Bullock

Still snow on much of the ground.

Lewis County, Joe Lawrence

Snow cover just began to recede this past week. Temperatures remain cold.

Madison County, Jessica Pylman

The lower flat areas of Madison County are very wet with water sitting on top of most low area of the fields. The hill areas of Madison County have a heavy flow of water runoff from melting snow. Everything is very wet. I've not seen or heard of any spring planted or even field work at this time.

Oneida County, William Paddock

Oneida County New York is really just starting to see Spring. No one is working in the fields as most of the county just lost snow cover within the past week. Some parts of the county have 3-5 inches in the meadows or corn fields in the low spots. Winter wheat is not doing much yet. This past week is the first week that we had some heat and some rain to melt the snow. Frost is still in the ground but is beginning to come out.

Ontario/Wayne Counties, James Peck

Most ground still has deep frost. Some is open, but saturated.

Ontario County, Joann Rogers

At the beginning of the week colder than normal temperatures and snow and then rain for the majority of the week has delayed spring work to date. Maple sap is being collected and is running behind normal years.

Orange County, Ford Barber

The majority of cropland in the county continues to be heavily saturated, and frost is still present in the ground. The temperatures have hovered between 35 and 50 degrees during the day for the past week. There currently appears to be little to no "green" in pastures and hay fields across the county. Only one producer has reported planting any onions to date.

Otsego County, Lisa Knapp

Otsego County has had continuing cool weather, delaying field work.

Saratoga/Warren/Washington Counties, David Holck

We have had over 70 inches of snow this winter, about 20 more than normal for our counties. The cold weather has delayed maple producers from boiling sap to make syrup. This past week it got up to the 50's during the day, and maple producers were boiling as fast as possible before the season ends. So far maple production is well below normal levels.

St. Lawrence County, Clark Putnam

Snow and ice still remains in the county.

Steuben County, Jamie Earl

The snow is finally melting enough to see the ground in most areas in Steuben County. Future crop reports will have more information about wheat and other crops.

Steuben/Yates Counties, Amy Parmelee

There is still a lot of frost in the ground. It is too hard to know how the wheat is at this time- hence the fair grade

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