

# Crop Progress & Condition



## NEW YORK

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**Fair Week for Field Work:** New York had an average of 3.5 days suitable for field work. The week started out fairly nice for most parts of New York. With the warm temperatures and sunny days, farmers were able to be out in the fields plowing and planting crops. A lot of corn went into the ground in the beginning of the week. Hay and pastures are looking great and many cows were let out into pasture for the first time this year. Towards the middle and end of the week rain moved into the state, and all field work was delayed even more. There were some strong storms that dropped a lot of rain on parts of New York causing flooding in some fields. There are reports of a lot of ponding, erosion and worries about fields that had already been planted but feared now that things have washed away. The rain also brought cooler temperatures to the state, which is causing more delays in plantings and plant growth. Right now, it seems as though the soil is too saturated and cool for crops. Reporters are saying that almost everything is several weeks behind schedule compared to previous years, and farmers are trying to catch up whenever possible. Looking to the week ahead looks like farmers should expect day-time temperatures in the 60s and 70s with a chance of rain almost every day. Night-time temperature will be quite cool though as they are expected to drop into the 40s in some places. Field activities for the week include hauling and spreading manure, applying fertilizer, plowing and planting of fields, spraying of trees and fixing machinery.

Onions Planted	30%	23%	94%	83%
Potatoes Planted	27%	15%	47%	58%
Snap Beans Planted	22%	16%	5%	10%
Sweet Corn Planted	29%	17%	35%	32%
Winter Wheat Breaking Dormancy	95%	93%	N/A	N/A
Winter Wheat Jointing	42%	36%	N/A	N/A
Apples Green Tip	78%	51%	100%	100%
Apples Pink	48%	47%	90%	91%
Peaches Green Tip	69%	68%	100%	100%
Peaches Pink	51%	34%	90%	95%
Pears Green Tip	70%	70%	100%	100%
Pears Pink	47%	45%	87%	96%
Sweet Cherries Green Tip	60%	52%	100%	100%
Sweet Cherries Pink	44%	44%	93%	98%
Tart Cherries Green Tip	78%	73%	100%	N/A
Tart Cherries Pink	25%	25%	99%	N/A

### New York Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 18, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	1%	40%	59%
Subsoil	0%	0%	47%	53%

### Crop Progress (%)

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Spring Tillage	51%	40%	N/A	N/A
Barley Planted	42%	28%	N/A	N/A
Cabbage Planted	9%	4%	N/A	N/A
Corn Planted	16%	8%	56%	50%
Oats Planted	50%	32%	86%	81%

### Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Hay Alfalfa	3	7	41	42	7
Hay Other Than Alfalfa	3	7	39	45	6
Pasture and Range	6	11	41	35	7
Winter Wheat	0	8	37	46	9

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## May 18, 2014 New York Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northern	Fort_Drum	87	36	60	+5	1.21	3	8.88	+3.92	23	183	+66	463
	Highmarket	79	29	59	+6	1.15	3	7.85	+0.72	25	126	+54	300
	Hooker_12NNW	83	35	61	+10	1.61	4	9.01	+2.97	24	156	+107	419
	Lowville	82	34	61	+7	1.13	2	5.41	+0.38	17	158	+60	396
	Massena	92	35	61	+5	1.31	4	6.07	+1.51	24	143	+26	413
	Watertown_Intl	86	34	60	+6	1.38	5	8.65	+4.25	23	182	+85	477
Northeast	Indian_Lake	78	35	59	+9	1.84	4	7.03	+2.10	25	98	+61	269
	Malone	84	38	60	+7	1.99	3	7.96	+3.60	26	138	+73	380
	Newcomb	81	33	61	+10	2.56	3	9.30	+3.99	24	116	+74	292
	North_Creek	79	34	58	+3	2.10	4	7.04	+0.73	22	102	+14	329
	Plattsburgh_Int	79	39	61	+6	1.46	3	5.52	+0.84	24	147	+47	442
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	82	30	59	+8	2.73	3	8.14	+2.87	27	115	+68	294
Western	Avon	88	42	63	+7	3.20	6	7.54	+3.12	22	204	+83	513
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	85	41	62	+5	2.23	4	7.75	+2.86	22	195	+61	522
	Canandaigua_3S	86	38	62	+6	2.83	6	7.19	+2.49	24	185	+57	476
	Colden_1W	85	35	59	+6	2.10	4	6.82	+1.07	23	162	+75	420
	Dansville_AP	89	39	65	+9	3.17	6	6.14	+1.87	24	280	+150	630
	Geneva_Research	86	40	61	+5	3.44	4	7.43	+2.90	23	183	+56	475
	Rochester_NY	87	42	63	+7	2.47	5	6.58	+2.24	24	230	+96	567
	Warsaw	84	36	60	+7	2.25	6	6.79	+1.42	25	149	+74	388
	Youngstown	75	40	58	+2	1.60	3	4.70	+0.61	18	121	-11	436
Central	Auburn_NY	85	38	61	+4	3.05	4	8.58	+3.52	23	194	+51	479
	Boonville	79	35	60	+7	1.61	3	8.58	+1.45	22	134	+62	325
	Cooperstown	81	38	60	+7	2.40	2	8.18	+2.43	23	178	+102	486
	Fulton-Oswego	84	37	62	+7	1.15	4	5.70	+0.58	24	210	+97	499
	Oneonta	82	34	60	+5	3.54	3	7.64	+1.14	24	140	+29	378
	Sherburne	84	35	62	+7	2.82	2	6.80	+1.49	22	179	+82	445
	Syracuse_AP	85	39	64	+7	2.22	3	8.07	+2.72	22	243	+105	563
Eastern	Albany_County_A	86	39	64	+7	1.44	3	4.39	-0.96	19	255	+103	613
	Alcove_Dam	84	35	60	+4	2.26	3	5.81	-0.09	22	149	+44	437
	Brunswick_NY	84	40	62	+7	1.43	3	5.26	-1.24	23	196	+90	530
	Buskirk	84	33	60	+5	1.23	2	5.03	-1.47	19	156	+50	426
	Cobleskill	82	36	62	+7	2.97	3	6.37	+1.46	21	169	+68	432
	Peck_Lake	79	34	58	+3	1.79	3	9.06	+2.68	23	104	+9	299
	Saratoga_Spring	88	39	63	+5	1.13	3	5.19	-0.75	24	195	+33	508
Southwest	Alfred	87	31	58	+6	2.76	5	6.90	+1.91	24	164	+88	401
	Bath	89	35	60	+6	3.29	5	7.66	+3.37	25	173	+76	446
	Corning	85	36	59	+5	2.60	4	6.52	+2.23	22	148	+51	393
	Franklinville	85	31	58	+6	2.35	6	7.14	+1.88	28	145	+79	385
	Jamestown_AP	84	34	60	+4	2.95	5	5.42	+0.03	19	195	+74	486
	Olean	87	35	60	+7	4.18	5	8.83	+3.24	26	161	+85	448
	Perrysburg	85	36	59	+4	3.97	5	9.17	+4.59	20	156	+32	434
Southern	Binghamton_Broo	82	40	62	+7	2.26	3	6.21	+0.70	24	199	+91	509
	Elmira_Ag	84	41	61	+4	1.23	4	5.05	+0.48	22	180	+50	466
	Ithaca_Cornell_	84	38	60	+6	2.34	4	6.15	+1.04	23	169	+67	441
	Mecklenburg	80	38	59	+6	1.93	3	5.49	+0.23	24	138	+53	346
	Owego_3WSW	84	40	62	+7	1.67	3	4.98	-0.46	20	163	+53	435
	Whitney_Point_L	83	38	61	+6	1.49	2	5.18	-0.26	23	166	+56	444
Southeast	Bridgehampton	77	46	61	+5	1.07	2	6.45	-0.11	17	156	+34	493
	Carmel_4N	82	42	60	+1	1.35	4	7.27	+0.26	21	180	-16	525
	East_Jewett	82	30	57	+6	3.72	3	9.14	+1.60	23	107	+58	337
	Mohonk_Lake	79	43	62	+4	1.30	3	7.73	+0.42	22	223	+49	613
	Montgomery_NY_A	83	38	63	+6	1.43	3	7.94	+1.42	19	259	+111	634
	New_York_LGA	82	51	65	+4	1.75	3	11.52	+5.39	19	332	+50	763
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	86	43	63	+6	1.92	3	9.13	+2.54	19	237	+76	611
	Vanderbilt_Muse	82	46	63	+4	0.58	3	8.25	+1.69	20	253	+40	647
	Walton	81	33	60	+5	2.78	3	7.50	+1.00	19	137	+26	388
	Yorktown_Height	83	45	62	+4	1.39	3	8.47	+1.23	19	242	+61	639

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

### **Broome County, Maria Heath**

Excessive rain and cooler temperatures has slowed things down at the end of the week.

### **Broome/Courtland/Tioga/Tompkins Counties, Janice Degni**

Northwest Cortland County received 1.5" rain Wednesday evening and Friday day. It was steady but not torrential. Some ponding in fields forming, hopefully will be short lived. Erosion evident on tilled ground. Hay crop: alfalfa and grass jumped dramatically in last week from heat. Pastures have greened up and have some growth. Corn planting progressing but slowly. Much hill ground not even tilled yet. Much manure still to be spread. My estimate is that about 25% of corn is planted. Some ground was already too wet to work before Friday's steady rain. Small grains came through winter ok if not planted too late in fall. They too are starting to take off. I believe much anticipated Oat plantings will be abandoned because it is late now.

### **Cayuga/Oswego/Onondaga Counties, Krista Tyrrell**

There were a couple days in the beginning of the week where farmers were able to get some field work done. Spotty heavy rains on Tuesday night dropped up to 2 inches in places causing field work to stop again. Heavy rains on Thursday night and Friday morning are widespread. Fields are washed and have gullies running through them. Onion producers in Oswego County are reporting onions regularly. Producers are reporting winter kill on hay fields.

### **Clinton/Essex/Franklin/St. Lawrence Counties, Kitty O'Neil**

Forage seedings are mostly completed across the North Country. Corn planting and hay and pasture development are all behind normal progress. Delay is more serious for St. Lawrence and Franklin counties and less serious for Clinton County. Many more alfalfa and alfalfa-grass fields have been reseeded as a result of severe winter damage.

### **Cortland/Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty**

Cooler temperatures returned with the rain, which has stopped field work. Seedings and small grain plantings were nearing completion and corn was moving along. Animals have returned to pasture and hay fields have grown greatly while the weather was warm and sunny.

### **Delaware County, Mariane Kiraly**

Heavy rain hampered further planting efforts.

### **Lewis County, Joe Lawrence**

The past week was the most productive for field progress so far this season. Around 1 inch of rain Friday brought everything to a halt but by Saturday afternoon and Sunday there was some activity again on better drained ground.

### **Livingston County, Dean Pendergast**

Nearly all of the ground in the county is saturated with ponding in many fields. Many acres of early planted corn are under water in

parts of the Genesee Valley. Producers are as much concerned with the calendar as the current field conditions.

### **Madison County, Karen Baase**

Ideal planting conditions and favorable weather helped farmers this week. Brief thunder showers Tuesday didn't delay corn planting or finishing new hay seedings. Spraying for corn weed control may be at its peak this week before Friday's predicted rain. Most - if not all - grazed cattle are out in pasture. We anticipate 1st cutting alfalfa and/or grass harvest within 5 days to 2 weeks depending on elevation and forage mix.

### **Madison County, Jessica Pylman**

Beginning of the week was great and many farmers said they worked all week long through much of the night on Thursday to get things done before the forecasted rain. Fridays all day rain event slowed things down for Friday and Saturday but Sunday seem to be when farmers were getting back to their fieldwork. Lower elevations seem to just be getting into planting their corn in the last week or two. Some of the farmers in the higher elevations are done or finishing up with corn plantings.

### **Oneida County, William Paddock**

Weather was very nice at the beginning of the week with lots of work being done. Corn and soybeans are now being planted. Pastures are in excellent condition with many cows going out to pasture this week.

### **Ontario County, Joann Rogers**

Ontario County producers planted at the beginning of the week only to have heavy rain storms mid-week and again towards the end of the week. Many reports of flash flooding and washed out fields that were planted. These heavy rains have even further delayed planting and producers are behind schedule.

### **Otsego County, Lisa Knapp**

Many producers have switched to planting corn and then plan to proceed/start with their new seedings.

### **Saratoga/Rensselaer/ Warren/Washington Counties, David Holck**

Our counties had some showers during the week and an inch of rain on Friday. Temperatures over the weekend were chilly, getting down into the mid to high 30's during the night. Farmers are making slow, but steady progress with tillage, seedings, and planting corn. Many farmers still do not have any corn planted yet, due to wet field conditions. Some corn has germinated and is out of the ground on well drained sandy soils.

### **Schuyler/ Seneca Counties, Kathy Mastellar**

Heavy rain 3-4 days and cool weather have once again delayed planting. Any planted crops are being affected.

**St. Lawrence County, Clark Putman**

Cold and wet. Some manure being spread and worked in but very wet. Heavy rains Friday into Saturday AM have halted field work. A few producers planted corn in previous week before rains on Friday.

**Steuben County, Jamie Earl**

Steuben County received 3" of rain between Thursday night and Friday morning. This caused localized flooding in the area. Planted fields were covered by the high water.

**Suffolk County, Alice Wise**

Shoots are growing rapidly in Long Island vineyards. Chardonnay shoots ranged from 4-7" as of May 16.

**Yates County, Amy Parmelee**

As you know Yates County has been hit very hard with flooding. Fields are over saturated. Fall grains had been looking really good after a miserable start. Planting is going very slowly.

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