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Excellent week for field work: New England averaged 6 days suitable for field work last week. Weather conditions were generally wet, hot and humid. Regional weekly temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 10 degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.07 to 3.98 inches throughout the region. Last week New England states received more needed rainfall, which helped crop growth and crop conditions improve. Cranberry bogs benefited from the additional rainfall, but berry sizes were described as being small due to dry weather in previous weeks. Blueberry harvest continued last week and yields were improving. Peach and pear harvest began and apples started to ripen and should be ready for harvest in a few weeks. Despite improved water conditions, fruit growers continued to combat the increase of Armyworm and Spotted Wing Drosophila populations caused by the hot and humid weather. Sweet corn reports indicated exceptional growth, as corn continued to tassel and began showing up in farmers' markets. Field activities for the week included treating fields for pests, tillage, side-dressing fields with fertilizer, cultivating, mowing weeds, as well as equipment repair and maintenance.

Crop Conditions as of August 5, 2018

(in percent)

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| BARLEY (ME) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 10 |
| BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME) | 0 | 0 | 25 | 50 | 25 |
| CORN | 0 | 2 | 10 | 79 | 9 |
| DRY HAY | 0 | 3 | 61 | 25 | 11 |
| OATS (ME) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 10 |
| PASTURE AND RANGE | 3 | 18 | 48 | 31 | 0 |
| PEACHES | 2 | 2 | 14 | 62 | 20 |
| PEARS | 0 | 0 | 12 | 77 | 11 |
| POTATOES (ME) | 0 | 0 | 30 | 70 | 0 |
| QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE | 0 | 0 | 8 | 27 | 65 |
| SWEET CORN | 0 | 1 | 9 | 69 | 21 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 5, 2018

(in percent)

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| TOPSOIL | 1 | 61 | 25 | 13 |
| SUBSOIL | 10 | 49 | 29 | 12 |

Crop Progress as of August 5, 2018

(in percent)

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| DRY HAY: 2nd CUTTING | 81 | 76 | 55 |
| DRY HAY: 3rd CUTTING | 27 | 24 | 13 |
| SWEET CORN: HARVESTED | 17 | 12 | 16 |

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

August 5, 2018 New England Weekly Weather Summary

Notice please be advised, the Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Weather Data Tables may be discontinued for budget reasons. This includes the possibility of discontinuing the weather data narratives and graphics Please contact your local NASS Regional Field Office with comments or compliments regarding this issue. The Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Crop Progress and Condition data will remain and be available.

| | | Last Week Weather Summary | | | | | | Accumulation Since April 1, 2018 | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----|-----|---------------|-------|------|----------------------------------|--------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | | Precipitation | | | GDD Base 50F | | Base 40F |
| State | Station | Hi | Lo | Avg | DFN | Total | Days | Total | DFN | Days | Total | DFN | Total |
| Maine | AUGUSTA STATE A | 88 | 61 | 72 | +2 | 0.55 | 3 | 15.38 | +0.34 | 61 | 1428 | +94 | 2485 |
| | BANGOR INTERNAT | 90 | 60 | 74 | +6 | 0.18 | 2 | 19.75 | +4.72 | 58 | 1370 | +134 | 2423 |
| | BETHEL 6 SSE | 87 | 53 | 70 | +1 | 1.95 | 3 | 12.72 | -10.47 | 41 | 1143 | -84 | 1996 |
| | BRIDGTON 3 NW | 85 | 54 | 70 | +3 | 1.52 | 2 | 11.29 | -6.75 | 43 | 1304 | +152 | 2327 |
| | CARIBOU WFO | 87 | 57 | 72 | +6 | 0.07 | 3 | 14.61 | +0.40 | 59 | 1246 | +230 | 2241 |
| | DOVER-FOXCROFT | 88 | 55 | 72 | +6 | 0.09 | 1 | 12.94 | -2.66 | 47 | 1193 | +117 | 2164 |
| | DURHAM | 88 | 54 | 71 | +4 | 0.88 | 3 | 13.84 | -3.13 | 48 | 1224 | +88 | 2236 |
| | EAST SURRY | 87 | 58 | 73 | +5 | 0.20 | 3 | 14.36 | -2.21 | 48 | 1123 | -18 | 2122 |
| | EUSTIS | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 14.48 | -1.17 | 43 | 903 | +52 | 1809 |
| | FRENCHVILLE NOR | 86 | 60 | 72 | +8 | 0.11 | 2 | 12.54 | -2.10 | 66 | 1279 | +356 | 2270 |
| | HARMONY | 91 | 52 | 70 | +2 | 1.69 | 3 | 14.00 | -2.95 | 45 | 1362 | +187 | 2335 |
| | HOLLIS | 86 | 54 | 71 | +3 | 1.86 | 3 | 15.35 | -3.39 | 52 | 1294 | +81 | 2283 |
| | HOULTON AIRPORT | 87 | 54 | 70 | +4 | 0.87 | 2 | 15.13 | -0.04 | 66 | 1136 | +142 | 2114 |
| | LIVERMORE FALLS | 88 | 56 | 71 | +1 | 1.81 | 2 | 15.25 | -5.46 | 42 | 1221 | -22 | 2218 |
| | MILLINOCKET MUN | 88 | 58 | 72 | +4 | 2.79 | 4 | 17.92 | +2.46 | 62 | 1332 | +146 | 2358 |
| | MOOSEHEAD | 84 | 57 | 70 | +5 | 0.39 | 2 | 16.10 | -0.49 | 49 | 1004 | +75 | 1894 |
| | PORTLAND JETPOR | 90 | 59 | 73 | +3 | 1.98 | 3 | 19.31 | +3.05 | 56 | 1430 | +160 | 2493 |
| | RANGELEY | 82 | 51 | 67 | +3 | 2.15 | 3 | 14.72 | -1.06 | 58 | 986 | +104 | 1940 |
| | TOPSFIELD 2 | 86 | 59 | 73 | +5 | 1.16 | 3 | 18.35 | +1.46 | 48 | 1236 | +114 | 2248 |
| | TURNER | 87 | 58 | 72 | +4 | 1.27 | 3 | 14.47 | -2.49 | 49 | 1418 | +142 | 2456 |
| | WEST ROCKPORT 1 | 88 | 61 | 74 | +6 | 0.55 | 2 | 15.42 | -2.08 | 40 | 1324 | +188 | 2368 |
| | WHITING | 90 | 56 | 74 | +8 | 0.80 | 2 | 15.26 | -1.59 | 30 | 1174 | +231 | 2116 |
| | WOODLAND | 90 | 67 | 78 | +10 | 0.35 | 2 | 12.47 | -2.74 | 37 | 1536 | +356 | 2526 |
| New Hampshire | BERLIN | 84 | 51 | 68 | +2 | 2.17 | 3 | 15.91 | +0.35 | 51 | 1194 | +40 | 2204 |
| | BRADFORD 2 | 84 | 53 | 70 | +1 | 2.38 | 3 | 15.08 | -6.15 | 42 | 1302 | +34 | 2298 |
| | COLEBROOK 3SW | 81 | 48 | 67 | +2 | 0.53 | 4 | 12.31 | -3.22 | 49 | 856 | -126 | 1734 |
| | CONCORD MUNICIPAL | 90 | 57 | 72 | +2 | 3.84 | 3 | 18.18 | +3.10 | 62 | 1628 | +210 | 2680 |
| | EAST MILFORD | 90 | 58 | 73 | +3 | 0.81 | 2 | 18.04 | +0.37 | 43 | 1650 | +192 | 2708 |
| | EPPING | 90 | 58 | 73 | +3 | 0.58 | 3 | 17.21 | +0.24 | 52 | 1490 | +56 | 2496 |
| | ERROL AIRPORT | 82 | 48 | 67 | +3 | 1.40 | 2 | 14.15 | -0.96 | 52 | 1000 | +45 | 1962 |
| | HANCOCK | 87 | 54 | 72 | +3 | 2.10 | 2 | 10.49 | -7.84 | 26 | 1125 | -236 | 1917 |
| | JAFFREY SILVER | 88 | 58 | 73 | +5 | 1.61 | 3 | 19.36 | +1.55 | 45 | 1656 | +372 | 2697 |
| | JEFFERSON | 84 | 52 | 69 | +5 | 2.61 | 2 | 17.13 | +1.61 | 50 | 1236 | +236 | 2209 |
| | KEENE | 88 | 56 | 71 | +2 | 3.72 | 3 | 17.83 | +1.62 | 50 | 1422 | +12 | 2443 |
| | LAKEPORT 2 | 87 | 59 | 74 | +3 | 1.69 | 3 | 13.27 | -3.54 | 40 | 1711 | +221 | 2768 |
| | LEBANON MUNICIPAL | 91 | 61 | 72 | +1 | 1.61 | 3 | 19.26 | +5.48 | 66 | 1644 | +176 | 2693 |
| | LYNDEBOROUGH | 87 | 56 | 71 | 0 | 2.03 | 4 | 16.67 | +0.10 | 52 | 1526 | +204 | 2564 |
| | NORTH CONWAY | 87 | 53 | 71 | +3 | 1.15 | 3 | 15.23 | -2.60 | 50 | 1494 | +262 | 2532 |
| | TAMWORTH 4 | 82 | 49 | 68 | +1 | 2.08 | 3 | 15.88 | -3.24 | 45 | 1146 | -54 | 2140 |
| | WOLFEBORO | 82 | 61 | 72 | +5 | 3.98 | 3 | 15.08 | -4.04 | 51 | 1548 | +348 | 2603 |
| Vermont | AVERILL | 80 | 52 | 68 | +1 | 0.12 | 1 | 9.25 | -6.55 | 49 | 1062 | -135 | 1988 |
| | BARRE MONTPELIE | 79 | 50 | 68 | +1 | 0.78 | 4 | 18.28 | +3.60 | 69 | 1260 | +68 | 2282 |
| | BENNINGTON MORS | 83 | 53 | 69 | +1 | 3.00 | 4 | 19.86 | +3.72 | 69 | 1534 | +228 | 2588 |
| | BURLINGTON WSO | 86 | 59 | 76 | +6 | 0.22 | 6 | 19.14 | +4.33 | 72 | 1862 | +366 | 2922 |
| | CORINTH | 79 | 52 | 67 | +2 | 1.82 | 3 | 16.11 | -5.11 | 51 | 1096 | +48 | 2072 |
| | JOHNSON | 80 | 52 | 68 | +3 | 0.55 | 3 | 13.17 | -4.62 | 46 | 1098 | -40 | 2036 |
| | MARLBORO RAWES | 81 | 56 | 69 | -3 | 3.04 | 3 | 21.76 | +4.49 | 50 | 1216 | -403 | 2110 |

| | | Last Week Weather Summary | | | | | | Accumulation Since April 1, 2018 | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------------|------|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | Precipitation | | | GDD Base 50F | | Base 40F |
| State | Station | Hi | Lo | Avg | DFN | Total | Days | Total | DFN | Days | Total | DFN | Total |
| | NEWPORT | 83 | 55 | 71 | +5 | 0.13 | 2 | 18.19 | +2.39 | 60 | 1296 | +100 | 2290 |
| | ROCHESTER | 84 | 54 | 72 | +5 | 1.70 | 3 | 12.02 | -6.50 | 39 | 1128 | -27 | 2056 |
| | RUTLAND | 83 | 53 | 70 | +2 | 2.12 | 3 | 15.29 | -0.79 | 51 | 1366 | +24 | 2376 |
| | SAINT JOHNSBURY | 87 | 54 | 73 | +3 | 2.17 | 1 | 17.46 | +2.30 | 54 | 1535 | +86 | 2578 |
| | SOUTH LINCOLN | 79 | 51 | 68 | +2 | 0.78 | 4 | 12.83 | -5.83 | 45 | 1003 | -103 | 1898 |
| | SPRINGFIELD HAR | 83 | 55 | 68 | -1 | 2.01 | 4 | 18.18 | +1.81 | 65 | 1450 | +124 | 2478 |
| | SUTTON | 80 | 53 | 69 | +5 | 0.43 | 2 | 15.60 | -1.06 | 59 | 1172 | +197 | 2154 |
| | WOODSTOCK | 87 | 54 | 72 | +4 | 1.83 | 4 | 16.23 | +0.91 | 49 | 1490 | +156 | 2508 |
| Massachusetts | AMHERST | 89 | 56 | 75 | +4 | 1.99 | 4 | 21.73 | +4.89 | 49 | 1748 | +224 | 2812 |
| | BARRE FALLS DAM | 95 | 60 | 77 | +9 | 0.14 | 2 | 15.03 | -2.08 | 42 | 1798 | +580 | 2824 |
| | BEDFORD HANSCOM | 93 | 59 | 76 | +3 | 0.33 | 3 | 17.94 | +1.70 | 54 | 1784 | +116 | 2876 |
| | BEVERLY MUNICIP | 92 | 62 | 75 | +4 | 0.53 | 2 | 17.43 | +1.10 | 63 | 1659 | +228 | 2768 |
| | BIRCH HILL DAM | 88 | 55 | 72 | +3 | 1.70 | 5 | 19.95 | +2.60 | 54 | 1556 | +234 | 2592 |
| | BOSTON/LOGAN IN | 95 | 69 | 78 | +5 | 0.70 | 2 | 17.26 | +2.31 | 61 | 1908 | +205 | 3036 |
| | CHATHAM MUNICIP | 86 | 66 | 75 | +4 | 0.34 | 1 | 12.71 | -2.73 | 65 | 1424 | +36 | 2544 |
| | CHICOPEE WESTOV | 90 | 55 | 72 | +1 | 2.11 | 4 | 23.33 | +5.33 | 54 | 1796 | +220 | 2868 |
| | EAST BRIMFIELD | 87 | 59 | 74 | +4 | 1.55 | 4 | 18.80 | +2.21 | 53 | 1533 | +33 | 2454 |
| | EDGARTOWN | 83 | 65 | 75 | +2 | 0.37 | 2 | 12.13 | -3.10 | 44 | 1438 | -74 | 2514 |
| | FITCHBURG MUNIC | 89 | 62 | 74 | +2 | 1.49 | 4 | 20.48 | +3.18 | 65 | 1761 | +117 | 2874 |
| | GREENFIELD NO. | 89 | 57 | 74 | +5 | 2.84 | 4 | 18.22 | +0.27 | 39 | 1644 | +228 | 2665 |
| | HYANNIS BARNSTA | 87 | 67 | 77 | +4 | 1.66 | 1 | 14.35 | -0.89 | 57 | 1554 | +87 | 2654 |
| | LAWRENCE | 90 | 65 | 78 | +4 | 0.89 | 3 | 15.89 | -1.07 | 45 | 1864 | +177 | 2933 |
| | LENOX DALE | 87 | 54 | 71 | +2 | 1.62 | 2 | 10.31 | -7.85 | 42 | 1529 | +185 | 2556 |
| | LOWELL | 94 | 60 | 75 | +3 | 0.69 | 4 | 15.11 | -1.49 | 48 | 1737 | +150 | 2808 |
| | NEW BEDFORD MUN | 89 | 60 | 74 | +3 | 1.49 | 2 | 14.61 | -1.52 | 60 | 1638 | +154 | 2741 |
| | NORTH ADAMS HAR | 85 | 54 | 69 | 0 | 2.87 | 4 | 18.03 | -0.23 | 71 | 1515 | +132 | 2565 |
| | NORWOOD MEMORIA | 95 | 57 | 74 | +4 | 2.34 | 2 | 17.59 | +1.22 | 55 | 1876 | +386 | 3024 |
| | PITTSFIELD MUNI | 84 | 55 | 69 | +1 | 2.15 | 4 | 17.40 | -0.07 | 73 | 1534 | +264 | 2580 |
| | PLYMOUTH MUNICI | 96 | 61 | 76 | +5 | 1.76 | 1 | 16.73 | +0.40 | 62 | 1708 | +258 | 2832 |
| | TAUNTON MUNICIP | 92 | 57 | 74 | +3 | 1.29 | 1 | 16.84 | +0.60 | 57 | 1737 | +175 | 2841 |
| | WESTFIELD BARNE | 89 | 57 | 72 | +1 | 1.44 | 4 | 24.82 | +6.82 | 66 | 1795 | +220 | 2878 |
| | WORCESTER | 86 | 62 | 74 | +3 | 0.90 | 4 | 21.08 | +3.69 | 62 | 1650 | +188 | 2718 |
| | WORTHINGTON | 84 | 53 | 70 | +3 | 1.35 | 4 | 22.60 | +3.39 | 51 | 1322 | +133 | 2270 |
| Rhode Island | NEWPORT STATE A | 84 | 63 | 75 | +3 | 1.65 | 1 | 12.57 | -3.39 | 60 | 1556 | +40 | 2664 |
| | PROVIDENCE | 92 | 64 | 77 | +3 | 1.63 | 2 | 16.82 | +1.37 | 58 | 1872 | +140 | 3016 |
| | WESTERLY STATE | 87 | 63 | 75 | +4 | 1.05 | 3 | 14.82 | -1.66 | 66 | 1690 | +230 | 2814 |
| | WOONSOCKET | 92 | 60 | 76 | +4 | 0.86 | 1 | 16.46 | -0.82 | 45 | 1844 | +218 | 2942 |
| Connecticut | BRIDGEPORT/SIKO | 88 | 66 | 78 | +3 | 0.53 | 4 | 20.81 | +5.13 | 72 | 1944 | +146 | 3088 |
| | BURLINGTON | 87 | 56 | 71 | -1 | 2.95 | 5 | 21.95 | +2.63 | 60 | 1586 | -34 | 2596 |
| | DANBURY MUNICIP | 88 | 57 | 72 | +1 | 2.93 | 5 | 26.50 | +7.99 | 70 | 1762 | +174 | 2852 |
| | HARTFORD-BRADLE | 90 | 60 | 74 | +1 | 2.32 | 4 | 25.54 | +8.20 | 71 | 1951 | +154 | 3056 |
| | MERIDEN MARKHAM | 88 | 61 | 73 | +1 | 2.21 | 5 | 21.68 | +5.36 | 71 | 1822 | +116 | 2933 |
| | NORFOLK 2 SW | 83 | 55 | 70 | +3 | 1.83 | 4 | 21.45 | +2.14 | 59 | 1518 | +222 | 2558 |
| | NORWICH PUB UTI | 89 | 64 | 77 | +4 | 2.04 | 2 | 15.88 | -2.08 | 48 | 1858 | +182 | 2948 |
| | STAFFORDVILLE | 87 | 56 | 72 | +2 | 3.20 | 4 | 22.55 | +4.57 | 47 | 1518 | +90 | 2564 |
| | WEST THOMPSON L | 89 | 57 | 74 | +3 | 2.34 | 3 | 18.59 | +0.09 | 47 | 1638 | +168 | 2710 |
| | WILLIMANTIC WIN | 89 | 60 | 74 | +3 | 1.13 | 3 | 17.57 | +0.44 | 61 | 1868 | +258 | 2992 |

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. DFN = departure from normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Climate normals used are for the 1981-2010 period.

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.

CONNECTICUT

LITCHFIELD, Richard Meinert

Torrential rain Friday and Saturday brought haymaking to a screaming halt. We'll have to wait and see if it washed the pollen off the corn.

NEW LONDON, Sarah Kubik

Hot and humid! Heavy rains on Saturday, 1-2 inches. Blueberries wrapping up. Peaches being picked, zucchini, early melons, and tomatoes. Weather presenting a challenge for storage onion harvests.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Central), Larry James

Grain fields are starting to ripen. Cutting will start this week with light yields I would suspect. Potatoes are wilted by mid-afternoon every day. If drought continues a couple more weeks we will see irreversible damage to the potato crop.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

A hot and humid week with 1-2" of rain received. The drought monitor still has the area in a moderate drought. Not much 2nd crop hay. Corn is looking very good. Insects and diseases are plentiful. Hot and humid conditions will continue for the foreseeable future.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Lots of rain this weekend. Some minor erosion, especially on field roads. Crops are currently growing like crazy.

WASHINGTON, Audre Hayward

Dry condition/ high temps and humidity.

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL MA COUNTIES, Tom Smiarowski

Hot, humid conditions have increased spray intervals on fruit and vegetable crops. Been really tough to make dry hay. National Weather Service confirmed that a tornado touched down Saturday in Webster (southern Worcester County) with damaging storms (tornadoes not confirmed) in Dudley. Initial reports of damage to agricultural land are minimal but assessment still continues.

PLYMOUTH, Steve Ward

Well needed rain this past weekend certainly helped with dry conditions on the cranberry bogs. With the lack of rain and a good crop coming along, growers continue to struggle to add size to the berries.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

BELKNAP/STRAFFORD, Kelly McAdam

Small microburst over the weekend in the county-damaging hail and wind.

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Mostly warm and muggy, with heavy downpours on a couple days. Hayfields and pastures are green again with moisture, though harvesting conditions are difficult. Corn is growing well. Wide range of veggies in farm stands. PYO blueberries continues, peaches are ripe.

COOS, Steve Turaj

Hot, humid week with good soaking rain in latter part. Second cut haylage being harvested and some late first cut hay. Most field corn now tasseling, grain oats, soybean pods forming up.

GRAFTON, Heather Bryant

This past week saw a little bit of soaking rain and several heavy downpours, which brought significant rain totals over much of the county. Sweet corn harvest is underway with at least one report of corn ear worm so far.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

For the week ending August 4th, thunder storms delivered varying amounts of rain. The Orford area received up to 1.25 inches at the end of the week. Some areas further north received less rain. The hay crop is still below normal. Rain and heat has helped the corn crop.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruit: peach, plum, blueberry and raspberry harvests continued. Orchardists were busy monitoring for pests, spraying if needed, and mowing orchard floors. Raspberry and blueberry growers are on the lookout for Spotted Wing Drosophila. We are seeing a buildup of Spotted Wing Drosophila numbers in traps. Vegetables: growers were harvesting an array of vegetables including: beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, cucumbers, greens, lettuce, potatoes, radishes, snap beans, sweet corn, summer squash and first field tomatoes and peppers. Farmers kept busy cultivating, hoeing weeds, monitoring pest pressures, and spraying pesticides for insects and diseases. We are seeing an increase in corn earworm and European corn borer moths trap catches but not seeing fall armyworm moth. Field crops: silage corn is rapidly growing some field showing drought stress. Field corn is starting to tassel and beginning to silk. Second crop on hay fields are burnt up due to drought.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Harvesting plums, nectarines, apricots, blueberries, raspberries and peaches, all vegetables varieties including sweet corn, herbs, and cut flowers. Customers awaiting impatiently for the apple season and PYO scheduled to start in the middle of August. Many fields were soaked after the wild Friday afternoon wild deluge weather and Saturday rain. Hail hit some neighboring towns. A couple of very hot days. Saturday traffic at farmers markets was very slow due to rain.

SULLIVAN, Jennifer Z. Gehly

It was another rainy week. Between 1 and 3 inches of precipitation fell. Some storms produced heavy downpours and flash flood watches while storms on Friday triggering tornado warnings. Wet spots remain in fields. Field corn is tasseling. Summer vegetables are plentiful. The blueberry harvest continues.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Received 1-3 inches of rain in Rhode Island on August 4th. Flash flooding occurred in some areas. Heavy downpours may have damaged some fields.

ALL RI COUNTIES, Michael Sullivan

Humidity remained a major concern with both crop disease and insect problems increasing. Animal stress elevated with air quality and temperature concerns. No meaningful rainfall and only some spotty storm deposition generally less than 0.5 inches resulting.

VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Some rain has helped with bringing grass back to some degree. Harvest continues on second and some third cut, however, very low yields. Much shortage in the ground water arena with some cattle being supplied by tucking water to them. Corn is looking very good with tassel on most. Apples are starting to get a little red with lots on trees.

LAMOILLE, Heather Mateja

Dry and hot. Corn is doing well, second cut of hay is short.



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