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Fair week for field work: New England averaged 4 days suitable for field work last week. Wet and humid weather continued throughout the New England states. Regional weekly temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 9 degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.03 to 2.88 inches throughout the region. Grain harvest slowed down a bit last week with most areas reporting muddy fields. Corn was reported as getting to the right moisture content. Operators are waiting for a dry spell to begin harvesting. Potato harvest was winding down, with white varieties reported as an average crop and Russet as having some quality issues. Apple harvest continued with many operations beginning their harvest for late maturing varieties. Cranberry was reported as good; rain helped growers with harvest flooding, however, growers are concerned that lack of dry conditions may cause some quality issues. Weather was reported as excellent for vegetable growers. Many continued harvesting late summer and early fall vegetables. Field activities for the week included cover crop planting, treating fields for pests, tillage, as well as equipment repair and maintenance.

Crop Progress as of October 7, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
APPLES: HARVESTED	55	50	52
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	72	51	31
CRANBERRIES (MA): HARVESTED	20	5	18
DRY HAY: 3rd CUTTING	92	89	89
DRY HAY: 4th CUTTING	49	42	50
FALL TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	29	16	24

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 7, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	31	50	18
SUBSOIL	1	33	61	5

Crop Conditions as of October 7, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	1	2	12	67	18
CRANBERRIES (MA)	0	5	20	50	25
DRY HAY	0	14	75	10	1
PASTURE AND RANGE	6	24	35	34	1
POTATOES (ME)	0	0	20	80	0
QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE	0	1	17	27	55

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October 7, 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	62	39	52	-1	0.86	3	22.17	-0.29	80	2378	+240	4060
	BANGOR INTERNAT	61	38	51	0	1.09	4	26.04	+3.77	81	2264	+296	3936
	BETHEL 6 SSE	68	38	51	-1	0.62	2	18.50	-13.81	58	1978	+8	3426
	BRIDGTON 3 NW	65	40	50	0	0.89	2	19.10	-7.50	58	2092	+292	3718
	CARIBOU WFO	60	34	46	-1	0.12	3	20.93	-0.49	85	1993	+437	3568
	DOVER-FOXCROFT	64	35	49	0	0.66	4	18.71	-4.28	68	1979	+288	3554
	DURHAM	66	38	52	+1	1.02	3	22.13	-2.72	74	2083	+279	3717
	EAST SURRY	60	36	50	-1	1.53	5	24.70	+0.24	75	1898	+68	3508
	EUSTIS	63	34	48	+2	0.64	2	20.96	-2.01	64	1568	+256	3041
	FRENCHVILLE NOR	60	33	45	-1	0.11	3	19.42	-2.72	89	2048	+651	3610
	HARMONY	65	36	51	-1	0.11	2	20.21	-4.56	67	2192	+314	3758
	HOLLIS	66	36	51	+1	1.40	3	25.13	-1.52	78	2115	+217	3716
	HOULTON AIRPORT	59	31	45	-2	0.23	1	19.82	-2.56	86	1788	+245	3314
	LIVERMORE FALLS	66	36	50	-2	0.76	3	20.26	-8.81	62	2036	+52	3613
	MILLINOCKET MUN	60	35	48	-1	0.45	3	21.44	-2.03	83	2120	+279	3742
	MOOSEHEAD	60	33	47	-1	0.38	4	21.41	-2.97	75	1632	+160	3056
	PORTLAND JETPOR	68	42	55	+2	1.47	3	28.66	+5.05	78	2450	+380	4142
	RANGELEY	64	32	48	+1	0.80	3	22.46	-1.07	85	1672	+280	3216
	TOPSFIELD 2	64	35	48	-2	0.73	1	23.26	-0.90	62	2008	+210	3611
	TURNER	65	39	51	0	0.84	2	19.96	-4.49	69	2308	+280	3962
	WEST ROCKPORT 1	64	40	52	-1	1.61	4	23.08	-2.76	65	2240	+364	3908
	WHITING	67	35	51	0	1.70	4	21.32	-3.08	48	1981	+393	3515
	WOODLAND	64	42	52	+1	1.12	3	19.13	-3.59	55	2462	+572	4016
New Hampshire	BERLIN	67	35	50	0	0.95	5	21.76	-1.52	77	1908	+120	3504
	BRADFORD 2	69	39	52	0	1.53	2	26.46	-4.30	67	2172	+188	3775
	COLEBROOK 3SW	64	31	47	-1	0.39	3	18.16	-5.41	79	1474	-45	2892
	CONCORD MUNICIPAL	71	40	56	+3	1.73	4	31.45	+9.48	85	2716	+484	4398
	EAST MILFORD	72	43	55	+2	1.04	2	34.90	+10.00	65	2652	+363	4331
	EPPING	73	41	55	+2	0.71	2	28.06	+3.45	72	2508	+256	4140
	ERROL AIRPORT	68	33	47	0	1.32	6	22.54	-0.04	80	1678	+175	3213
	HANCOCK	69	36	53	+1	1.70	3	19.18	-8.49	44	1899	-245	3188
	JAFFREY SILVER	70	39	54	+2	0.99	2	32.62	+6.58	65	2668	+662	4326
	JEFFERSON	68	35	49	+1	1.18	5	24.54	+1.18	80	1990	+462	3558
	KEENE	71	42	54	+2	1.46	3	29.80	+5.63	75	2408	+188	4058
	LAKEPORT 2	70	44	56	+1	1.02	2	21.92	-2.32	61	2720	+326	4367
	LEBANON MUNICIPAL	69	43	55	+3	0.93	5	26.40	+5.41	94	2666	+376	4344
	LYNDEBOROUGH	73	44	57	+5	1.04	4	26.93	+2.40	78	2496	+338	4162
	NORTH CONWAY	70	39	52	+2	1.06	4	24.07	-2.04	81	2395	+476	4058
	TAMWORTH 4	64	35	49	-1	1.51	6	25.79	-1.76	73	1851	+17	3428
	WOLFEBORO	65	46	53	+4	1.03	6	24.47	-3.08	75	2497	+663	4160
Vermont	AVERILL	61	29	47	-2	0.58	4	13.20	-10.56	76	1672	-174	3161
	BARRE MONTPELIE	70	35	50	+1	1.62	4	24.25	+2.39	99	2094	+248	3724
	BENNINGTON MORS	74	41	57	+5	1.12	4	27.87	+4.02	99	2596	+566	4280
	BURLINGTON WSO	71	40	54	+1	1.47	4	27.76	+5.22	100	3022	+692	4711
	CORINTH	65	36	50	+2	1.34	5	22.06	-8.93	78	1790	+204	3378
	JOHNSON	67	33	48	-1	2.88	5	22.94	-3.32	75	1842	+98	3375
	MARLBORO RAWES	66	41	52	-3	1.06	3	31.39	+5.54	78	1996	-550	3491

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	NEWPORT	66	32	48	-2	1.14	7	26.17	+2.41	88	2106	+259	3704
	ROCHESTER	68	38	52	+1	2.00	5	19.56	-7.83	61	1977	+151	3529
	RUTLAND	69	38	52	+2	1.26	6	22.54	-1.45	78	2258	+218	3894
	SAINT JOHNSBURY	68	36	53	+1	1.54	6	25.06	+2.22	82	2503	+261	4172
	SOUTH LINCOLN	64	33	47	-2	2.08	6	20.40	-7.86	70	1692	-10	3172
	SPRINGFIELD HAR	68	42	55	+4	1.15	4	25.60	+1.26	93	2424	+346	4077
	SUTTON	63	34	47	0	1.76	6	24.14	-0.28	87	1914	+412	3494
	WOODSTOCK	68	37	54	+3	1.21	6	22.81	-0.10	73	2400	+326	4007
Massachusetts	AMHERST	75	42	58	+4	1.05	2	37.08	+11.90	73	2897	+504	4592
	BARRE FALLS DAM	76	40	57	+7	0.80	2	29.62	+3.93	60	2870	+964	4470
	BEDFORD HANSCOM	80	42	59	+4	0.49	4	27.12	+3.38	79	2963	+331	4685
	BEVERLY MUNICIP	77	42	58	+4	0.62	4	28.20	+4.13	88	2816	+498	4556
	BIRCH HILL DAM	72	40	56	+5	0.73	3	35.23	+10.11	83	2510	+460	4145
	BOSTON/LOGAN IN	80	51	62	+4	0.66	4	26.88	+4.85	87	3287	+511	5044
	CHATHAM MUNICIP	74	44	61	+4	0.65	3	17.86	-5.75	90	2639	+282	4390
	CHICOPEE WESTOV	81	47	60	+6	1.98	2	36.31	+9.12	81	2993	+503	4695
	EAST BRIMFIELD	73	44	60	+6	2.43	4	34.12	+9.52	87	2591	+222	4092
	EDGARTOWN	77	50	63	+4	1.29	3	16.21	-6.94	63	2664	+82	4371
	FITCHBURG MUNIC	76	43	58	+3	0.80	4	37.99	+12.70	91	2879	+296	4620
	GREENFIELD NO.	72	43	56	+4	1.26	4	30.82	+4.47	67	2676	+462	4298
	HYANNIS BARNSTA	73	40	61	+4	0.55	3	19.29	-3.99	83	2778	+346	4508
	LAWRENCE	72	47	58	+2	0.60	2	29.11	+4.25	70	3052	+332	4741
	LENOX DALE	75	47	60	+8	0.96	3	19.10	-7.12	66	2516	+394	4160
	LOWELL	75	41	56	+2	0.63	2	27.07	+2.45	65	2807	+281	4458
	NEW BEDFORD MUN	75	40	60	+5	0.91	4	23.13	-0.87	87	2848	+446	4581
	NORTH ADAMS HAR	74	44	58	+5	0.93	3	29.88	+3.02	98	2576	+420	4254
	NORWOOD MEMORIA	82	42	62	+9	1.26	4	31.88	+7.77	81	3171	+841	4948
	PITTSFIELD MUNI	72	46	59	+7	0.03	1	30.75	+4.77	101	2602	+618	4276
	PLYMOUTH MUNICI	77	41	61	+7	1.04	4	27.71	+3.28	89	2968	+615	4722
	TAUNTON MUNICIP	79	39	60	+5	1.41	4	28.81	+3.82	81	2959	+477	4693
	WESTFIELD BARNE	83	47	61	+7	2.60	3	39.35	+12.16	96	2986	+496	4700
	WORCESTER	74	45	58	+3	1.16	4	34.52	+9.06	90	2670	+342	4367
	WORTHINGTON	74	37	55	+4	1.15	3	38.04	+10.54	77	2198	+330	3772
Rhode Island	NEWPORT STATE A	73	46	62	+4	1.21	3	22.77	-1.09	85	2784	+246	4521
	PROVIDENCE	78	46	62	+4	1.61	3	30.58	+7.33	84	3173	+368	4947
	WESTERLY STATE	75	47	64	+8	1.81	4	25.26	+0.36	92	3006	+586	4761
	WOONSOCKET	72	44	60	+4	2.07	4	30.74	+5.11	73	3060	+458	4758
Connecticut	BRIDGEPORT/SIKO	77	58	67	+8	2.86	4	34.73	+11.46	101	3366	+418	5141
	BURLINGTON	75	37	58	+3	1.25	2	38.54	+9.20	89	2628	+67	4268
	DANBURY MUNICIP	77	52	63	+8	1.74	3	35.96	+8.09	96	2963	+467	4684
	HARTFORD-BRADLE	82	50	63	+7	1.17	3	39.66	+14.19	98	3228	+404	4963
	MERIDEN MARKHAM	81	52	64	+8	1.04	2	34.81	+9.80	96	3098	+394	4839
	NORFOLK 2 SW	70	42	56	+5	1.55	3	35.64	+7.06	88	2470	+436	4137
	NORWICH PUB UTI	75	48	63	+7	1.39	2	31.95	+4.33	71	3176	+497	4896
	STAFFORDVILLE	74	42	58	+4	1.30	2	33.85	+7.67	69	2551	+244	4227
	WEST THOMPSON L	72	42	58	+4	1.52	2	34.99	+8.47	72	2680	+366	4362
	WILLIMANTIC WIN	80	48	62	+7	1.71	4	33.67	+8.09	85	3055	+499	4798

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

No reporter comments available.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Central), Larry James

Many potato operations have finished harvest. Most have a few days. It appears round whites will be an average crop. Russet varieties have some quality issues. Soybeans look excellent.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

Cool and cloudy most of the week. Some apple varieties are ripening late this year. Those with heavy soils are having harvesting problems due to the rains this fall. No frost yet for most of the area.

PENOBSCOT/PISCATAQUIS, Donna Coffin

Fall vegetables are over-flowing at the farm stands that are still open.

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL MA COUNTIES, Tom Smiarowski

Still awaiting first killing frost. Harvest operations continue though wet conditions have been making it difficult.

PLYMOUTH, Steve Ward

Recent rain has certainly helped cranberry growers with harvest flooding, especially compared with past years. Overall fruit quality has been good so far, but growers are concerned that may change later in the season, due to the lack of dry conditions.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOS, Steve Turaj

Cooler, wetter conditions prevailing this week although as yet no hard widespread freeze. Field corn harvest moving at a good speed although some locations along river areas reported difficulty traveling from rains early in the week. Looks like many farms will have most corn packed in bunk silos soon this season. Plenty of bear and turkey around. Aerial cover crop seeding have germinated and now growing.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruit: Pick-your-own apple and farm stand operations had wonderful Saturday, October 6 and on Sunday, October 7 (showers arrived in the evening). Apple harvest is in full swing with most growers concentrating on strip picking Cortland and picking Macoun and later maturing varieties. Seen first ever Brown Marmorated Stink Bug injured apples in New Hampshire. Also, seen San Jose scale damage on apple fruit at several orchards. Apple scab seen at low sprayed orchards. Peach tree borer injury seen at ground level on young peach trees. With late summer and early fall rain showers, sooty blotch disease and fly speck disease can be seen on apple fruit. Vegetables: Great weather and good demand for all vegetable continues. Farmers are harvesting wide array of vegetables including: cabbage, kale, Brussel Sprouts, winter squash and pumpkins along with the tail end of warm season crops. Farmers kept busy disking, cleaning up and planting cover crops on harvested fields. Field Crops: Silage corn harvest in full swing and end is in sight. The second and third cuttings of hay and haylage continues between rain showers.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Extremely humid conditions for most of the week. Received over 2 inches of rain this past week. Weekend weather looks great!

VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Continued rain in Franklin County Vermont is keeping field work in check and replenishing water supplies. Very little grain harvest at this point and in wait mode for some dry weather. Corn for silage is getting to the borderline moisture content. Still some apples around and the great pumpkin is awaiting to be seen.