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NEW YORK: Temperatures averaged in the mid 40's throughout the state for the week ending April 18. Field preparations began in many areas with farms spreading manure followed by disking and plowing. Fence repairs and machinery maintenance continued. On Long Island peas, potatoes, onions, and sweet corn under plastic are some of the crops being planted. Winegrowers on Long Island were finishing up with trellis work and tying vines to fruiting wire. Most grape varieties on Long Island were in varying stages of budbreak, one of the earliest budbreaks on record. Warmer weather across the state has apple trees budding early. Rainfall ranged from 0.09 to .80 inches with most areas receiving below normal amounts.