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**Poor week for field work:** New York averaged 2 days suitable for field work.

Weather conditions were seasonal for much of the state with a few colder, windy periods and spotty snow flurries. Manure spreading and some field work was done on fields that were dry with a few operators looking to the next week to begin sweet corn and onion planting. Wheat and alfalfa grasses broke dormancy. Stone fruit loss was reported in a few select areas where temperatures were too cold. Maple season ended for some operators while other areas were still going strong.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 7, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	5	47	48
SUBSOIL	0	5	48	47

## Crop Conditions as of April 7, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	4	8	38	26	24
HAY, OTHER	13	5	56	11	15
WINTER WHEAT	1	1	56	19	23

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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:**

Manure pits were starting to be emptied. Some river flats were being tilled.

**Cayuga County; Ronald Kuck, Cornell Coop Extension Cayuga:**

A few nice days in middle of week allowed for drag line manure application. Some tile drainage being put in. Freezing rain on Friday put halt to all field work. Some reports of north facing fields still frozen.

**Cayuga County; Colleen Cargile, Cayuga County FSA:**

Spring weather and temperatures were present for most of the week. Much of the ground in the county is still too wet to begin spring tillage, but some producers in the southern end of the county have been able to complete some tillage. However; at this point, activity in the fields mostly consists of spreading and drag lining manure.

**Columbia/ Greene Counties; Matthew Forrest:**

Some field work has begun in areas where it is suitable. Lots of days of sunshine and warmer weather have allowed field work to begin. In the coming week, I anticipate the beginning of sweet corn and onion planting/ field prep. Some loss on stone fruits caused by the cold weather in January have been reported.

**Cortland/ Tompkins Counties; Jennifer Doty:**

Maple season has ended, spring field work has begun. Manure spreading and plowing on suitable fields. No pasture growth yet.

**Erie County; Emily Miller, Erie Co. Farm Service Agency:**

Below average temperatures in Erie County.

**Franklin County; Jennifer Bosley, Franklin County FSA:**

Maple season was in full swing this past week.

**Genesee/ Niagara/ Orleans Counties; Nathan R Herendeen:**

Some manure application, some nitrogen fertilizer on wheat but the rest was still too wet. Wheat and alfalfa and grasses have broken dormancy and were making small amounts of new growth.

**Livingston County; Dean R Pendergast:**

Temperatures have remained cold with limited field activity.

**Madison County; Jessica Pylman:**

Most of the week was windy and cool with some sun. Great for drying things out until Friday when we received a rain and wintry mix of precipitation that accumulated snow in some areas. I saw some fields turned over on the north end of the county over the weekend. I think there are still some fields that are a bit too wet to get on yet.

**Oneida County; Devon Kenny:**

Conditions remain seasonal with a mix of precipitation. There was a large amount of wind this week along with one snow event that brought anywhere from a few inches to close to a foot depending on the location. With a warmer weekend, most of that snow is now gone; however, conditions continue to be too wet in most places to start field work. Wheat has not yet begun to grow and pasture/hay ground is still dormant as well.

**Ontario County; Joann Rogers, County Executive Director FSA:**

Ontario County producers are spreading manure and performing some field preparations on fields that are dry enough.

**Oswego County; Ellen deMey:**

Cooler than average temperatures have resulted in continued snow cover in much of the county.

**Rensselaer/ Saratoga/ Warren/ Washington Counties; David Holck, USDA-Farm Service Agency:**

Our counties had 2 inches of snow on Friday. On Sunday temperatures were in the mid-60s and all the snow was gone. Farmers have been busy spreading manure. Very little spring tillage has been done.

**Schuyler/ Seneca Counties; Kathy Mastellar, CED, Seneca/Schuyler FSA:**

Still snow & cold this past week, so little or no field work is being done due to wet field conditions.