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## Summer is Definitely Here

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:** For the week ending July 10, 2011, there were 6.2 days available for fieldwork across New England. Pasture conditions were rated 5 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 14 percent excellent. The majority of this past week was partly cloudy with temperatures in the upper 70s and some low 90s. It was another excellent week for fieldwork. Some brief thunderstorms were reported Wednesday evening in Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire. Several counties in Maine experienced power outages and some crop damage. Friday morning, thunderstorms were experienced in southern New England. Saturday was windy, but still partly cloudy and warm with temperatures in the mid-70s to mid-80s, north to south. The winds calmed on Sunday to wrap up a beautiful weekend for the region.

**FRUIT:** Massachusetts cranberries were in full bloom to petal fall stages this week. Pollination weather has been good. Cranberry growers were finishing fungicide applications for fruit rot and applied insecticides for fruit worm control. Highbush blueberries are beginning to be harvested mostly in southern States. In Maine, wild blueberry fly traps are being monitored for the blueberry fruit fly and insecticides are being applied when necessary. Strawberry harvesting was winding down for many and growers were renovating their strawberry beds. Mostly average yields were reported. Orchardists were mowing under trees.

**VEGETABLES:** Vegetable growers continued planting late fall crops like acorn squash, collards, and cabbage. More tomatoes and peppers were transplanted this past week as well. Garlic began to be harvested in Connecticut, two weeks ahead of normal. Other early season vegetables were being harvested. Fly traps were out in fields and growers were monitoring pests. Few operators reported they were irrigating.

**FIELD CROPS:** Producers were able to cut more dry hay this past week. The first cutting of dry hay was wrapping up in many areas. Hay quality was lower than average in some areas as wet spring conditions prevented producers from harvesting at the most favorable stage of development. Many were on their second cut and spread manure where it was needed. Some have reported that second cut hay yields are low due to hard soils and less rainfall. Replanting of corn for silage continued and was completed by many. Some potato fields in central Aroostook County, Maine experienced damage from hail and heavy rain.

### SOIL MOISTURE ACROSS NEW ENGLAND

Soil Rating	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
-- Percent --			
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	3	0	10
Short	11	12	31
Adequate	80	70	59
Surplus	6	18	0
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	2	0	5
Short	8	8	30
Adequate	83	75	65
Surplus	7	17	0

### FRUIT CROP DEVELOPMENT ACROSS NEW ENGLAND

Crop	Percent Harvested			Fruit Set	Fruit Size	Condition
	2011	2010	5-yr Avg			
Apples	-	-	-	Average	Average	Good
Peaches	-	-	-	Average	Average	Good/Fair
Pears	-	-	-	Average	Average	Good
Blueberries						
Highbush	5	20	10	Average	Average	Good
Wild	-	-	-	Average	Avg/Bel Avg	Exc/Good
Cranberries, MA	-	-	-	Average	Average	Good/Exc
Strawberries	85	95	90	Average	Average	Good/Fair

### FIELD CROP DEVELOPMENT ACROSS NEW ENGLAND

Crop	2011	2010	5-yr Avg	Condition
-- Percent Planted --				
Silage Corn	100	100	99	
Sweet Corn	95	99	99	
Tobacco				
Broadleaf	100	100	100	Good
Shade	100	100	100	Good
-- Percent Emerged --				
Silage Corn	99	100	95	Good/Fair
Sweet Corn	95	95	95	
-- Percent Harvested --				
Barley				Good
Oats				Good
Potatoes				
Maine				Good/Fair
Mass				Good/Fair
Rhode Island				Good
Sweet Corn	<5	5	<5	Good
Dry Hay				
First Cut	85	95	80	Good/Fair
Second Cut	10	35	10	Good

**Weather Summary For New England Agricultural Statistics**

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For the Period: Monday, July 4, 2011  
 To: Sunday, July 10, 2011

STATION	AIR TEMPERATURE				CUM SINCE MAR 1 GROWING DEGREE DAYS				1-WEEK PRECIP			4-WEEK CUM PRECIP		
	LO	HI	AVG	DFN	TOT	DFN	TOT	DFN	TOTAL	DFN	DAYS	TOTAL	DFN	DAYS
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<b>MAINE</b>														
Augusta_State_A	56	87	70	+2	817	+34	275	+44	0.46	-0.26	3	2.17	-0.84	12
Bangor_Intl_Arp	52	88	69	+3	794	+100	234	+53	1.16	+0.39	3	2.94	-0.14	11
Bethel	51	87	67	+0	765	+55	254	+67	0.82	-0.01	3	3.35	-0.21	12
Caribou_Municip	49	86	67	+3	657	+92	184	+66	2.76	+1.91	4	7.64	+4.65	15
Dover-Foxcroft	48	86	66	+0	620	+33	163	+36	0.65	-0.19	5	2.21	-1.23	13
Frenchville	47	81	64	+0	509	-8	110	+16	0.89	+0.06	5	5.69	+2.61	15
Houlton	44	85	67	+2	641	+59	178	+52	0.59	-0.25	3	4.66	+1.51	13
Livermore_Falls	50	88	68	+3	757	+168	248	+123	0.74	-0.04	4	3.54	-0.05	15
Moosehead	44	82	63	+0	501	+33	104	+25	0.89	-0.02	4	3.43	-0.27	12
Portland_ME	58	88	71	+4	810	+134	278	+109	0.45	-0.28	3	3.10	+0.00	12
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>														
Benton	50	88	68	+2	752	+71	232	+75	0.77	-0.01	3	3.01	-0.38	16
Berlin_AG	49	85	66	-1	737	+62	217	+52	0.86	+0.02	3	2.87	-0.81	14
Concord	50	90	70	+2	1014	+200	392	+143	0.26	-0.44	2	2.91	-0.01	8
Diamond_Pond	44	78	62	+1	501	+88	106	+59	2.05	+1.00	3	5.04	+0.73	17
Keene_AG	50	90	71	+1	986	+41	369	+39	0.47	-0.31	4	4.00	+0.70	13
North_Conway	54	88	68	+0	796	+42	282	+67	1.05	+0.21	4	3.69	+0.10	15
Rochester	53	93	73	+5	1081	+204	451	+163	0.39	-0.38	4	2.59	-0.60	14
<b>VERMONT</b>														
Bennington_AP	54	86	69	+3	1069	+363	398	+217	0.83	-0.10	3	4.28	+0.26	12
Burlington_Intl	57	87	72	+3	1096	+200	442	+138	1.49	+0.71	2	3.23	-0.06	13
Island_Pond	47	82	65	+2	768	+234	232	+130	0.70	-0.25	3	3.01	-0.94	14
Montpelier	53	85	68	+3	889	+204	308	+133	1.32	+0.62	3	4.24	+1.20	16
Rochester	51	86	67	+2	814	+156	260	+100	2.52	+1.68	3	7.58	+4.19	15
Rutland_AG	53	85	70	-1	958	+10	348	+19	1.23	+0.39	2	4.26	+0.90	12
Springfield_VT	52	90	72	+6	1095	+347	443	+239	0.86	+0.03	3	4.43	+0.94	14
Sutton	50	84	66	+3	711	+174	199	+88	0.41	-0.54	3	2.89	-1.06	16
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>														
Boston/Logan_In	66	92	77	+5	1219	+167	531	+138	0.44	-0.19	3	3.09	+0.36	12
Fitchburg	55	90	75	+8	1227	+500	535	+338	0.17	-0.67	3	4.39	+1.03	12
Greenfield	55	89	71	-1	1010	-11	371	-5	0.39	-0.45	3	5.51	+2.03	14
New_Bedford	56	91	76	+4	1261	+226	522	+149	2.07	+1.38	3	4.32	+1.23	11
Otis_AFB	55	86	72	+3	938	+150	336	+101	2.05	+1.41	2	4.02	+1.18	9
Plymouth	56	90	75	+6	1167	+330	474	+206	1.82	+1.05	2	3.62	+0.51	11
Walpole	56	91	75	+6	1138	+245	478	+183	0.76	-0.01	2	2.71	-0.68	11
Chicopee/Westov	53	90	72	-2	1208	+23	497	+20	0.39	-0.45	4	3.95	+0.33	14
Worthington	53	85	68	+2	859	+146	284	+101	1.21	+0.25	4	5.49	+1.83	15
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>														
Providence	60	90	76	+5	1217	+232	511	+157	2.51	+1.81	2	3.98	+1.00	10
Woonsocket	56	91	74	+5	1167	+290	483	+208	1.32	+0.41	3	4.22	+0.51	12
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>														
Bridgeport/Siko	65	89	76	+4	1311	+248	564	+156	0.52	-0.32	3	5.21	+1.95	10
Hartford/Bradley	59	91	74	+2	1307	+170	569	+114	0.77	+0.03	4	5.61	+2.35	16
Norfolk	55	87	69	+3	928	+216	323	+139	0.94	-0.04	3	5.31	+1.18	13
Thomaston_Dam	55	90	72	+4	1190	+304	494	+212	0.48	-0.43	2	4.35	+0.65	13
Willimantic	57	90	74	+5	1235	+338	512	+224	2.32	+1.41	3	4.90	+1.34	17

**State Weather Summary**

For the Week Ending Sunday, July 10, 2011

Summary based on NWS data.  
 DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).  
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.  
 Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.  
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.  
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STATE	AIR TEMPERATURES				PRECIPITATION	
	LO	HI	AVG	DFN	LO	HI
ME	43	89	67	+1	0.28	2.76
NH	41	93	68	+2	0.20	2.46
VT	47	90	68	+2	0.18	2.52
MA	50	92	73	+4	0.10	2.76
RI	56	91	75	+5	0.54	2.51
CT	54	92	73	+3	0.19	2.32

**REPORTERS' COMMENTS, By County:** *Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), or other knowledgeable individuals.*

**CONNECTICUT – Ross Eddy (FSA), Hartford/Tolland:** A good week for making dry hay, transplanting crops like tomatoes, peppers and broadleaf tobacco. More corn was replanted for silage. Second cutting grass being chopped. **Richard Meinert (Ext), Litchfield:** Harvesting garlic, picking blueberries, making hay and weeding were the primary tasks on farms this week. Several growers noted that garlic was ready 2-3 weeks early this year. Rough Fleabane has invaded hay fields this year in places that have never seen it before. Still scouting corn for grey leaf and stink bug damage. **Nancy Welsh (FSA), New Haven:** Nice week, very warm. Rain late in the week helped crops. Sweet corn harvest has begun. Problems with summer squash and producers are reporting that they have had to replant more than once. Silage corn is coming along nicely at this point. Dry hay making is still a challenge. **Jude Boucher (Ext), Tolland:** By last Thursday (7th) the southern portion of the state had gotten dry and folks were irrigating. Friday brought as much as 5 inches of rain through the center of the state and all towns received at least some rain. **Dawn Pindell (FSA), Windham:** Nice hot, sunny week with brief showers on Friday. Starting to harvest garlic. Vegetables are doing good. Beginning second chopping of grass and still working on dry hay. Corn actually got dry on gravelly soils, wetter soils still tough to get on. All corn finally planted with optimism that it will mature on time.

**MAINE – Larry James (FSA), Central Aroostook:** Dry weather finally arrives giving producers a chance to catch up on cultivation. Potato fields sustained a lot of damage from hail and heavy rains early in the week. Some dry hay was harvested this weekend and is of excellent quality. **Pam Hickey (Ext), Central Aroostook:** It was a great week for accomplishing field work with the welcomed sunny and warm weather. Farmers have applied fungicides and are still on a 5-day spray schedule. Weather patterns in some areas have created challenges with washouts. **Don Audibert, (FSA) Northern Aroostook:** Producers are doing their last pass in cultivating their potato crop. They were also busy in making as much hay as possible due to the nice, warm, dry weekend. Hay crop looks excellent. **Steve London, Southern Aroostook:** Potatoes and small grains: Potato conditions look good. Fungicides are being sprayed. Grain conditions also look good. **Sandy Truslow (FSA), Cumberland/York:** Nice, summer weather overall with a few thunderstorms during the last week. Generally, the rain amounted to less than 0.25", so the whole area needs rain. Hay is being harvested between the rains. Vegetables are becoming more plentiful. Strawberries are winding down after a long picking season. Raspberries are coming on strong. **Gary Raymond (FSA), Franklin:** A bountiful mixture of sun and rain is providing an excellent year for grass growth. Corn and some row crops are behind schedule due to a late planting season. The strawberry harvest has been awesome. The weather is just right for a good vacation! **Valerie Porter (FSA), Hancock /Penobscot/Piscataquis:** Great week to get cultivating and fertilizing done. Hay crop looks good. Strawberry harvest is winding down. Farm stands are open with early crops and are good. Fly traps are out in fields and things are looking good. Some crops are about 2 weeks behind, but with warmer weather and evening showers they should catch up. **Maria Granger (FSA), Kennebec:** Many producers have finally finished planting their crops. A cool start and weekly heavy rains have resulted in late planting. Many producers were still planting corn as of June 30. **Trudy Soucy (FSA), Knox/Lincoln:** The strawberry harvest will conclude early this week with an average yield anticipated. It was obvious when driving through the area that a lot of dry hay was harvested this past week. Blueberry growers are anticipating a lower than average yield due to the cold, wet spring weather which contributed to low pollination. Growers are monitoring and spraying when fields are above threshold for fruit flies. Overall it was a good week here with another good week forecasted although some areas could use rain. **Marcia Hall (FSA), Oxford:** The weather has been beautiful for the most part over the past week. Oxford County got hammered by a very strong thundershower last Wednesday evening, July 6th. The lightning started a couple structure fires and downed several huge trees, which then took out power to several thousand people across the county. Damages to crops have been reported from this storm and are still coming! The hail, heavy rain and very strong

winds damaged veggies, field corn and potato crops. Also some hay has been severely lodged due to this storm. Hay is being harvested full swing and farm stands are very busy providing fresh veggies to the community. **Donna Coffin (Ext), Piscataquis/Penobscot:** Wind and a thunderstorm downed a number of trees in the area and caused power outages. We have had a few great hay drying days. **Kathy Hopkins (Ext), Somerset:** A good week last week with fewer showers and warm weather. Farmers markets are in full swing with a variety of vegetables. Strawberries have been good and most folks are still picking. Hay is getting put up. It looks like a good week coming up as well. **Elaine Moceus (FSA), Somerset:** The week of July 4th was a wild weather week, dropping reportedly golf ball size hail on the afternoon of the 4th in Ripley and surrounding towns, along with about 1" of rain in less than an hour. On the 6th, another thunderstorm with ¼" size hail with high winds and another inch of rain touched a lot of areas in this county. High winds dropped lots of debris from trees; however no crop damage has been reported at this time. Last weekend's weather saw low humidity and temperatures suitable for harvesting hay. **Rick Kersbergen (Ext), Waldo:** Fair weather continues, but some areas received some heavy rains at times this past week slowing field work and causing some ponding in fields. Low areas in corn fields are yellow and stunted as a result. Some 2nd cutting haylage, but yields are low. **Jennifer Geel (FSA), Washington:** Crop is still about 1-2 weeks late. **Dr. David Yarborough (Ext), Washington:** Wild blueberries: Fly traps are being monitored for the blueberry fruit fly and insecticides are being applied when traps reach threshold and berries are 10% blue. Leaf and soil samples are being taken for plant nutrient status and Ph.

**MASSACHUSETTS – Aimee Thayer (FSA), Berkshire:** This was a good week for haying in most of the county. We did have some strong storms midweek and lost a bit of field time. All corn is growing well but fields are too wet to be cultivated in some areas so weeds are growing. Raspberries and early summer veggies are being harvested. No local sweet corn yet. Strawberry fields are being treated with herbicides where possible. **Lori Carver (FSA), Franklin:** Another good week of weather to help producers catch up on planting, topdressing, etc. Sweet corn, blueberries and raspberries are starting to be harvested. **Ted Smiarowski Jr. (FSA), Hampshire/Hampden:** A very sunny, warm week with a scattered thunderstorm. Dairy farmers were harvesting hay and top-dressing corn fields. Vegetable farmers were harvesting sweet corn, lettuce, peas, beans, cabbage, beets, radishes, zucchini, and summer squash. Vegetable growers continue planting late fall crops like acorn squash, collards, and cabbage. Growers continue scouting for squash bugs, squash vine borer, Japanese beetles, and Colorado potato beetle. Fruit, vegetable, and tobacco growers are applying protective materials to ward off late blight, cucurbit downy mildew, and blue mold. Tobacco crop is all planted and looks good. **Frank Caruso (Ext), Plymouth:** Cranberries: Nearing the end of bloom, with early cultivars with few blossoms remaining except for coastal locations. Berries are setting up nicely with excellent activity by bees from rented hives as well as native pollinators. Pollination weather has been very good. Nice soaking rains last Friday and Saturday will help to start sizing up set fruit. Growers are finishing up fungicide applications for fruit rot and applying insecticides for fruit worm control. Dodder has exploded on many beds, with worse pressure than usual, industry-wide. There has been a normal volume of problems this growing season so far.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE – Carl Majewski (Ext), Cheshire:** Mostly warm and dry all week, with just a few quickly passing thunderstorms here and there. Corn is growing rapidly and mostly looks good across the board. Good conditions for finishing last of first cutting dry hay and starting on second cutting. Regrowth on harvested fields looks good. Strawberries all done, but raspberries have started and blueberries will be ready soon. Nice variety of crops showing up in farm stands and farmers' markets. **Steve Turaj (Ext), Coos:** Hotter weather, quite sunny through most of the week made for good hay-making conditions. Occasional heavy rains made it interesting at times. Corn now growing well, much at height if would respond to nitrogen top-dress fertilizer applications. More summer veggies being harvested. Blueberries ripening. Seeing some variable nutrient

deficiency problems, probably as a result of so much rain we've received at the beginning of the growing season. Typical early summer insects, weed pressures keeping farms busy. Looking more like summer now. **Steve Schmidt (FSA), Grafton:** For the week ending July 9th, we received close to an inch of rain, which fell on 3 different days. The frequency of rain frustrated the production of dry hay, but haylage harvest moved right along. Field corn along the upper terraces (along route 10) looks good. These soils have better drainage and are not subject to flooding. Corn on the lower lying fields that was either re-planted or planted late due to wet conditions, still has a lot of catching up to do. Corn on some of the good soils is 3 to 4 feet high. On fields that tend to be less well drained or subject to inundation, corn is far more variable. Corn on these soils ranges from 10 inches in height to 2.5 feet. Some producers are reporting yield and quality losses on hay and potential for losses in the corn crop. **George Hamilton (Ext), Hillsborough:** Fruit: Strawberry harvest is over and growers are starting to renovate strawberry beds. Raspberry harvest continues. Starting to pick blueberries. Fruit growers are monitoring pest and crop development and applied sprays for pest control. Also, growers are training young fruit trees along with mowing orchard floors. Apple Maggot and Blue Fruit Fly have been caught in traps. Field Crops: It has been tough for farmers to bale hay or make haylage, because of rain showers. Vegetables: Growers are harvesting an array of vegetables: beets, greens, lettuce, peas, potatoes, radishes, summer squash, and other vegetables. Farmers kept busy cultivating, hoeing weeds, monitoring pest pressures, spraying pesticides for insects and diseases - if needed. Record number of Squash Vine Borer Moths caught in traps during the week. Still seeing striped cucumber beetle. **Amy Ouellette (Ext), Merrimack:** Dry field conditions prevail in most fields. The blueberry harvest started this week. First cut of hay completed. Peach crop looks good. Plant diseases have started showing up on many vegetable crops. **Nada Haddad (Ext), Rockingham:** PYO blueberry and raspberry operations very busy during the week as well as on the weekend. Strawberry season is done and bed renovation started in some fields. Harvesting an array of greens, cucurbits, root crops and hoop house tomatoes. Pastures are growing. Almost finished planting field corn. Hay and haylage was done. Mowing orchards, monitoring pests and spraying accordingly.

**RHODE ISLAND – Paul Brule (FSA), All Counties:** Anywhere from 1 – 2.5 inches of rain fell last Friday. Sweet corn was starting to be picked this week. The ears look good. Potato crop looks excellent. Vegetable crop looks good. Summer squash, yellow and green, is being picked. The strawberry season is just about to the end. It's been a good season, lasting over a month. Pastures are still showing their wear, but look good for this time of the year due to the sufficient rainfall. Hay crop, there is still quite a bit of 1st cutting to be cut. We are starting on the 2nd cutting now.

**VERMONT – Jeff Carter (Ext), Addison:** Hay harvest continued, finished planting corn. Corn crop quite variable with many poor stands. Side-dressed Nitrogen on corn, manure spread on hay ground. Pasture

regrowth very slow with warmer weather and finally a break from the rains. Only one severe storm this week. Corn crop is generally poor and first cut haylage is overly mature. Farmers concerned about amount and quality of feed for this winter. **Daniel Hudson (Ext), Caledonia:** The quality of first cutting haylage is fairly uniformly poor due to late harvest. The soil is getting drier than optimal right now for pasture and hay production. The heat is helping the corn to catch up, but daytime high temperatures are too high for optimal growth of cool-season grasses and legumes. For some farmers, second cutting will be coming off soon. The drying weather will allow same day cutting and harvesting. **Heather Darby (Ext), Franklin:** Some second cut has started in the area. Yields are slightly low due to hard soils and low rainfall. Some severe leafhopper damage being seen on alfalfa. Winter barley harvested last week with moisture between 12 and 18%. Corn is in varying stages from just emerged to V10 stage. **Paul Stanley (CCA), Franklin:** Good week in Franklin County with some showers and warm weather giving a boost to the corn. Much second cut haylage being harvested and manure going back on the fields giving us a much needed catching up on manure spreading from the wet spring. Very little drying weather for baling dry second cut. Still some fields of first cut being harvested making for some good "scratch factor" for ration mixes. Less straw to purchase this way. Pastures are doing very well with the right mix of showers and sun with temps in the 80's and lower 90's. Gardens are really in full swing. Jury is still out on the potatoes. Hearing of seedings that just did not get going. Strawberries have fared very well with enough dry weather to keep the berries in good shape with satisfactory yields. **Heather Mateja (FSA), Lamoille/Washington:** One day of rain, heavy down pour with over an inch in 2 hours. Overall it was a good week for haying and field work. **Dave Blodgett (NRCS), Orleans:** Overall it was a nice week for crop harvest. We are still getting scattered showers which makes harvesting a bit of a challenge. First cut hay is basically done. There may be a few fields that are being cut for dry hay. The first cut harvest was above average in quantity but a bit below average on quality. The quality issues stem from grasses being a little over mature due to the wet spring. Second cut is coming along well and a few farms have started to harvest. Yields look to be at least average and perhaps a bit above average. Second cut quality should be really good as it is being harvested in the right stage of growth. Pastures are hitting that mid-summer slump, but overall growth has kept up due to all the moisture earlier in the season. Most of the mud has dried up making it easier on the cattle to get to and from the pastures. Corn crop is coming along nicely. I did see some farmers applying side-dress nitrogen over the past week. Most of the corn has a deep green color and is averaging 2 feet tall. There are some bare spots in fields where water pooled earlier this spring. Weed control appears to be very good in the corn fields I have seen. **Julie Jacque (FSA), Windham:** Harvest of early blueberries, cucumbers, sweet corn, summer and zucchini squash, and raspberries started in the county and reported as going well. Cucumbers have been reported as receiving a good price. Demand is high for fresh produce. Weather has been cooperating to get some haying done. Reports of farmers trying to finish up any replanting of corn where seed did not germinate due to moisture.

**JUNE** - Deadly tornadoes tore across western Massachusetts on June 1. The tornadoes struck Worcester and Hampden counties, with at least two separate tornadoes striking Springfield and surrounding towns. Farm buildings and fences were damaged. There were livestock losses reported, but no large crop losses. After the storms, temperatures were slightly cooler than normal, in the 60s and 70s. Scattered showers persisted off and on throughout the rest of the month delaying fieldwork. Temperatures began to warm into the 70s and 80s by June 15 and remained above normal throughout the week in spite of more rain. A week later, temperatures turned cooler again, in the mid-50s to mid-70s. More light to heavy rain was scattered across New England until June 25. For most, the rest of the month was warm, in the 70s and 80s, with partly cloudy skies. The first "Pick Your Own" strawberry operations were open and underway during the first week of June, a week earlier than normal in some locations. Wild blueberries showed evidence of mummyberry disease from earlier infections that did not receive fungicide protection. Fruit began to develop on trees during the second full week in June. Vegetable producers reported pressure from insects and disease because of wet conditions. The first sweet corn appeared at farmers markets during the third week. Crops continued to be planted and side dressed when weather conditions allowed for field entry. Some field corn seed rotted in the ground from long periods of saturated soil and fields were replanted. Dry hay harvesting was difficult due to the frequent rain showers.

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