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Good week for field work: New England averaged 5 days suitable for field work last week. Wet conditions continued in New England throughout the week. Regional weekly temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below to 6 degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.01 to 2.43 inches throughout the region. Rain last week helped retain soil moisture, with most crops reported as progressing well. Heat and drought during the growing season has caused some quality problems in potato crops. Corn was reported as progressing well. Vegetable growers were irrigating and harvesting an array of vegetables: beans, beets, cucumbers, greens, peas, potatoes, pumpkins, radishes, summer squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, zucchini, and other vegetables. Early varieties of apples, blueberries, raspberries, peaches, and pears harvest continued last week. Cranberries were progressing well and producers are moving into heat protection mode as warmer temperatures are expected next week. Hay harvest continued in drier fields. 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.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 26, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	7	29	56	8
SUBSOIL	12	24	51	13

Crop Conditions as of August 26, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	4	73	23
BARLEY (ME)	0	0	0	90	10
CORN	0	2	9	86	3
DRY HAY	0	5	41	35	19
OATS (ME)	0	0	0	90	10
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	18	32	44	1
PEARS	0	0	15	68	17
POTATOES (ME)	0	0	30	70	0
QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE	0	1	12	31	56
SWEET CORN	0	0	12	63	25

Crop Progress as of August 26, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
APPLES: HARVESTED	7	<5	7
BARLEY (ME): HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	18	N/A	N/A
DRY HAY: 2nd CUTTING	89	87	80
DRY HAY: 3rd CUTTING	55	47	42
OATS (ME): HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	27	<5	26
POTATOES (ME): HARVESTED	15	11	<5
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	48	34	46

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August 26, 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	80	55	65	-2	0.74	1	17.33	+0.06	67	1859	+137	3126
	BANGOR INTERNAT	81	51	67	+1	0.55	2	22.24	+5.22	66	1796	+200	3059
	BETHEL 6 SSE	80	49	64	0	0.76	1	15.14	-11.80	47	1524	-38	2588
	BRIDGTON 3 NW	77	50	64	-1	0.78	1	14.36	-6.79	49	1651	+173	2874
	CARIBOU WFO	84	50	65	+2	0.19	1	18.73	+2.00	67	1637	+332	2842
	DOVER-FOXCROFT	82	48	64	0	0.28	2	15.09	-2.63	56	1571	+173	2752
	DURHAM	82	49	65	0	0.86	2	16.13	-3.12	58	1622	+153	2844
	EAST SURRY	79	48	65	-1	1.08	2	18.10	-0.58	57	1502	+19	2710
	EUSTIS	82	46	62	+1	0.81	1	16.83	-1.30	50	1224	+124	2340
	FRENCHVILLE NOR	83	54	67	+6	0.11	1	16.25	-1.03	72	1686	+498	2888
	HARMONY	91	45	63	-2	0.35	1	16.21	-3.50	53	1758	+252	2927
	HOLLIS	81	48	64	-2	0.60	1	17.70	-3.32	60	1676	+121	2875
	HOULTON AIRPORT	80	45	63	0	0.26	2	17.64	-0.03	76	1476	+191	2664
	LIVERMORE FALLS	84	46	64	0	0.40	1	16.22	-7.29	49	1596	+4	2794
	MILLINOCKET MUN	81	51	64	0	0.18	2	18.74	+0.61	69	1716	+194	2951
	MOOSEHEAD	77	47	62	0	0.28	1	17.52	-1.64	57	1303	+92	2372
	PORTLAND JETPOR	79	55	67	0	0.76	1	21.41	+3.03	64	1860	+210	3134
	RANGELEY	80	48	62	+1	1.10	1	17.75	-0.79	67	1314	+166	2477
	TOPSFIELD 2	81	54	65	0	0.44	1	20.25	+1.21	53	1606	+142	2818
	TURNER	82	52	65	-1	0.39	1	15.62	-3.60	56	1829	+187	3077
	WEST ROCKPORT 1	80	53	66	0	0.57	1	16.94	-2.74	48	1736	+246	2988
	WHITING	82	48	66	+2	0.08	1	16.26	-2.91	35	1582	+322	2724
	WOODLAND	82	57	68	+2	0.25	1	14.61	-2.90	43	1978	+440	3168
New Hampshire	BERLIN	79	49	63	-1	0.88	3	17.07	-1.29	59	1515	+43	2725
	BRADFORD 2	80	51	64	0	0.60	2	19.98	-4.16	52	1698	+102	2904
	COLEBROOK 3SW	80	44	61	-1	0.42	3	14.53	-4.07	61	1159	-97	2248
	CONCORD MUNICIPAL	84	50	66	-2	1.14	1	25.01	+7.80	72	2088	+278	3350
	EAST MILFORD	83	51	66	-2	1.06	2	24.82	+5.20	53	2067	+206	3326
	EPPING	83	50	66	-1	0.73	1	20.63	+1.32	61	1934	+115	3150
	ERROL AIRPORT	82	43	61	-1	1.13	2	16.70	-1.11	62	1312	+74	2483
	HANCOCK	84	48	66	-1	0.11	1	11.21	-10.44	30	1466	-272	2428
	JAFFREY SILVER	82	53	66	0	0.78	2	25.01	+4.59	53	2078	+439	3320
	JEFFERSON	80	48	63	+1	0.95	2	18.82	+0.27	61	1594	+320	2778
	KEENE	81	48	66	-2	0.30	2	22.55	+3.76	60	1854	+62	3085
	LAKEPORT 2	84	54	69	0	1.11	2	16.47	-2.85	47	2092	+184	3319
	LEBANON MUNICIPAL	84	50	68	+1	0.42	1	22.16	+6.03	75	2080	+218	3340
	LYNDEBOROUGH	80	50	65	-4	1.02	1	21.44	+2.49	63	1942	+198	3192
	NORTH CONWAY	82	48	65	0	2.43	2	19.16	-1.73	61	1907	+327	3154
	TAMWORTH 4	77	46	61	-4	1.27	1	19.61	-2.24	55	1458	-66	2654
	WOLFEBORO	77	56	67	+3	1.13	1	18.46	-3.39	59	1969	+445	3234
Vermont	AVERILL	80	44	62	-2	0.14	2	10.43	-8.40	57	1357	-159	2493
	BARRE MONTPELIE	80	47	64	-1	0.27	2	19.75	+2.33	82	1636	+122	2868
	BENNINGTON MORS	80	51	67	+2	0.14	3	21.76	+2.94	80	1975	+320	3239
	BURLINGTON WSO	84	59	72	+4	0.03	1	21.31	+3.83	83	2370	+478	3640
	CORINTH	75	47	62	-1	0.33	2	17.55	-7.50	62	1410	+80	2596
	JOHNSON	80	49	64	0	0.17	2	14.18	-6.88	54	1447	+1	2596
	MARLBORO RAWES	77	52	64	-6	0.78	2	25.25	+4.87	62	1568	-485	2672

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	NEWPORT	82	53	66	+2	0.35	2	20.06	+1.23	69	1684	+168	2888
	ROCHESTER	82	47	65	0	0.17	2	13.71	-7.90	45	1511	+32	2650
	RUTLAND	80	49	65	-1	0.17	2	18.06	-0.76	59	1764	+72	2984
	SAINT JOHNSBURY	81	46	66	-1	0.43	2	20.05	+1.99	64	1956	+130	3209
	SOUTH LINCOLN	77	45	62	-1	0.26	2	15.38	-6.98	54	1328	-76	2432
	SPRINGFIELD HAR	82	48	62	-4	0.41	2	20.67	+1.74	76	1870	+182	3108
	SUTTON	79	49	64	+1	0.53	2	17.17	-2.42	68	1522	+270	2714
	WOODSTOCK	82	47	66	0	0.37	2	18.39	+0.67	56	1864	+170	3072
Massachusetts	AMHERST	84	52	68	0	0.59	2	26.82	+7.45	59	2234	+306	3508
	BARRE FALLS DAM	85	48	67	+2	0.40	2	21.20	+1.08	51	2276	+720	3512
	BEDFORD HANSCOM	84	53	68	-2	0.59	2	20.86	+2.03	64	2268	+152	3570
	BEVERLY MUNICIP	81	54	69	+1	0.83	1	21.69	+3.13	72	2141	+306	3460
	BIRCH HILL DAM	82	49	65	-1	0.89	4	26.78	+6.91	66	1941	+259	3167
	BOSTON/LOGAN IN	84	62	72	+1	0.50	2	21.21	+4.00	72	2455	+286	3792
	CHATHAM MUNICIP	80	59	69	0	0.12	3	13.85	-4.26	76	1917	+110	3248
	CHICOPEE WESTOV	83	52	66	-3	0.46	3	28.29	+7.40	67	2276	+277	3558
	EAST BRIMFIELD	82	53	67	-1	0.55	4	25.50	+6.31	68	2002	+101	3134
	EDGARTOWN	80	48	67	-4	0.24	3	12.85	-5.11	52	1926	-34	3213
	FITCHBURG MUNIC	81	56	68	-2	0.81	2	29.40	+9.55	76	2236	+153	3559
	GREENFIELD NO.	83	53	68	0	0.70	2	22.44	+1.99	47	2090	+292	3311
	HYANNIS BARNSTA	81	53	69	0	0.09	3	15.54	-2.16	69	2062	+162	3372
	LAWRENCE	83	58	69	-2	0.76	2	22.19	+2.79	56	2360	+210	3640
	LENOX DALE	80	52	67	0	0.23	1	12.47	-7.99	52	1926	+204	3163
	LOWELL	85	55	69	-1	0.60	1	19.39	+0.22	52	2172	+150	3423
	NEW BEDFORD MUN	83	50	67	-2	0.65	3	16.52	-2.42	70	2150	+243	3462
	NORTH ADAMS HAR	79	51	66	0	0.21	2	22.76	+1.68	82	1950	+206	3210
	NORWOOD MEMORIA	85	50	66	-2	0.39	2	20.92	+1.90	65	2397	+511	3754
	PITTSFIELD MUNI	78	52	66	0	0.54	2	23.65	+3.43	84	1974	+355	3231
	PLYMOUTH MUNICI	84	53	69	0	0.31	3	20.13	+1.12	72	2224	+362	3558
	TAUNTON MUNICIP	85	48	66	-3	0.20	2	20.13	+1.03	64	2247	+269	3561
	WESTFIELD BARNE	84	53	66	-3	0.37	3	27.16	+6.27	79	2283	+284	3576
	WORCESTER	78	55	66	-2	0.63	3	26.16	+6.26	75	2072	+211	3350
	WORTHINGTON	79	51	64	-1	0.91	2	30.12	+8.48	61	1710	+192	2868
Rhode Island	NEWPORT STATE A	80	56	68	-2	0.12	4	14.68	-3.74	70	2060	+106	3377
	PROVIDENCE	85	56	70	-2	0.53	3	21.38	+3.48	68	2402	+199	3756
	WESTERLY STATE	81	53	69	-1	0.71	3	17.04	-2.26	76	2208	+321	3542
	WOONSOCKET	85	54	70	0	0.51	3	21.13	+1.01	56	2366	+304	3674
Connecticut	BRIDGEPORT/SIKO	86	61	72	0	0.11	2	23.27	+4.85	84	2498	+208	3852
	BURLINGTON	82	51	66	-3	0.23	2	27.66	+5.09	70	2024	-22	3243
	DANBURY MUNICIP	81	53	68	-1	0.01	1	28.58	+7.13	80	2242	+237	3542
	HARTFORD-BRADLE	85	55	69	-2	0.23	2	32.35	+12.33	84	2466	+206	3782
	MERIDEN MARKHAM	84	53	68	-2	0.27	3	24.98	+6.09	83	2325	+171	3646
	NORFOLK 2 SW	78	52	65	-1	0.60	2	25.32	+2.94	70	1931	+282	3180
	NORWICH PUB UTI	84	56	71	0	0.10	4	18.49	-2.77	59	2396	+268	3696
	STAFFORDVILLE	81	51	66	-2	0.40	2	26.44	+5.98	57	1966	+132	3222
	WEST THOMPSON L	80	50	67	-1	0.42	2	21.17	-0.24	57	2081	+215	3353
	WILLIMANTIC WIN	83	53	67	-3	0.50	2	21.26	+1.33	69	2374	+334	3708

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

Grain crops are yielding better than expected. Heat and drought during the growing season has caused some quality problems in the potato crop. I expect they will start killing the potato tops this week.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

Crops are progressing well, one day of rain in the morning helped keep most soils moist. A lot of second crop hay was cut over the weekend. Raspberries and early apples are being picked. Blueberries are done.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Great growing and harvesting weather. There are some blight, disease and insect issues but overall conditions are great. The deer are enjoying my garden.

SOMERSET, Kathy Hopkins

With a little moisture and some heat, the corn is looking good except on very dry ground. Highbush blueberries are available, hay being cut, vegetables ripening and available at Farmers Market and roadside stands.

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL MA COUNTIES, Tom Smiarowski

Some rain early in the week but a mostly dry week. Vegetable and fruit harvest in full swing.

BARNSTABLE/BRISTOL/DUKES/NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH,

Dr. Peter Jeranyama

NASS crop estimates put the MA crop around 1.9 million barrels. Weather conditions over the next month will impact the final numbers. Now is the time to collect samples for nutrient analysis (through mid-September). Sparganothis moths are flying, but it is too late to treat.

PLYMOUTH, Steve Ward

As the state transitions out of a very wet stretch of weather, cranberry growers are hopeful that there will be limited fruit rot as a result. Growers are now moving into heat/scald protection mode as we move into some of the warmest temperatures of the season.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOS, Steve Turaj

Still quite warm days but cooler at night, morning fogs along river. Field corn looking good, more now at milk stage. Spotty earworm damage to sweet corn. Mums showing up at farm stands.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

For the week ending August 25th, Wednesday delivered around 0.62 inches of rain. Top soil conditions remain drier than normal. Hay and pasture crops remain below normal. Recent rains have helped hay crops along, but yield losses from earlier in the summer are still a significant concern. Corn and crops with deeper roots have been doing better.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruit: Orchardists harvesting peaches, plums, and picking Paulared, Zestar, Sanisa along other early season apples. Orchardists busy monitoring for pests, summer pruning trees, mowing orchard floors, fixing up orchard roads and move bins into the orchard. Highbush blueberry harvest over except for those few growers who have late maturing varieties, and fall raspberry harvest continued. Continue monitoring for SWD Fruit Fly, trap numbers for SWD are increasing. Vegetables: Growers are irrigating and are harvesting an array of vegetables: beans, beets, cold crops, cucumbers, greens, peas, potatoes, pumpkins, radishes, summer squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, winter squash, zucchini, and other vegetables. Powdery mildew can be found on pumpkins and winter squash. Early Blight and Septoria Leaf Spot of tomatoes can be seen. Corn Earworm and Fall Armyworm trap numbers went up at many farms. Field Crops: Hay cutting continued during the week with the second and third cuttings being made. Some spreading manure on hay fields. Farmers are getting ready to make new forage seedings. Corn looks good to excellent with good development!

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

More apple varieties harvested this week: Paulared, early Cortland, Gravenstein, Tydeman & Jersey mac; peaches, blueberries, raspberries. Harvesting an array of vegetables, herbs and cutflowers. Vegetable are in abundance as well as demand.

SULLIVAN, Jennifer Z. Gehly

A half an inch to an inch of rain fell during the overnight hours Tuesday and through the morning Wednesday. The rest of the week was nice. Despite the ground being overly saturated in some areas, hay silage was harvested from drier fields. Summer vegetables are plentiful. The blueberry and peach harvest continues.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Cooler and less humid than it's been all summer.

ALL RI COUNTIES, Michael Sullivan

First rainfall to cover entire region and restore soil water conditions. However, too late for recovery of pasture and hayland conditions. Spring seeding of pasture/hayland being repaired or repeated with fall weather and moisture more reliable. Hay will be a short commodity as will pasture conditions. Early end to many fruit and vegetable crops as high humidity and temperatures exacerbated disease conditions.

VERMONT

BENNINGTON/RUTLAND, Tina Williams

Rain every couple of days is making dry hay harvest a challenge. Haylage harvest is booming with 3rd and 4th cut looking better than 2nd cut. Apple picking has begun on early varieties.

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Dry crop conditions have returned in Franklin County Vt this week. Getting to the point where water is short for cattle and having to go further to find sources. Hay harvest continues with much merging and little hauling. Corn is looking good and getting closer to the "seeing what yields will actually be" point Fruits are moving out and apples continue to move in. Looks like a great year.