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Field Crops, Forages and Soils Updates for NNY

15 August 2022

NNY Weather Summary for April 1 through July 31, 2022.

The table below summarizes rain and GDD so far for the 2022 growing season here in the North Country – April 1st through the end of July. The variable weather conditions continue across the North Country. About 75% of the North Country locations listed in the table below got off to a very wet start, but the rest started quite dry. Of those that started wet, many have become too dry – but some have also remained wet. There is not one description that suits all of the NNY region this year.

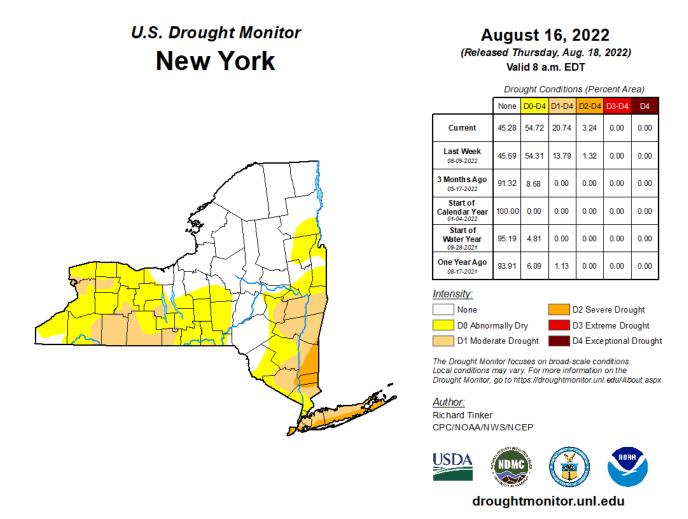


----- Accumulation from April 1 thru July 31, 2022 -----

| | | Precipitation, in | | in | - GDD Base 50F - | | GDD Base 40F |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------|------|------------------|-----|---------------------|
| County | Town/Village | Total | DFN | Days | Total | DFN | Total |
| Clinton | Champlain | 20.93 | 4.57 | 57 | 1385 | 17 | 2401 |
| | Ellenburg Depot | 21.23 | 5.52 | 63 | 1246 | 12 | 2208 |
| | Beekmantown | 17.48 | 3.00 | 53 | 1389 | 0 | 2405 |
| | Peru | 15.92 | 2.45 | 51 | 1393 | 7 | 2408 |
| Essex | Whallonsburg | 14.45 | -1.67 | 48 | 1445 | 43 | 2463 |
| | Ticonderoga | 10.31 | -5.55 | 44 | 1505 | 39 | 2535 |
| Franklin | Bombay | 16.90 | 0.24 | 56 | 1377 | 32 | 2403 |
| | Malone | 21.78 | 5.99 | 61 | 1347 | 83 | 2355 |
| | Chateaugay | 23.89 | 7.40 | 66 | 1307 | 42 | 2302 |
| Jefferson | Rodman | 18.79 | 3.77 | 55 | 1311 | -3 | 2327 |
| | Cape Vincent | 12.46 | -1.03 | 47 | 1276 | 72 | 2301 |
| | Evans Mills | 14.43 | -0.88 | 48 | 1432 | 12 | 2469 |
| | Redwood | 15.36 | -1.37 | 45 | 1357 | 15 | 2382 |
| | Antwerp | 17.55 | 2.47 | 53 | 1317 | 32 | 2347 |
| Lewis | Talcottville | 15.85 | 0.13 | 55 | 1109 | -18 | 2080 |
| | Martinsburg | 15.76 | 1.49 | 56 | 1280 | 13 | 2304 |
| | Carthage | 16.09 | 1.29 | 57 | 1314 | 27 | 2339 |
| St. Lawrence | Gouverneur | 17.55 | 1.25 | 54 | 1257 | 30 | 2287 |
| | Hammond | 16.70 | 0.63 | 51 | 1277 | 31 | 2308 |
| | Ogdensburg | 17.56 | 1.92 | 51 | 1365 | 39 | 2395 |
| | Canton | 21.87 | 5.28 | 59 | 1247 | -86 | 2255 |
| | Madrid | 18.87 | 3.20 | 55 | 1251 | -59 | 2261 |
| | North Lawrence | 19.62 | 3.35 | 64 | 1339 | -13 | 2361 |
| | Louisville | 17.78 | 1.14 | 57 | 1289 | -21 | 2295 |
| Average | | 17.46 | 1.86 | 54 | 1326 | 14 | 2341 |

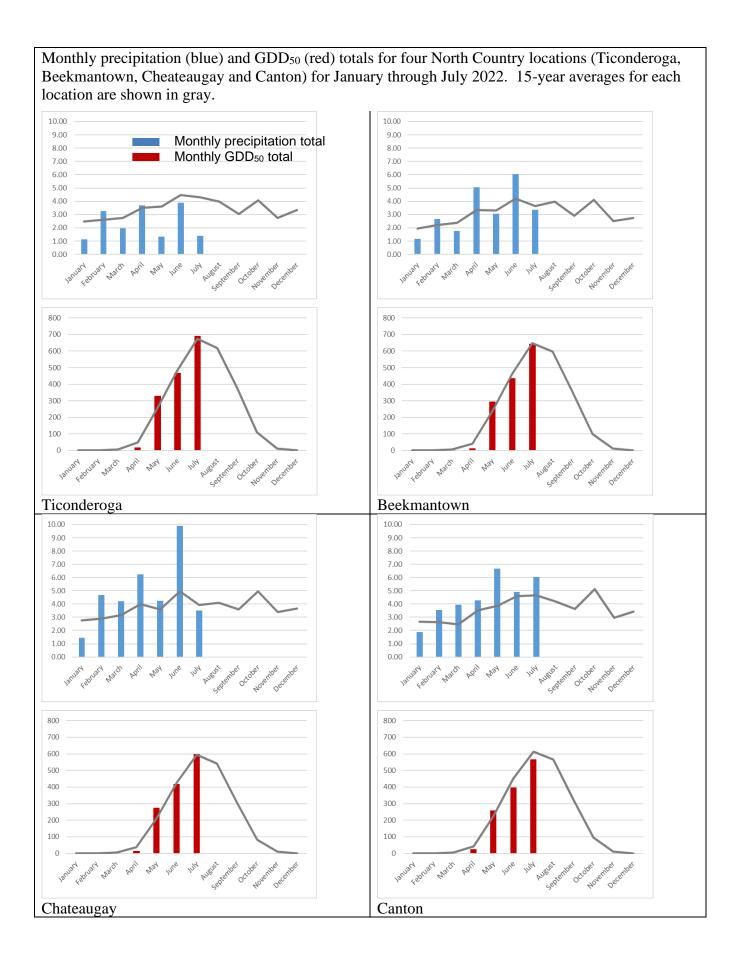
^{*} Precipitation in inches, temperature in Fahrenheit, DFN = difference from 15-year average, Days = days with precipitation. Calculated from <u>ACIS NRCC 2.5-mile gridded datasets</u>. **High** and **low** values within each column are highlighted.

Essex county continues to be dry and its SE quarter has been classified as D0, Abnormally Dry beginning in early August. Essex joins the lower Hudson Valley where a drought has been spreading and worsening since mid-June. The August 16th Drought Monitor map is below. Western and Central NY continue their dry conditions and drought as well, that began as early as mid-May.



Only 5 of the 24 North Country locations listed above are below average April-through-July precipitation, but that is not the full story. For some locations, precipitation dropped off in July and August and dry conditions are developing. Ticonderoga has been dry all season and is about 2-3 days warmer than average. Beekmantown is exactly at average GDD₅₀ totals and was wet earlier in the season but has had a very dry July and August. Only the Ellenburg area has been drier, seeing just 1" of rain from about July 15 to August 15. The last 2 locations depicted in graphs below, Chateaugay and Canton, have both been wet all season. They have had differing heat accumulations, however. Chateaugay is about 3 days ahead of normal and Canton is 3-4 days behind normal.

Most of the 24 locations listed in the table above have been near the normal pace of GDD_{50} accumulations, with just 6 locations receiving below normal heat this so far this season. Malone has been the most uncharacteristically warm location on the list and is 4-5 days ahead of schedule, heatwise. Canton has been the coolest (compared with normal temps) and is 4-5 days behind the 15-year norm. The average GDD_{50} accumulation across the North Country is about 1 day ahead of normal.



Additional resources:

- 1. Cornell Cooperative Extension's North Country Regional Ag Team Web Resources
- 2. New York Integrated Pest Management (NYSIPM) Web Resources
- 3. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center
- 4. US Drought Monitor
- 5. Northeast Regional Climate Center
- 6. NYS Mesonet

For more information about field crop and soil management, contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office or your CCE Regional Field Crops and Soils Specialists, Mike Hunter and Kitty O'Neil.

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