



# Newsletter

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## CaroVail

### Agronomy Update

May 27, 2016

#### Locations

##### *Auburn*

55 Columbus St  
Auburn, NY 13021  
315-253-7379

##### *Bernardston*

472 Northfield Road  
Bernardston, MA  
01337  
413-648-9900

##### *Niverville*

831 Route 28  
Niverville, NY 12130  
518-784-9166

##### *Oriskany Falls*

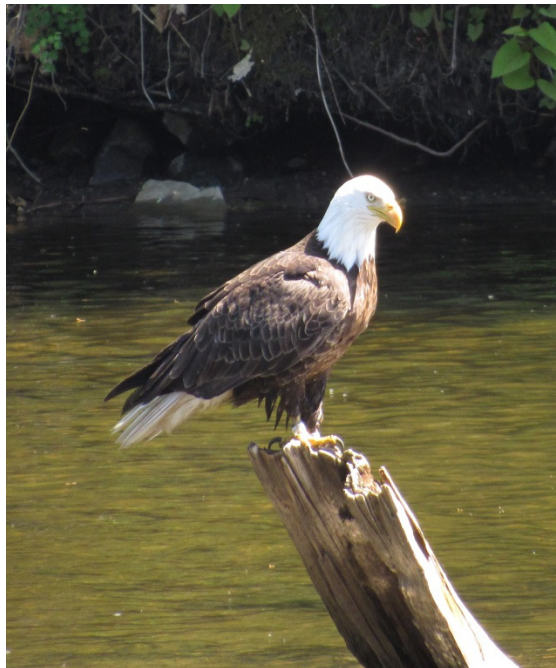
8341 US State Rt 20  
Oriskany Falls, NY  
13425  
315-841-3201

##### *Salem*

4134 State Rt 22  
Salem, NY 12865  
518-854-9446

##### *Tri Valley Crop Ctr*

337 State Hwy 162  
Sprakers, NY 12166  
518-673-5336



Photos taken on The Battenkill, Greenwich NY 5/18/16

## Memorial Day

Frank Flis

The month of May has seen crops planted, some harvests beginning, and blossoming lilac trees. With the end of May also comes Memorial Day. Though a time for many to enjoy a long weekend, let us not forget its original intent.

Memorial Day began in 1868. Decoration Day, as it was then known, was “a day of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country.” New York would be the first state to officially recognize the day in 1873. Although there are many communities that claim to be the location that originated the holiday, President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo, NY as the official birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966.

Following World War I, the day was observed by the nation as a day to remember those who have served and past as well as those who gave the ultimate while on the battlefield, defending our nation and our opportunity for freedom. The congressional passage of the National Holiday Act in 1976 gave us the three day weekend.

Take some time as May draws to a close to remember those who have served our country and have served our country and have ventured on, those that gave themselves in that defense, those that continue to serve, and those struggling with injury from their service.



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# Weather Update

	Approx. Weekly Rainfall	Avg expected high Temp next week	Avg expected Low Temp next week	GDD (Base 50) since Jan 1	GDD (Base 50) since Mar 1	GDD (Base 50) since Apr 1	GDD (Base 50) since May 1
Auburn	0.78	87	62	175.9	175.9	151.4	115.1
Bernardston	0.30	83	58	200.6	200.6	174.7	121.6
Niverville	0.53	85	62	205.1	205.1	172.2	115.5
Oriskany Falls	0.79	83	63	178.1	178.1	140.6	104.1
Salem	0.67	83	60	165.2	165.2	140.7	96.7
TVCC	0.45	83	60	248.9	248.9	218.6	145.2

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Crop Progress & Condition



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**Good Week for Field Work:** New York had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work. Nights were cold this week. Days were cool and dry. There was a little precipitation, both rain and snow flurries. Rain helped the pastures fill in and some hay cutting has begun. The last of the small grains are being planted. Earlier plantings are heading. Some corn is in and emerging. Soybeans are being planted. Most fruit is near to just after full bloom. Disease is still a worry for growers. Field activities for the week include tillage, seeding, applying fertilizer, manure and pesticides, repair and maintenance.

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 22, 2016**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	2	15	65	18
SUBSOIL	1	16	70	13

**Crop Conditions as of May 22, 2016**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	0	2	36	59	3
HAY, ALFALFA	1	4	44	42	9
HAY, OTHER	1	3	44	46	6
OATS	0	0	25	67	8
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	2	36	52	10
WINTER WHEAT	0	3	25	51	21

**Crop Progress as of May 22, 2016**  
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE: SINGLE	79	66	83	60
BARLEY: PLANTED	83	48	86	52
BARLEY: EMERGED	47	19	26	11
CABBAGE: PLANTED	29	18	35	15
CORN: PLANTED	58	32	65	49
CORN: EMERGED	15	<5	28	9
OATS: PLANTED	83	70	85	75
OATS: EMERGED	43	27	40	20
ONIONS DRY: PLANTED	88	87	94	76
POTATOES: PLANTED	58	40	59	54
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	21	13	33	20
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	25	18	41	37
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	6	<5	13	<5
APPLES: GREEN TIP	91	86	94	96
APPLES: PINK	83	60	86	90
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	66	28	78	75
PEACHES: PINK	76	55	84	89
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	51	33	64	70
PEARS: PINK	84	67	81	88
PEARS: FULL BLOOM	65	40	63	71
CHERRIES, SWEET: GREEN TIP	86	82	87	93
CHERRIES, SWEET: PINK	69	53	83	88
CHERRIES, SWEET: FULL BLOOM	56	38	76	76

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