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**The weekly climate summary and table will not be available again until the June 28, 2010 publication**  
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**Early-Season Blueberry Harvest Begins**

Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday June 13, 2010, were 6.0. Topsoil moisture was rated as 10% short and 90% adequate. Subsoil moisture was rated as 5% short, and 95% adequate. There were measure amounts of rainfall during the week in most localities. Temperatures were variable across the Garden State. Field-corn planting was virtually complete and soybeans continued to emerge. Producers prepared for early wheat harvest. Hay cuttings continued when weather permitted. Cucumbers and snap beans were harvested in southern localities. Blueberry growers began picking early varieties and strawberry harvest progressed. Other activities included irrigating, spreading fertilizer, and spraying pesticides, and harvesting vegetables.

**Jersey Fresh Availability & Forecast Report**

Soil temperatures have been rising steadily over the past month and much warmer overnight temperatures (mid 60's) have helped to warm our soils and encourage the development of our Summer season crops. This same warming weather has had a detrimental, though expected and seasonal, effect on our more delicate Spring crops causing many of them to "bolt" and begin to finish their season. The same rains which helped to size up beautiful early blueberries a few weeks ago also helped to finish off our early starting strawberry season.

This week, our temperatures through Wednesday will be at our seasonal average of about 80. Each day, the chance of rain will rise 20%, to 60% chance on Wednesday. Starting Thursday, the temperatures will rise a few degrees each day until the upper 80's are reached for the weekend. The season for established crops is at least a week early while wet fields caused most Spring plantings to be made a little bit late. Our season is on a slightly early production schedule. Please let me know how I can make this report of more use to you. Feel free to respond to [William.walker@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:William.walker@ag.state.nj.us) at any time if you have questions or need more information about Jersey Fresh availability.

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**AVAILABILITY FOR JUNE 14, 2010**

<b>ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting a good quantity of very good quality product.
<b>ASPARAGUS</b>	Finishing up.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting very good quality product in fair to good quantity.
<b>BASIL</b>	Likes warmer weather. Starting to harvest excellent quality product.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting very good quality product in good quantity.
<b>BLUEBERRIES</b>	Fair to quickly increasing quantities of excellent quality large Duke variety berries already due to warm early season growing conditions.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvesting good quality product in good volume. Cool early season weather caused favorable slow and gradual growing conditions.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	A good volume of very good quality product.
<b>COLLARDS</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair to good volume.
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Harvesting fair to good quantities of excellent quality pickles. Cukes are harvesting in fair to increasing volume.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	A good volume of very good quality product.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting very good quality in good quantity.
<b>ESCAROLE &amp; ENDIVE</b>	Harvesting very good quality in good quantity.
<b>KALE</b>	Good quality product harvesting in fair to good volume.
<b>LEEKs</b>	A fair to good volume of good quality over-wintered product is available.
<b>LETTUCE</b>	Harvesting all in good quality and fair to quickly decreasing volume as recent warmer temperatures have hastened the end of the season for these temperature sensitive products. Another week or ten days for Red & Green leaf and perhaps two weeks more for Romaine.
<b>MINT</b>	Harvesting a good quantity of very good quality product.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Harvesting a good quantity of good quality curly and plain.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality. Does not like the increasing temperatures and volume will fade during the Summer heat.
<b>SPINACH</b>	A fair volume of good quality product is available.
<b>STRAWBERRIES</b>	Finishing up.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Harvesting fair to good quantities of excellent quality yellow & zucchini.
<b>SWEET CORN</b>	An early harvest starting in light quantities of tunnel started product. Volume will be available in about a week to ten days.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting a good quantity of very good quality product.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Just starting to harvest very good quality product in light quantity.

**FORECAST**

<b>PEACHES</b>	The winter and spring weather was very favorable for setting a peach and nectarine crop and the growers are finishing their thinning. The season will be early with peaches in early July, with volume by mid-month. White peaches start a week later in mid July, with volume by the end of the month.
<b>NECTARINES</b>	Harvest will start mid July, with volume by the end of the month.
<b>TOMATOES</b>	Tunnel started product next week in very light volume and high prices. Field grown starting a week later with volume for the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July.