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## New Jersey Weather and Crop Bulletin

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### Summer Vegetable Harvest Well Underway

Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday June 20, 2010, were 7.0. Topsoil moisture was rated as 20% short and 80% adequate. Subsoil moisture was rated as 15% short and 85% adequate. There were minimal amounts of rainfall during the week in some localities. Temperatures were variable across the Garden State. Farmers continued cutting hay, irrigating fields, spraying pesticides, and spreading fertilizer. Corn and soybeans were fully emerged with crop conditions rated mostly good. Wheat harvest was ready to get underway. Vegetable growers began harvesting sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash. Blueberry harvest continued with increasing volumes of the Duke variety. Peaches and apples continued to size.

### Jersey Fresh Availability & Forecast Report

Warm soil and overnight temperatures have encouraged the development of our summer season crops. This same warming weather has also had its expected and seasonal effect on our more delicate spring crops causing many of them to “bolt” and finish their season.

This week, our temperatures will be hot through Wednesday, and then tail off into the mid-80’s for the rest of the week. After a 50% chance of rain on Wednesday, that chance will lower to 30% on Thursday. 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 an 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 21, 2010

<b>ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting a good quantity of very good quality product.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting very good quality product in fair to good quantity.
<b>BASIL</b>	Likes warmer weather. Harvesting a light to quickly increasing volume of excellent quality product.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting very good quality product in good quantity.
<b>BLUEBERRIES</b>	Good quantities of excellent quality large Duke variety berries due to warm early season growing conditions. The next three weeks will provide our largest volume of the season.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvesting very 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 good quantities of excellent quality field grown product.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	A good volume of very good quality Spring planted 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 light to quickly decreasing volume as warm temperatures hastened the end of the season for these temperature sensitive products. Finishing up with Red & Green leaf with another week or so for Romaine. “Mucklands” of NW Jersey harvesting for a few weeks.
<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 decreasing volume of very good quality. Doesn’t like the increasing temperatures and volume will fade during the Summer heat.
<b>SPINACH</b>	A fair volume of good quality Spring product is available.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Harvesting good quantities of excellent quality yellow & zucchini.
<b>SWEET CORN</b>	Harvesting in fair quantity, much of it tunnel started product. Volume becoming available by the end of the week.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting a good quantity of very good quality product.
<b>TOMATOES</b>	Tunnel started product in very light volume and high prices. Field grown starting next week with volume for the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvest very good quality product in good quantity.

### FORECAST

<b>EGGPLANT &amp; PEPPERS</b>	A very early harvest will begin late next week with tunnel started products in very light supply. Quantity will increase quickly with warming temperatures but it will be several weeks before significant volume is available. Peppers are a few days ahead of eggplants.
<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.