



**Growers were busy Harvesting a Variety of Crops**

For the week ending Sunday, July 29, 2012, there were 5.5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated at 5% very short, 40% short, and 55% adequate. Subsoil moisture was rated at 5% very short, 45% short, and 50% adequate. Pasture and range condition was rated at 5% very poor, 15% poor, 60% fair, and 20% good. Much needed rain came to the Garden State over the weekend.

Producers were concerned about high humidity increasing disease pressure in vegetable crops. Growers were busy harvesting a variety of crops. Other farming activities included harvesting vegetables, planting fall vegetables, irrigation, harvesting oats, and second cuttings of grass & alfalfa hay. Livestock condition was fair. Dairy production was down due to the heat and humidity.

**JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR JULY 30, 2012**

<b>ARRUGULA</b>	Harvesting good quality in light to fair quantity in this heat.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair quantity.
<b>BASIL</b>	Likes the heat. Harvesting good quality in good volume.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting good quality product in good volume.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvesting excellent quality product in fair to good volume.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	A fair volume of good quality product harvesting.
<b>COLLARDS/KALE</b>	A light volume of good quality products harvesting due to the prolonged heat.
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Good quality Pickles & Cukes harvesting in light to fair volume in this heat.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	Good quality bunched Spring planted Italian and San Pasquale varieties both harvesting in good quantity.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting very good quality in light volume as prolonged warmth has curtailed availability.
<b>EGGPLANT</b>	Harvesting very good quality product in good supply.
<b>LEEKES</b>	A good volume of good quality harvesting.
<b>MINT</b>	Likes the heat. Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
<b>NECTARINES</b>	Harvesting a fair to good volume of the excellent quality & widely planted Sunglo variety which will provide a good steady volume through early September.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Harvesting a light volume of good quality curly and plain due to heat.
<b>PEACHES</b>	Harvesting a good supply of excellent quality and widely planted Red Haven & John Boy freestone varieties, through early September. White Lady white peaches harvesting in good volume. Brix levels are high due to our early hot and dry weather, so sweetness is ensured. Sizing and color are good.
<b>PEPPERS</b>	Harvesting a good supply of good quality product.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Harvesting good quality product in very light volume as prolonged warmth has curtailed availability.
<b>SPINACH</b>	A very light volume of good quality product harvesting in this heat.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Very good quality green and yellow squash harvesting in light to fair volume.
<b>SWEET CORN</b>	Good volume of very good quality corn.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting a fair volume of very good quality product.
<b>TOMATOES</b>	Harvesting excellent quality in good volume.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvesting very good quality in very light volume due to the prolonged heat.

