



Vegetable Growers Still Struggling with Diseases, Weeds, and Insects

Statewide, seven days were suitable for field work, up one day from the previous week. Topsoil moisture was 4% short, 88% adequate, and 8% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 4% short, 89% adequate, and 7% surplus. Pasture and range condition was 1% poor, 6% fair, 30% good, and 63% excellent.

Vegetable growers in Burlington County are battling diseases, weeds, and insects, and yields for sweet corn and peppers in the county are reportedly down. In Monmouth County, downy mildew is increasing, especially in basil, and horses that consumed infected clover are suffering from slobbers. Atlantic county growers are spraying fungicide on crops with downy mildew.

Cranberries are in good condition. Soybeans and eggplant are mostly in good condition. Field corn and alfalfa are in fair to good condition. There is wide variation in condition for sweet corn, cucumbers, cantaloupes, tomatoes, peppers, squash, and pumpkins.

Some field corn has reached maturity. Third cutting of alfalfa and other hay is well underway. Some farmers in Warren County are starting to chop field corn. In Salem County, producers are chopping silage, and livestock condition and milk production in the county are reportedly good.

*****Rutgers University Climate Summary is not available for the past week.*****

**Agricultural Weather Advisory for New Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania
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General: The latest 8 to 14 day outlook for the period August 30th to September 5th is calling for temperatures to average above normal and precipitation to average above normal.

Hay Cutting: Good drying into early next week.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR AUGUST 26, 2013

ARRUGULA	Harvesting a light volume of variable quality product. Will return in volume with cooler Fall weather in a few weeks.
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting fair to good quality in fair volume.
BASIL	Likes warmer weather. Harvesting in variable quality and light volume.
BEETS	Harvesting variable quality product in fair volume.
CABBAGE	Harvesting variable quality product in fair volume.
CILANTRO	Harvesting a light volume of variable quality product. Will return in volume with cooler Fall weather in a few weeks.
COLLARDS	Harvesting variable quality and light volume.
CUCUMBERS	Variable quality Pickles and Cukes harvesting in very light volume.
DANDELIONS	Good quality San Pasquale variety available in fair volume.
DILL	Harvesting variable quality in very light volume.
EGGPLANT	Harvesting fair to good quality in fair to good volume.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting variable quality products in very light volume. Will return in volume with cooler Fall weather in a few weeks.
KALE	Variable quality product harvesting in light volume.
LEEKS	Harvesting a fair volume of good quality product.
MINT	Variable quality product harvesting in fair volume.
NECTARINES	Harvesting a light to fair supply of excellent quality yellow Fantasia variety nectarines. Fantasia are known for their high color and excellent eating quality. Good sizing of 2 1/2" primarily. There should be a steady volume through early September.
PARSLEY	Harvesting a fair volume of variable quality curly and plain product.
PEACHES	Excellent quality Jersey Queen, Cresthaven, & Encore variety yellow peaches harvesting in good volume. White peaches in good volume, with White Lady & Klondike varieties finishing up with Sugar Giant starting. Sizing looks excellent. There should be a good steady volume expected through mid-September. Lots of peaches out there for at least several weeks.
PEPPERS	Harvesting fair to good quality in light to fair volume.
RADISHES	Harvesting in very light volume and variable quality. Should return in volume with cooler fall weather.
SPINACH	Harvesting in very light volume and variable quality.
SQUASH	Harvesting a fair volume of zucchini and light volume of yellow. Both in variable quality.
SWEET CORN	Harvesting a light volume of fair to good quality corn.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting in light volume and variable quality.

TOMATOES	Harvesting in light volume and variable quality.
TURNIPS	Harvesting in very light volume and variable quality. Should return in volume with cooler fall weather.
WHITE POTATOES	Harvesting mainly round white varieties, with some Yukon Gold, Redskin varieties, and a bit of Russets as well. Source your N.J. white potatoes in their distinctive "Jersey Fresh" bags.