



Cranberry Harvest Has Begun

Statewide, seven days were suitable for field work, the same as the previous week. Topsoil moisture was 3% very short, 27% short, 69% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 8% short, 88% adequate, and 4% surplus. Pasture and range condition was 1% very poor, 2% poor, 11% fair, 65% good, and 21% excellent.

Cranberry harvesting has begun in Burlington County. Grape and apple harvesting are well underway. In Gloucester County, producers are harvesting early

planted sweet potatoes with good yields and more sweet potatoes planted later are #1 grade, but Anthracnose fruit rot is attacking the county's peppers due to excessive rain.

Cranberries and broccoli are in good condition. Cucumbers, sweet corn, eggplant, and pumpkins are in mostly good condition. Peppers and fresh market tomatoes are in mostly fair to good condition.

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

**Agricultural Weather Advisory for New Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania
 Issued by Rutgers University - New Brunswick, NJ
 8 AM EDT Monday, September 30, 2013**

General: The latest 8 to 14 day outlook for the period October 7th to October 13th is calling for temperatures to average above normal and precipitation to average above normal.

Rain: None through Tuesday. There is a near zero percent probability of precipitation during the 12-hour period beginning at 8 am and ending at 8 pm that could adversely affect the performance of pesticides that require a rain-free period after application.

Relative Humidity in Percent: 45 to 55 today, 90 to 100 tonight, 45 to 55 Tuesday.

Dew Points: 50 to 55 through Tuesday.

Frost, Freeze, or Dew: Heavy dew tonight and Tuesday night.

Percent of Sunshine: 80 today, 90 Tuesday.

Drying Conditions: Fair to good today and Tuesday.

Winds for Spraying: Northeast 5 mph today, variable less than 5 mph tonight and Tuesday.

Conditions for Cranberry Scald: Unfavorable today and Tuesday. This is the last scald forecast for the season. Temperatures in bogs could drop to 32 to 36 tonight and Tuesday night.

Hay Cutting: Fairly good drying for this point of the season with no expected rain until a chance of showers on the weekend.

*****Weekly rainfall and temperature data are not available for the past week*****

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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| APPLES | Gala, McIntosh, Courtland, Honeycrisp, Early Fuji, & Ginger Gold done/in storage. Red Delicious, Empire, Jonagold, & MacCoun winding down. Golden Delicious & Rome starting. Cool nights have helped in the development of color in many varieties. |
| ARRUGULA | Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality product. |
| BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA | Harvesting very good quality in fair volume. |
| BASIL | Likes warmer weather so harvesting good quality in light to decreasing volume. |
| BEETS | Harvesting good quality product in fair volume. |
| CABBAGE | Harvesting good quality product in light to fair volume. |
| CILANTRO | Harvesting fair to good volume of good quality product with cooler weather returning. |
| COLLARDS/KALE | Harvesting good quality and light to fair volume with cooler weather. |
| CUCUMBERS | Good quality Pickles and Cukes harvesting in fair to good volume as supply ramps up through the end of the month w/ a flush of Fall product. |
| DANDELIONS | Good quality San Pasquale variety available in fair volume. |
| DILL | Harvesting good quality in fair volume. |
| EGGPLANT | Harvesting good quality in fair to good volume. |
| ESCAROLE & | Harvesting good quality products in fair to good volume with cooler Fall weather |

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| ENDIVE | returning. |
| LEEKS | Harvesting a fair volume of good quality product. |
| LETTUCES | Harvesting a light to fair supply of very good quality Boston, Green & Red Leaf. Starting to harvest Romaine. All in excellent quality. |
| MINT | Good quality product harvesting in fair to decreasing volume. |
| PARSLEY | Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality curly and plain product. |
| PEACHES | Finishing up at roadside markets. |
| PEPPERS | Harvesting good to very good quality in light to fair and decreasing volume. |
| RADISHES | Harvesting good quality in light to fair volume with cooler weather returning. |
| SPINACH | Harvesting in light to fair volume and good quality. |
| SQUASH | Harvesting a fair to decreasing volume of zucchini & butternut & very light volume of yellow, all in good quality. |
| SWEET CORN | Harvesting a light to decreasing volume of fair to good quality corn. Expect increased quality variation due to the annual cycle of Fall insect pressure. |
| SWEET POTATOES | Harvesting good quality. Volume becoming available. |
| SWISS CHARD | Harvesting good quality in fair volume as supply ramps up a bit with cooler weather returning. |
| TOMATOES | Harvesting a fair to decreasing volume & good quality with a flush of Fall product through the end of the month. |
| TURNIPS | Harvesting good quality in fair volume with cooler weather returning. |
| WHITE POTATOES | Harvesting mainly round white varieties, with some Yukon Gold, Redskin varieties, and a bit of Russets as well. |