



Another Dry Week; Grape Harvest Nearly Done

Statewide, seven days were suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 2% very short, 27% short, 69% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 2% very short, 17% short, 78% adequate, and 3% surplus. Pasture and range condition was 1% very poor, 5% poor, 19% fair, 38% good, and 37% excellent.

Average temperatures were 10 degrees lower overall than the previous week. High temperatures ranged from 66 degrees in Belvidere, Charlotteburg, Newton, and Trenton to 71 degrees in Freehold, Toms River, and Pomona. Low temperatures ranged from 25 degrees in Belvidere to 34 degrees in South Harrison. Rainfall ranged from none in Belvidere, Canoe Brook, Charlotteburg, Newton, New Brunswick, and Toms River to 0.55 inch in Pomona.

Grape harvesting is expected to be finished next week. Grapes, sweet corn, and pumpkins are in mostly good to excellent condition. Apples and field corn are in fair to excellent condition. In Burlington County, summer

vegetable harvest is nearly complete and some producers are planting winter cover crops. Mercer County growers continue to have an abundance of apples, peppers, tomatoes, lettuce, and cole crops for sale at the markets, and field clean-up is underway in the county. Some scattered late hay harvesting is occurring in Warren County.

Climate Summary for the Week Ending 10/28/13 at 8 AM (Issued by Rutgers University)

Temperatures averaged 45 degrees north, 48 degrees central, and 48 degrees south. Extremes were 71 degrees at Freehold, Toms River, and Pomona on the 23rd and 25 degrees at Belvidere on the 28th. Weekly rainfall averaged 0.00 inches north, 0.01 inch central, and 0.27 inch south. The heaviest 24-hour total reported was 0.55 inch at Pomona on the 25th to 26th.

Weather Summary for the Week Ending Monday, October 28, 2013 at 8 AM

Weather Stations	Rainfall Last Week	Temperatures Last Week		
		Max.	Min.	Avg.
	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>
North				
Belvidere Bridge	0.00	66	25	44
Canoe Brook	0.00	67	30	47
Charlotteburg	0.00	66	29	45
Flemington	0.03	68	29	46
Newton	0.00	66	27	44
Central				
Freehold	0.03	71	28	47
Long Branch	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Brunswick	0.00	70	28	47
Toms River	0.00	71	28	48
Trenton	0.01	66	31	48
South				
Cape May C.H.	0.42	69	33	50
Downtown	0.17	69	28	47
Hammonton	0.18	70	31	47
Pomona	0.55	71	32	48
Seabrook	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Harrison	0.03	67	34	50

N/A - not available

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR OCTOBER 28, 2013

APPLES	Gala, McIntosh, Courtland, Honeycrisp, Early Fuji, Ginger Gold, Red & Golden Delicious, Empire, Jonagold, & MacCoun harvested & in storage through December. Rome & Stayman/Winesap finishing. Braeburn, Fuji, & Granny Smith winding down. Cider is available until Christmas in wholesale volume.
ARRUGULA	Harvesting a fair to good volume of excellent quality product. Frost will hurt.
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting excellent quality in fair volume. Frost will hurt.
BEETS	Harvesting very good quality product in fair to good volume. Available thru Thanksgiving.
CABBAGE	Harvesting very good quality products in fair to good volume. Available thru Thanksgiving.
CILANTRO	Harvesting fair to good volume of excellent quality product. Frost will hurt.
COLLARDS/KALE	Harvesting very good quality and good volume. Available thru Thanksgiving.
CUCUMBERS	Good quality harvesting in light to decreasing volume.
DANDELIONS	Good quality San Pasquale variety available in fair volume.
DILL	Harvesting very good quality in light to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt first.
EGGPLANT	Harvesting very good quality in fair to decreasing volume.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting excellent quality products in good volume.
LEEKS	Harvesting a fair volume of good quality product.
LETTUCES	Harvesting a fair to decreasing supply of excellent quality Boston, Green & Red Leaf, & Romaine. Will go another week or two if not frosted.
PARSLEY	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality curly and plain product.
PEPPERS	Harvesting good quality in fair to decreasing volume.
PUMPKINS	Harvesting very good quality and fair quantity as there has been a lack of disease pressure due to good growing conditions the last two months. Good size, color, and hardness (shelf life). Excellent stem quality from irrigated fields.
RADISHES	Harvesting very good quality in good volume.
SPINACH	Harvesting in fair volume and excellent quality. Can take a little frost.
SQUASH	Harvesting a very light to decreasing volume of zucchini, yellow, and spaghetti squash. Fair volume of good quality hard squashes like acorn and butternut harvested, curing, and in storage through Thanksgiving. Find at farmstands.
SWEET POTATOES	Harvesting very good quality in good volume.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting excellent quality in good volume.
TOMATOES	Finishing up. Available until frost. Find at farmstands.
TURNIPS	Harvesting very good quality in good volume.
WHITE POTATOES	Harvesting mainly round white varieties, with some Yukon Gold, Redskin varieties, and a bit of Russets as well.