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### **New Jersey Weather and Crop Progress Bulletin**

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#### **Cranberry Harvest Nearly Done**

Statewide, six days were suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 1% very short, 24% short, 74% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 5% very short, 16% short, 78% adequate, and 1% surplus. Pasture and range condition was 8% poor, 15% fair, 42% good, and 35% excellent.

Average temperatures were 5 degrees higher overall than the previous week. High temperatures ranged from 67 degrees in Charlotteburg to 71 degrees in New Brunswick, Hammonton, and South Harrison. Low temperatures ranged from 25 degrees in Belvidere to 35 degrees in South Harrison. Rainfall ranged from 0.10 inch in Cape May Court House to 0.40 inch in Newton and Trenton.

Cranberry harvesting is about 90% complete. Apple harvesting is nearly done. Virtually all sweet corn, pumpkins, and grapes have been harvested. Field corn harvesting is mostly done. Soybean harvesting is well underway. Harvesting of fall vegetables continues. Cranberries are in good condition. Sweet corn is in

mostly good condition. Field corn is in mostly good to excellent condition. Apples are in fair to excellent condition. Soybeans and pumpkins are in mostly fair to good condition. Burlington County producers are planting small grains. In Salem County, growers are planting cover crops, livestock condition is good, and milk production is average.

# Climate Summary for the Week Ending 11/04/13 at 8 AM (Issued by Rutgers University)

Temperatures averaged 49 degrees north, 52 degrees central, and 54 degrees south. Extremes were 71 degrees at New Brunswick, Hammonton, and South Harrison on the 2nd and 25 degrees at Belvidere on the 30th. Weekly rainfall averaged 0.37 inch north, 0.24 inch central, and 0.23 inch south. The heaviest 24-hour total reported was 0.36 inch at Trenton on the 1st to 2nd.

Weather Summary for the Week Ending Monday, November 4, 2013 at 8 AM

		Temperatures Last Week		
Weather	Rainfall			
Stations	Last Week	Max.	Min.	Avg.
	Inches	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees
North				
Belvidere Bridge	0.39	70	25	47
Canoe Brook	0.35	70	28	51
Charlotteburg	0.32	67	29	48
Flemington	0.38	70	26	50
Newton	0.40	69	28	47
Central				
Freehold	0.16	70	30	52
Long Branch	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Brunswick	0.22	71	29	52
Toms River	0.17	70	30	52
Trenton	0.40	70	30	53
South				
Cape May C.H.	0.10	70	34	56
Downstown	0.23	70	29	54
Hammonton	0.25	71	31	53
Pomona	0.32	70	31	53
Seabrook	0.32	70	34	53
South Harrison	0.17	71	35	55

N/A - not available

## **JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

APPLES	Many varieties harvested and in storage through December. Cider is available until
	Christmas in wholesale volume.
ARRUGULA	Harvesting a fair to decreasing volume of excellent quality product. Frost will hurt.
BABY SPINACH &	Harvesting excellent quality in light volume. Finishing up soon due to frost.
ARUGULA	
BEETS	Harvesting very good quality product in fair to good volume. Tops will be hurt by frost first.  Available thru Thanksgiving.
CABBAGE	Harvesting very good quality products in fair to decreasing volume. Can tolerate some frost.
CABBAGE	Available thru Thanksgiving.
CILANTRO	Harvesting fair to decreasing volume of excellent quality product. Frost will hurt.
COLLARDS/KALE	Harvesting very good quality and fair to decreasing volume. Can tolerate some frost.
COLLARDS/RALE	Available thru Thanksgiving.
CUCUMBERS	Finishing up.
DANDELIONS	Good quality San Pasquale variety available in fair to decreasing volume.
DILL	Harvesting very good quality in very light to finishing volume. Frost will hurt first.
EGGPLANT	Harvesting very good quality in light to decreasing volume.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting excellent quality products in good volume. Can tolerate a bit of frost.
LEEKS	Harvesting a fair volume of good quality product.
LETTUCES	The more delicate leaf lettuces are finishing up. Still harvesting a fair to decreasing supply of
	the heartier Romaine. Available until frost.
PARSLEY	Harvesting a fair to decreasing volume of very good quality curly and plain product.
PEPPERS	Harvesting good quality in light to decreasing volume. Find at farmstands.
RADISHES	Harvesting very good quality in good volume.
SPINACH	Harvesting in fair to decreasing volume of excellent quality. Can take a little frost.
SQUASH	Yellow and spaghetti squash done. Finishing up zucchini. 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 fair to decreasing 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.