

Fields Were Being Prepared For Spring Vegetable Planting

Days suitable for field work 6. Topsoil moisture was 15% short, 70% adequate, 15% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 15% short, 75% adequate and 10% surplus. Pasture and range condition was 20% poor, 20% fair, and 60% good. Temperatures reached highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 20s across the Garden State.

New Jersey's small grain crops were progressing nicely. Farmers were plowing and chisel plowing ground for spring oats, alfalfa hay, and grasses. Corn ground was being prepared for early planting. Orchard pruning was well underway. Pre-bloom sprays were applied to blueberries and grapes. Fields were being prepared for spring vegetable planting. Greens and lettuces are among the crops that have been planted. Other activities included tillage work, spreading lime and fertilizer, herbicide application, vegetable producers laying plastic, and weed control.