

# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Good Week for Field Work:** New Jersey had an average of 5.0 days suitable for field work. New Jersey experienced nice days at that beginning of the week which allowed farmers to be out working in the fields. By the end of the week, there was some rain. Field activities for the week included planting corn & soybeans. Asparagus, other greens are being harvested. For the week ahead, day time temperatures are supposed to be in the 50s and 70s for most of New Jersey with a slight chance of rain expected mid week.

## Crop Progress (in %):

	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-year Average
Apples Pink	80	75	N/A	N/A
Apples Full Bloom	70	65	N/A	N/A
Corn Planted	57	39	0	50
Corn Emerged	22	7	0	23
Peaches Pink	86	81	N/A	N/A
Peaches Full Bloom	80	75	N/A	N/A

## NJ Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 18, 2014 (equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	2%	73%	25%
Subsoil	0%	0%	71%	29%

## Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa Hay	2	9	41	41	7
Other Hay	0	5	43	38	14
Pasture	8	18	21	41	12
Winter Wheat	3	4	33	49	11

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## May 18, 2014 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Andover	84	41	64	+7	1.25	3	8.82	+2.25	19	261	+114	634
Belvidere_Bridg	82	41	63	+5	1.51	2	8.66	+2.27	17	220	+60	596
Cape_May	82	47	64	+4	1.24	1	5.07	-0.37	18	312	+66	741
Estell_Manor	85	42	64	+5	0.70	3	5.21	-0.26	15	314	+93	728
Flemington	85	41	63	+5	1.44	4	10.77	+3.85	21	272	+82	657
Freehold_Marlbo	87	43	64	+4	1.06	2	9.07	+2.97	18	314	+82	728
Hammonton	87	50	65	+4	0.77	4	6.20	+0.00	15	321	+48	746
Lakehurst_NAS	88	39	64	+3	0.67	2	6.63	+1.06	14	306	+60	692
Marlton	88	45	65	+4	0.61	2	9.75	+3.46	20	355	+63	787
Millville	83	43	66	+5	0.50	2	5.34	-0.49	15	347	+72	770
Mt_Holly_NWS	87	45	64	+4	0.61	2	8.36	+2.30	14	328	+61	753
Newark	85	50	65	+3	0.92	2	9.92	+3.33	19	379	+85	810
New_Brunswick	85	45	64	+4	0.70	3	9.21	+2.44	19	310	+89	712
Pennsauken	87	46	65	+3	0.50	1	8.21	+1.69	15	347	+27	780
Seabrook_Farms	86	48	66	+5	1.30	3	6.92	+0.93	15	359	+77	806
Sussex_2NW	85	40	63	+6	0.81	3	6.59	-0.42	18	239	+101	596
Trenton	84	45	65	+6	0.61	1	7.50	+0.96	15	344	+129	764

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

*Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.*

### **Mercer County, Meredith Melendez**

Asparagus and greens harvest continues. Transplants are being planted into the field. Overwintered carrots are in good quantity and quality.

### **Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa**

More wet and cool weather expected.

### **Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz**

Planting corn, tillage work, some hay work as weather allows, livestock condition good, milk production average.

### **Warren County, Debra Crisman**

Field activities: Producers are planting corn and soybeans and some are cutting hay.

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