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Fair Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 4.0 days suitable for field work. Finally the weather is getting better. There are few activities going on the fields. The field preparation has begun for planting. In some counties there are very cold soil, 2 to 3 weeks behind normal. Starting to plant white potatoes. Continue to plant or transplant arugula, beets, broccoli rabe, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, cilantro, carrots, collards, dill, escarole, endive, lettuce, sweet corn, green onions, kale, Kohlrabi, leeks, parsley, radishes, spinach and Swiss chard. High tunnel plantings of tomatoes started. The temperatures last week ranged from a low of 30 and a high of 70.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 12, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0	0	92	8
Topsoil	0	5	87	8

Crop Conditions as of April 12, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	7	93	0
HAY, OTHER	0	0	3	97	0
WINTER WHEAT	0	1	4	95	0

April 12, 2015 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

	Last Week Weather Summary					Accumulation Since April 1, 2015						
	Temperature		Precipitation		Precipitation		GDD Base 50F		Base 40F			
Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Andover	70	29	45	-1	0.46	2	1.42	-0.14	4	18	+18	67
Belvidere_Bridg	70	26	45	-2	0.43	2	1.28	-0.28	4	7	+7	54
Cape_May	65	35	49	-1	1.39	4	1.74	+0.37	5	24	+7	117
Estell_Manor	73	30	49	+1	0.81	4	1.15	-0.31	6	25	+14	107
Flemington	74	29	46	-2	0.29	4	0.46	-1.10	6	11	+6	68
Freehold_Marlbo	74	32	48	-1	0.56	2	0.80	-0.77	4	20	+9	93
Hammonton	73	34	48	-2	0.82	5	1.21	-0.38	7	21	+3	107
Lakehurst_NAS	70	34	49	+1	0.37	4	0.62	-0.80	6	33	+20	111
Marlton	75	33	49	-2	0.58	4	0.91	-0.68	6	25	+4	115
Millville	72	28	51	+2	0.68	4	0.93	-0.55	6	45	+26	123
Mt_Holly_NWS	74	31	48	-2	0.23	4	0.52	-0.94	6	20	+3	96
Newark	64	38	50	-1	0.34	4	0.49	-1.07	6	34	+15	119
New_Brunswick	74	31	49	+1	0.37	3	0.46	-1.14	5	21	+12	94
Pennsauken	74	33	49	-3	0.49	5	0.74	-0.83	7	25	-4	108
Seabrook_Farms	72	33	50	0	0.41	5	0.76	-0.72	7	32	+13	121
Sussex_2NW	72	28	43	-3	0.41	3	1.06	-0.68	5	4	+4	43
Trenton	73	32	50	+3	0.15	3	0.35	-1.21	5	41	+33	117

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

Cumberland County, Dr. Wesley Kline

Starting to plant white potatoes. Continue to plant or transplant arugula, beets, lettuce, broccoli rabe, cabbage, cilantro, carrots, collards, sweet corn, dill, escarole, endive, green onions, kale, Kohlrabi, leeks, parsley, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, broccoli and cauliflower. High tunnel plantings of tomatoes started.

Mercer County, Meredith Melendez

Field prep has begun for planting. Early season transplants have started to be planted. Greenhouse lettuces continue to be harvested.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa

Canada goose damage on overwintered grains. Very cold soil - 2-3 weeks behind "normal"

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Things beginning to green up, tillage work as the ground allows, livestock condition good with offspring being born, milk production good