



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



New
Jersey



Crop Progress & Condition

Bruce Eklund, State Statistician

P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 800-328-0179

Fax: 800-625-7581

www.nass.usda.gov/nj
Week ending June 7, 2015

Issued weekly on the internet, April - November
by the Northeastern Regional Field Office of NASS

nassrfoner@nass.usda.gov
Released June 8, 2015

Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 4.0 days suitable for field work. Rainfall and dry weather have slowed down Hay alfalfa and Other Hay 1st cutting. Soil temperatures are finally warming up. We had way too much rain than what we needed. Wet conditions made field work very difficult. There was severe weather on Monday which damaged some young plantings of cucumber and squash. The following crops are continue harvesting in Mercer County: Asparagus, radish peas, lettuce, greens, spinach and strawberries.

Crop Progress as of June 7, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: PLANTED	95	91	89	73
CORN: EMERGED	91	85	75	66
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	91	85	64	31
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	73	65	57	31
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	29	0	71	54
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	25	0	39	33

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 7, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	5	20	62	13
SUBSOIL	4	18	69	9

Crop Conditions as of June 7, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	4	4	40	45	7
HAY, OTHER	3	7	58	31	1
PASTURE AND RANGE	4	9	30	25	32
WINTER WHEAT	2	5	22	70	1

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oce/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.](#)"

June 7, 2015 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Andover	83	44	60	-4	2.67	4	6.80	-2.72	19	622	+238	1207
Belvidere_Bridg	82	41	58	-7	1.81	3	4.55	-4.64	16	531	+124	1108
Cape_May	79	54	63	-4	2.20	6	6.97	-0.72	20	719	+177	1362
Estell_Manor	88	50	63	-4	3.78	5	8.47	+1.01	23	745	+235	1371
Flemington	88	46	61	-5	3.80	4	6.72	-3.29	26	668	+212	1268
Freehold_Marlbo	91	44	61	-6	1.67	4	5.46	-3.05	19	687	+163	1307
Hammonton	91	52	64	-4	4.61	6	8.92	+0.12	30	776	+190	1406
Lakehurst_NAS	90	45	62	-6	2.70	4	5.64	-2.22	22	752	+202	1378
Marlton	91	52	64	-5	2.38	5	6.02	-2.82	25	783	+168	1422
Millville	88	51	65	-3	4.41	5	9.73	+1.44	24	811	+219	1434
Mt_Holly_NWS	89	50	62	-6	1.65	5	4.62	-4.18	23	726	+148	1347
Newark	88	49	62	-7	6.20	4	9.11	-0.08	19	833	+203	1470
New_Brunswick	91	47	61	-6	2.14	4	5.81	-3.75	24	719	+209	1338
Pennsauken	89	50	62	-7	2.01	5	6.58	-2.66	25	797	+140	1431
Seabrook_Farms	88	53	65	-4	1.69	4	6.06	-2.39	24	812	+207	1446
Sussex_2NW	85	43	61	-2	3.31	3	6.64	-3.31	21	581	+214	1153
Trenton	91	50	63	-4	2.17	5	5.34	-3.93	23	793	+297	1417

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
 Copyright 2015: Agricultural Weather Information Service, Inc. All rights reserved.

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.

Atlantic County, Richard Vanvranken

Previous 3 weeks of excessive heat caused some maturing fields of lettuce to bolt, while scattered hail along with 4-6+ inches of rain Monday damaged other mature fields making them unmarketable. Other fields remain unaffected and harvest of lettuce and other greens continues. Monday's severe weather also damaged some young plantings of cucumbers and squash. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplants appear unaffected.

Hunterdon County, Bob Mickel

Rainfall and poor drying conditions have slowed down 1st cutting. Growers need to take every opportunity/window to make first cutting as the longer time goes on, the more mature the crop will become and lower palatability and quality. Pastures need to be rotated aggressively as rain events occur. Top dress pastures for second growth as well.

Mercer County, Meredith Melendez

Planting continues in Mercer County. Harvests of lettuce, greens, spinach, radish, peas, asparagus and strawberries continue.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa

Recent rains ended 3 week dry spell. Erratic daily temperatures from 55 to 90 have not been good for growth of leafy greens with extensive bolting in spinach, lettuces. Ground temps finally warming to complete soy planting and veg transplants.

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Received much needed rain and lots of it, wet conditions made field work difficult to impossible for most of the week, some spraying took place, livestock condition good, milk production average for time of year