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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 6 days suitable for field work. The average high temperatures in the state were still in the mid-90s. Later summer harvests are in full swing and needed rain arrived for the fall planted crops. Soaking rains were widespread, with areas receiving ½ to 2 ½ inches across the state, but irrigation is still needed in many areas. Apples are now being harvested. Hay work continues, as well as chopping of silage. Some farms are beginning to combine corn. Pumpkins are small due to lack of moisture.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 13, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	19	24	50	7
SUBSOIL	14	23	59	4

Crop Conditions as of September 13, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	2	5	12	54	27
HAY, ALFALFA	5	4	38	46	7
HAY, OTHER	4	6	56	28	6
PASTURE AND RANGE	15	6	27	22	30

Crop Progress as of September 13, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: DOUGH	95	75	93	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	79	79	71	62
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	15	<5	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	96	93	95	92
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	37	34	36	46
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	91	86	94	80
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	62	38	84	82

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September 13, 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	92	54	73	+10	2.48	3	20.99	-2.93	52	2776	+550	4341
Belvidere_Bridg	93	55	72	+7	1.52	2	23.17	+0.78	47	2589	+234	4146
Cape_May	88	62	74	+5	1.25	4	21.04	+2.46	52	3290	+450	4913
Estell_Manor	92	58	74	+7	0.59	3	24.75	+5.59	57	3146	+403	4752
Flemington	96	55	74	+9	1.88	3	18.09	-5.80	57	3013	+513	4593
Freehold_Marlbo	96	55	75	+8	1.22	2	16.26	-5.56	50	3139	+441	4739
Hammonton	94	55	75	+8	1.29	4	22.55	+0.91	73	3322	+441	4932
Lakehurst_NAS	94	56	75	+7	1.74	3	17.43	-3.06	55	3176	+364	4782
Marlton	95	55	76	+7	1.47	2	19.38	-3.48	58	3334	+448	4953
Millville	91	59	76	+7	0.72	3	24.63	+4.33	54	3355	+418	4958
Mt_Holly_NWS	91	60	73	+6	1.80	2	17.56	-5.75	51	3129	+314	4730
Newark	98	65	78	+9	1.01	2	17.64	-4.63	43	3598	+545	5215
New_Brunswick	97	60	76	+9	1.35	2	15.14	-8.75	57	3234	+524	4833
Pennsauken	94	62	76	+6	2.17	3	21.10	-1.77	55	3316	+247	4930
Seabrook_Farms	93	54	75	+6	2.48	3	24.31	+3.12	53	3349	+387	4963
Sussex_2NW	95	54	73	+10	2.12	3	19.60	-3.97	54	2629	+432	4181
Trenton	94	61	76	+9	1.28	3	15.66	-8.41	57	3345	+717	4949

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

Later summer harvests are in full swing and needed rain arrived for the fall planted crops. Apples are now being harvested.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa

Ragweed season affecting people and animals. Finally good rains widespread of 1/2 inch or more. Loosening soil. Pumpkins are small due to lack of moisture.

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Irrigation, hay work, chopping silage, starting to combine some corn, livestock condition fair to good, milk production slightly below average due to heat and humidity.

**JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

APPLES	Harvesting Macintosh, Courtland, Honeycrisp, & Early Fuji. Gala & Ginger Gold harvested & in storage. Red & Golden Delicious, Empire, Rome, Jonagold, and MacCoun in a couple of weeks. More cool nights would help in the development of color.
ARUGULA	Harvesting good quality product in fair to good volume.
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting very good quality products available in fair to good volume.
BASIL	Harvesting very good quality in fair to decreasing volume. Likes warmth.
BEETS	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality product.
CABBAGE	Harvesting very good quality products in good volume.
CILANTRO	Harvesting good quality product in fair to good volume.
CUCUMBERS	Harvesting good quality Pickles/Cukes harvesting in fair volume.
DANDELIONS	Good quality Italian bunched product available in fair to good volume.
DILL	Harvesting good quality in fair volume.
EGGPLANT	Harvesting a fair to decreasing quantity of good quality product.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting very good quality products in fair to increasing volume.
KALE & COLLARDS	Very good quality products harvesting in good volume.
LETTUCES	Harvesting Fall lettuces in fair to increasing volume.
LEEKs	A fair to good volume of good quality product is available.
MINT	Very good quality harvesting in fair to decreasing volume as cool nights are starting to slow production.
NECTARINES	Harvesting a very light to decreasing volume of excellent quality Fantasia variety. Fantasia are known for their high color and excellent eating quality.
PARSLEY	Harvesting good quality curly and plain product in fair volume.

PEACHES	Harvesting excellent quality and light to decreasing volume of yellow and white freestone varieties. More northern direct marketers will have peaches for several more weeks.
PEPPERS	Harvesting a fair to decreasing quantity of very good quality product.
RADISHES	Harvesting very good quality product in light to fair & increasing volume.
SPINACH	Good quality product harvesting in fair to increasing volume.
SQUASH	Harvesting good quality summer squashes in fair to decreasing volume. Harvesting good quality acorn, butternut, & spaghetti squash in fair volume.
SWEET POTATOES	Starting to harvest, but with curing, volume won't be available until late month.
SWEET CORN	Harvesting a light to decreasing volume of very good quality product. Quality varies a bit now as seasonal insect pressures mount.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a fair volume of very good quality product.
TOMATOES	Harvesting a fair to good & decreasing volume of very good quality product.
TURNIPS	Harvesting a fair to increasing volume of good quality.
WHITE POTATOES	Harvesting mainly round white varieties, w/ some Redskin, Yukon Gold, & Russet varieties as well. Source your potatoes in "Jersey Fresh" bags.

JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

CRANBERRIES	Harvest starts in several weeks. Like apples, cool nights will help with color.
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