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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Good Week for Field Work:** New Jersey had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures are still higher than normal, with daily temperatures in the low 60's across the state and nightly temperatures just slightly below freezing in most areas. Fall harvest continues as fields dry. Combining of corn and soybeans continues as the harvests are concluding. Cover crops are still being planted. Fall vegetables that continue to be harvested include: Romaine lettuce, endive, escarole, leeks, kale, beets, dill, cilantro and parsley. Fall has been good to most farmers. Crops were being harvested timely, and quality and yields were good.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 15, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	5	17	73	5
SUBSOIL	4	17	73	6

### Crop Progress as of November 15, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	90	88	71	84
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	57	53	74	64
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	89	88	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	76	72	58	75

### Crop Conditions as of November 15, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, OTHER	4	3	62	31	0
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	17	29	18	31

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## November 15, 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	62	27	48	+7	0.87	3	25.85	-6.04	68	3218	+747	5335
Belvidere_Bridg	63	26	47	+5	0.79	4	28.52	-1.69	62	2972	+298	5059
Cape_May	63	31	53	+4	2.35	3	28.42	+3.01	71	4007	+591	6235
Estell_Manor	63	28	50	+4	1.67	2	33.57	+8.28	72	3739	+549	5924
Flemington	63	28	49	+6	0.53	3	24.47	-7.68	69	3509	+676	5638
Freehold_Marlbo	64	28	50	+5	1.25	3	23.63	-5.99	64	3702	+587	5878
Hammonton	62	30	50	+4	2.08	4	31.57	+2.80	92	3896	+566	6076
Lakehurst_NAS	61	25	51	+4	0.78	3	23.31	-4.39	71	3720	+457	5893
Marlton	62	32	50	+4	1.27	3	27.66	-2.33	71	3914	+554	6122
Millville	63	26	51	+4	1.48	4	31.82	+5.03	72	3996	+559	6181
Mt_Holly_NWS	61	29	48	+1	1.05	3	25.14	-5.38	63	3626	+330	5791
Newark	62	35	53	+6	0.41	1	22.73	-6.82	53	4333	+762	6560
New_Brunswick	64	31	51	+6	0.64	3	21.80	-9.81	70	3822	+700	6002
Pennsauken	63	30	50	+2	1.08	4	29.33	-0.79	71	3863	+258	6056
Seabrook_Farms	62	33	50	+3	1.94	4	32.39	+4.16	70	3990	+523	6195
Sussex_2NW	60	26	46	+5	0.99	3	25.74	-5.91	72	3007	+561	5079
Trenton	63	32	51	+6	0.78	3	21.90	-9.73	71	3977	+954	6175

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**

Field corn and soybean harvests are concluding. Cover crops are still being planted. Fall vegetables that continue to be harvested include: Romaine lettuce, endive, escarole, leeks, kale, beets, dill, cilantro and parsley.

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

Fall harvest continues as fields dry. Thanksgiving holiday with turkeys & cranberries and sweet potatoes is on the way.

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

Some combining of corn and soybeans done early in the week, livestock condition good, and milk production is average for time of year.

### **Warren Country, Debra Crisman**

Fall has been good to the farmers. Crops harvested timely, and quality and yields were good. Milk production is good, and prices are holding. Beef prices are falling. By Michael Toretta.

**JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

<b>APPLES</b>	Excellent quality harvested & in storage. Storage apples & cider available through Christmas.
<b>ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting good quality product in light to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting a light & decreasing volume of very good quality product. Tops will be hurt by frost first. Available through Thanksgiving.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvesting good quality product in fair to light & decreasing volume. Can tolerate some frost. Available thru Thanksgiving.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	Harvesting good quality product in light to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>CRANBERRIES</b>	Harvested & stored very good quality fruit in good volume.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	Good quality Italian bunched product available in light to decreasing volume.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting good quality in light to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>ESCAROLE &amp; ENDIVE</b>	Harvesting good quality products in light to decreasing volume. Can tolerate a bit of frost.
<b>KALE &amp; COLLARDS</b>	Good quality products harvesting in light to decreasing volume. Can tolerate some frost. Available thru Thanksgiving.
<b>LETTUCES</b>	Harvesting good quality Romaine in light to declining volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>LEEKS</b>	A fair to light & decreasing volume of good quality product is available.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Harvesting good quality curly and plain product in light to decreasing volume.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Harvesting very good quality product in light & decreasing volume.
<b>SPINACH</b>	Good quality product harvesting in light to decreasing volume. Can take a little frost.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Light to decreasing volume of good quality hard squashes like acorn & butternut squash harvested, curing, and in storage through Thanksgiving.
<b>SWEET POTATOES</b>	Harvested & cured, in very good quality and good volume.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting a light to decreasing volume of good quality product.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvesting a fair to light & decreasing volume of good quality product.
<b>WHITE POTATOES</b>	Mainly round white varieties harvested, w/ some Redskin, Yukon Gold, & Russet varieties as well. Source your potatoes in “Jersey Fresh” bags.