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Crop Progress & Condition

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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 6 days suitable for field work. Temperatures are still higher than normal, with daily temperatures in the high 60's and nightly temperatures hovering around freezing across much of the state. Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels continue to hold at adequate in most areas with little surplus. Fall harvest continues for the following crops: arugula, beets, lettuce, broccoli rabe, cabbage, cilantro, collards, dill, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, parsley, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, broccoli and cauliflower. Annual strawberries are being covered. Combining of corn and soybeans is nearly complete as their harvest season draws to a close.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 22, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	5	17	73	5
SUBSOIL	4	17	74	5

<u>Crop Progress as of November 22, 2015</u> (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.	
CORN:	94	90	82	90	
HARVESTED FOR					
GRAIN					
HAY, ALFALFA:	64	57	77	66	
FOURTH CUTTING					
HAY, OTHER:	91	89	N/A	N/A	
THIRD CUTTING					
HAY, OTHER:	42	34	57	62	
FOURTH CUTTING					
SOYBEANS:	82	76	72	73	
HARVESTED					

Crop Conditions as of November 22, 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

November 22, 2015 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

	Last Week Weather Summary					Accumulation Since April 1, 2015						
	Temperature		Precipitation 1		Pre	Precipitation		GDD Base 50F		Base 40F		
Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Andover	69	28	47	+8	0.90	1	26.75	-6.05	69	3228	+757	5388
Belvidere_Bridg	70	26	45	+6	1.07	2	29.59	-1.47	64	2977	+303	5099
Cape_May	67	39	53	+7	0.84	3	29.26	+3.15	74	4035	+611	6336
Estell_Manor	69	30	50	+6	1.01	1	34.58	+8.52	73	3756	+566	5997
Flemington	67	28	47	+6	1.31	2	25.78	-7.28	71	3517	+684	5690
Freehold_Marlbo	68	32	49	+6	0.73	1	24.36	-6.24	65	3715	+600	5944
Hammonton	68	30	48	+4	0.47	2	32.04	+2.42	94	3909	+579	6137
Lakehurst_NAS	69	28	47	+3	0.85	2	24.16	-4.38	73	3730	+467	5942
Marlton	69	32	49	+5	0.50	1	28.16	-2.67	72	3926	+566	6189
Millville	69	30	51	+6	0.56	1	32.38	+4.82	73	4016	+579	6260
Mt_Holly_NWS	67	32	48	+4	0.57	1	25.71	-5.65	64	3636	+340	5851
Newark	70	39	53	+8	0.85	2	23.58	-6.91	55	4358	+787	6652
New_Brunswick	70	31	49	+6	0.84	1	22.64	-9.95	71	3836	+714	6068
Pennsauken	67	30	49	+3	0.82	1	30.15	-0.81	72	3876	+269	6117
Seabrook_Farms	68	35	52	+7	0.51	1	32.90	+3.90	71	4013	+546	6280
Sussex_2NW	65	26	44	+6	1.12	2	26.86	-5.70	74	3009	+563	5112
Trenton	68	33	51	+8	1.09	1	22.99	-9.53	72	3999	+976	6253

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

The following fall vegetables are still being harvested: arugula, beets, lettuce, broccoli rabe, cabbage, cilantro, collards, dill, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, parsley, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, broccoli and cauliflower. Annual strawberries are being covered.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa

Irrigated corn for USDA is reaching 300 Bu/A while the general non-irrigated on poorer ground ranges from 100 to 175.

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Finished combining corn and soybeans, livestock condition is good, and milk production is average for this time of year.

Warren Country, Debra Crisman

Propane costs are down due to pricing and moisture levels - Joel Schnetzer.