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Good Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 5.0 days suitable for field work. There were lots of rain and cooler weather. This weather is slowing down summer crop planting and development of some crops. Earlier cool, wet conditions meant slowed sizing and less bee activity and blueberry pollination. This past week's cloudy and still cooler than normal conditions did not encourage a rebound. Following crops are being planted cilantro, cabbage, collards, eggplant, field corn, peppers, parsley, snap beans, sweet corn, summer dandelion, squash, Swiss chard, tomatoes and turnips. Following crops are being harvested asparagus, cilantro, collards, dandelion, dill, endive, escarole, kale, lettuce, leeks, mint, parsley, Swiss chard, scallions and spinach.

Crop Progress as of May 15, 2016 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	68	63	63	N/A
APPLES: PINK	67	63	62	28
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	49	23	57	25
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	46	15	64	53

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 15, 2016 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	10	71	18
SUBSOIL	1	6	69	24

Crop Conditions as of May 15, 2016 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	32	60	8
HAY, OTHER	0	0	17	82	1
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	0	35	59	6
WINTER WHEAT	0	1	27	69	3

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

May 15, 2016 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2016					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Andover	80	38	58	+1	0.42	2	4.37	-1.79	24	188	+58	546
Belvidere_Bridg	79	37	56	-3	0.40	2	4.03	-1.95	19	148	+6	490
Cape_May	73	45	58	-3	1.16	4	7.90	+2.82	23	214	-9	599
Estell_Manor	77	40	59	0	0.73	3	7.03	+1.91	25	232	+33	608
Flemington	82	38	58	0	0.24	2	4.15	-2.32	24	205	+35	558
Freehold_Marlbo	78	40	60	-1	0.11	3	4.23	-1.47	22	225	+15	594
Hammonton	77	47	61	-1	0.55	2	6.98	+1.18	26	236	-11	615
Manasquan	71	45	58	-3	0.33	1	4.80	-0.90	21	166	-44	505
Marlton	78	41	60	-2	0.27	2	6.26	+0.39	21	235	-30	606
Millville	74	37	59	-3	0.84	4	6.08	+0.64	25	233	-16	620
Mt_Holly_NWS	79	41	59	-2	0.22	2	4.98	-0.67	21	217	-25	579
Newark	77	45	61	-1	0.32	2	3.19	-2.97	19	290	+24	683
New_Brunswick	80	40	60	+1	0.30	3	3.65	-2.68	22	240	+41	617
Pennsauken	78	43	60	-3	0.28	2	5.77	-0.33	25	237	-54	612
Seabrook_Farms	76	47	60	-2	0.59	3	6.24	+0.66	20	248	-7	640
Sussex_2NW	83	34	55	-2	0.41	2	4.73	-1.86	22	135	+13	472
Trenton	79	42	59	0	0.18	2	3.74	-2.37	20	243	+50	621

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

Wet weather is delaying summer crop planting. Also, cool temperatures are slowing development of any summer crop planted. Harvesting is underway for asparagus, cilantro, collards, dandelion, dill, kale, lettuce, endive, escarole, leeks, parsley, mint, Swiss chard, scallions and spinach. Crops being planted include: field corn, snap beans, cilantro, cabbage, sweet corn, collards, summer dandelion, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, parsley, squash, Swiss chard and turnips.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa

Still wet, cloudy and cool making for a poor spring start. Mugwort/wild chrysanthemum increasing invasive weed problem throughout Monmouth County.

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Planting corn, livestock condition good, milk production average.

Warren County, Debra Crisman

Cool temps and wet ground have delayed planting. Harvesting of haylage beginning, some early rye straw attempted. Gusty wind and hail reported late Sunday afternoon, no damage mentioned.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR MAY 16, 2016

ARUGULA	Harvesting good quality Spring planted product in fair to slowly increasing volume.
ASPARAGUS	Recent cool and cloudy weather has slowed production, though harvesting a good quantity of good quality product.
BABY KALE, SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting good quality products in fair to slowly increasing volume.
BEETS	Harvesting a fair to slowly increasing volume of good quality product.
CILANTRO	Harvesting a good quantity of good quality Spring planted product.
COLLARDS	Harvesting a light to fair & slowly increasing volume of good quality Spring planted product.
DILL	Harvesting a fair to good volume of good quality product.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting a light to fair & slowly increasing volume of good quality products.
KALE	Good quality Spring planted product harvesting in fair to good volume.
LEEKS	A fair volume of good quality over-wintered product is available.
LETTUCE	Harvesting a fair volume of very good quality Romaine. Harvesting a light to fair & increasing volume of very good quality Boston & Red & Green Leaf.
MINT	Very good quality harvesting in fair to good volume.
PARSLEY	Harvesting a light to fair & slowly increasing volume of good quality Spring planted product.
RADISHES	Harvest of good quality product starting in fair to good volume.
SPINACH	A fair volume of fair to good quality over-wintered product is available as a fair to increasing volume of good quality Spring planted product is also available.
STRAWBERRIES	Early variety berries starting to harvest in light to increasing volume in South Jersey. While the bulk of the crop will be harvested towards late May, lower volumes will continue through early June.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality product.

JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

CABBAGE	Won't be ready until late May or early June.
DANDELIONS	Spring planted should be available by the end of May.
TURNIPS	Should begin harvesting in late May.