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Crop Progress & Condition







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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work. Most counties received much needed rain on at least one day last week, and topsoil and subsoil moisture levels are reported at adequate levels for many areas. Areas are beginning to catch up on late corn and soy plantings, but there is some lodging of small grains from the wind and rain. Crop conditions for hay and winter wheat are reported as good, while pasture and soybeans are in fair to good condition.

Some areas are starting to plant double cropped beans, and planting continues with arugula, basil, cilantro, collards, cantaloupe, sweet corn, cucumbers, summer dandelion, leeks, parsley, okra, peppers, summer squash, Swiss chard, scallions, tomatoes and watermelon. Barley is being harvested and early sweet corn is in full silk. Other crops being harvested: arugula, asparagus, beets, cabbage cilantro, collards, summer dandelion, dill, escarole and endive, kale, leeks, lettuce, mint, parsley, radishes, spinach, summer squash, strawberries, Swiss chard, turnips, basil, blueberries, cucumbers, peas, scallions, turnips, and high tunnel tomatoes.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 19, 2016

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	2	16	68	14
SUBSOIL	2	12	69	17

Crop Conditions as of June 19, 2016

(in percent)

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Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	1	32	64	3
HAY, OTHER	0	1	17	69	13
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	1	35	49	15
SOYBEANS	0	0	51	43	6
WINTER WHEAT	0	3	21	71	5

Crop Progress as of June 19, 2016

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: EMERGED	94	86	98	77
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	96	70	97	52
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	77	46	77	47
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	85	73	77	71
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	75	62	67	62
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	65	9	17	N/A

June 19, 2016 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

	Last Week Weather Summary					Accumulation Since April 1, 2016						
	1	Temperature Precipitatio		itation	Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F		
Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Andover	86	47	66	-2	0.12	1	7.12	-4.27	36	750	+153	1453
Belvidere_Bridg	85	48	65	-3	0.06	2	6.91	-3.97	32	680	+55	1367
Cape_May	89	54	69	-2	0.91	3	11.94	+3.07	35	842	+46	1577
Estell_Manor	92	50	69	-2	0.55	2	10.46	+2.03	37	852	+90	1575
Flemington	90	49	68	0	0.04	2	6.29	-5.41	37	811	+123	1511
Freehold_Marlbo	88	48	68	-2	0.05	1	7.21	-2.72	34	833	+58	1552
Hammonton	91	50	69	-3	0.40	2	9.18	-1.28	40	864	+15	1590
Manasquan	89	51	68	-3	0.02	1	6.93	-3.00	33	715	-60	1404
Marlton	89	51	69	-3	0.21	2	12.03	+1.77	35	859	-22	1579
Millville	93	50	69	-4	0.80	2	8.31	-1.28	36	858	-1	1592
Mt_Holly_NWS	89	51	69	-3	0.12	2	10.47	+0.14	35	819	-17	1529
Newark	88	57	72	-2	0.00	0	6.60	-3.88	28	992	+82	1735
New_Brunswick	87	49	69	-2	0.03	1	7.12	-3.90	33	868	+106	1594
Pennsauken	88	53	70	-3	0.37	2	12.49	+1.79	37	875	-61	1600
Seabrook_Farms	91	54	70	-3	0.48	2	11.12	+1.37	34	876	-2	1613
Sussex_2NW	87	48	65	-2	0.12	2	6.64	-5.19	33	663	+90	1346
Trenton	88	51	70	+1	0.01	1	6.28	-4.55	31	908	+167	1635

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

Much needed rain came this week. Barley is being harvested. Early sweet corn is in full silk. Following crops are being harvested: arugula, asparagus (finishing), beets, cabbage, cilantro, collards, summer dandelion, dill, escarole and endive, kale, leeks, lettuce, mint, parsley, radishes, spinach, summer squash, strawberries, Swiss chard, turnips, basil, blueberries, cucumbers, peas, scallions, turnips, and high tunnel tomatoes. Following being planted: arugula, beans, basil, cilantro, collards, cantaloupe, sweet corn, cucumbers, summer dandelion, leeks, parsley, okra, peppers, summer squash, Swiss chard, scallions, tomatoes, and watermelon.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa

Some lodging of small grains from wind and rain. Weedy pastures/buttercups. Late Corn/Soy plantings starting to catch up.

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Hay work, starting to harvest small grains and plant double crop beans, livestock condition good, milk production good for time of year.

Warren, Debra Crisman

Rain needed - Jim Smith

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR JUNE 20, 2016

ARUGULA	Harvesting good quality Spring planted product in fair to good volume.
ASPARAGUS	Harvesting very good quality product in very light to finishing volume. Color & volume fade
	as the weather warms & encourages product to "bolt".
BABY KALE,	Harvesting very good quality products in good volume.
SPINACH &	
ARUGULA	
BASIL	Harvesting excellent quality product in fair to increasing volume.
BEETS	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality product.
BLUEBERRIES	Harvesting the widely planted Duke variety in fair to increasing volume & excellent quality.
CABBAGE	Harvesting a fair to good volume of good quality product.
CILANTRO	Harvesting a good quantity of good quality Spring planted product.
COLLARDS	Harvesting a good volume of good quality Spring planted product.
CUCUMBERS	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality cukes.
DANDELIONS	Good quality Italian bunched product available in fair to increasing volume.
DILL	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality product.
ESCAROLE &	Harvesting a fair to declining volume of very good quality products as the weather warms.
ENDIVE	Will be available all Summer in at least light volume.
KALE	Good quality Spring planted product harvesting in good volume.
LEEKS	A fair volume of good quality product is available.
LETTUCE	Harvesting a fair to declining volume of very good quality lettuces as volumes decrease w/
	warming temperatures. Romaine is a bit more tolerant of the warming heat.
MINT	Very good quality harvesting in fair to good volume.
PARSLEY	Harvesting a fair to good volume of good quality Spring product.
RADISHES	Harvesting very good quality product in fair to declining volume as the weather warms.
	Will be in at least light volume for much of the Summer
SPINACH	A fair volume of good quality Spring product is available.
SQUASH	Harvesting fair to good quantities of excellent quality field grown zucchini w/ yellow
	squash in fair to good volume.
STRAWBERRIES	North Jersey farm markets finishing up with very good quality berries.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a good volume of good quality product.
TURNIPS	Harvesting good quality in fair to declining volume as the weather warms. Will have a light
	volume of good quality product for much of the Summer.

JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

PEACHES	A slowly warming Spring and early April frost hurt the crop. The season will start in
	early to mid-July w/ early PF & Sentry varieties, w/ volume and freestone varieties
	starting a week later. White peaches start a week after that w/ volume late July.
SWEET CORN &	Later planting and cool growing conditions means later harvesting. A light volume of
TOMATOES	tunnel started products should be available at farm markets for the 4th of July. Field
	grown starting a week later. It will be mid-July before retail volume is available for
	either of these products.