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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Good Week for Field Work:** New Jersey had an average of 5 days suitable for field work. High temperatures in the mid- to high-70's continues this past week. "The warmer weather extension of fall harvest of summer crops continues to decline and is finishing up in very minor volumes. This weekend's frost will finish them," per Bill Walker at Jersey Fresh. Weather was particularly warm and moist the latter half of the week, though the nightly lows are starting to dip down into the high 20's and low 30's in some parts of New Jersey. Still, the warmer daytime temperatures continue to benefit agri-tourism.

The sweet corn harvest is drawing to a close with good late prices and quality. Field corn harvests on dry fields are finishing up and soybean harvest will be next. Spinach harvest is increasing. Some seed was lost to hard rains earlier in the year during planting but surviving spinach is good, per input from Bill Walker.

The following crops are still being harvested: apples and pears, arugula, snap beans, green beans, beets, basil, broccoli, cilantro, carrots, cauliflower, celeriac, cabbage, collards, sweet potatoes, summer dandelion, dill, escarole, endive, fennel, kohlrabi, leeks, oats, potatoes, pumpkins, parsley, radishes, summer and winter squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, turnips, Swiss chard, scallions, and spinach. Winter wheat and cover crops are still being planted.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 5, 2017 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	88	12
SUBSOIL	0	0	95	5

## Crop Conditions as of November 5, 2017 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	0	26	74	0

## Crop Progress as of November 5, 2017 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	98	92	N/A	N/A

## November 5, 2017 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2017					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
ANDOVER AEROFLE	72	31	50	+3	2.76	3	30.57	+0.19	86	3058	+235	5185
BELVIDERE BRG	73	29	48	+1	2.08	4	32.02	+1.65	81	2914	+21	4926
CAPE MAY 2 NW	75	42	57	+4	0.27	1	33.58	+8.25	75	4035	+471	6209
ESTELL MANOR	77	35	54	+4	3.45	2	38.50	+10.25	76	3767	+457	5928
FLEMINGTON 5 NN	75	31	50	+3	2.98	2	32.99	+1.17	87	3294	+295	5391
FREEHOLD MARLBO	75	28	52	+2	3.90	2	31.89	+2.77	84	3267	-53	5266
HAMMONTON 1 NE	75	34	54	+4	3.05	3	36.00	+7.53	75	3757	+312	5917
MANASQUAN	74	35	56	+5	0.97	2	24.09	+13.79	107	3547	+359	5684
MILLVILLE MUNI	79	36	56	+6	0.02	1	35.02	+9.67	67	3905	+569	6067
MT HOLLY	75	32	55	+5	1.29	2	25.13	+8.67	70	3664	+190	5837
NEW BRUNSWICK 3	76	33	53	+4	3.76	3	37.75	+6.75	85	3641	+384	5778
NEWARK LIBERTY	76	39	56	+4	0.22	1	32.53	+3.75	73	3994	+344	6154
PENNSAUKEN 1N	76	38	57	+6	1.10	2	25.36	+11.61	71	4185	+572	6357
SUSSEX 2 NW	74	30	49	+4	3.88	3	31.56	+0.44	78	2880	+344	4952
TRENTON/MERCER	74	34	56	+5	1.14	2	23.41	+11.24	77	3794	+443	5964

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. DFN = departure from normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Climate normals used are for the 1981-2010 period.

Effective with this release, the weather data source has been changed. The basic format of the data tables has not changed, but the data content will be based on newer historical datasets used for average calculations and changes in methodology subroutines for missing data.

## 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.*

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

More rain and very cool nights. Sweet corn harvest just ended with good late prices and quality. Field corn harvests on dry fields is finishing up and the switch to soybean harvest next up. Fall cool season crops growing well.

# JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2017

<b>APPLES</b>	Many varieties harvested & in storage. Still harvesting Cameo, Fuji, Rome, Mitsu & Stayman/Winesap. Cool nights are helping to develop color in many varieties. Storage apples & cider available through Christmas.
<b>ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting good quality product in fair to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting very good quality products in light to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>BASIL</b>	Cool nights are finishing up. Frost will finish.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality products.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvesting a good volume of good quality green, savoy, & red. Available through Thanksgiving.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	Harvesting good quality product in fair to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>COLLARDS</b>	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality products. Available through Thanksgiving.
<b>CRANBERRIES</b>	Many growers delayed harvesting to develop more maturity and sugar levels. Like apples, cool nights are helping to develop color.
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Finishing up. Frost will hurt.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	Good quality and fair quantity of product is available.
<b>EGGPLANT</b>	Finishing up. Frost will hurt.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting good quality in light to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>ESCAROLE &amp; ENDIVE</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair to good volume. Can tolerate a little frost.
<b>KALE</b>	Very good quality product harvesting in good volume. Can tolerate a little frost. Available through Thanksgiving.
<b>LEEKs</b>	A fair volume of good quality product is available.
<b>LETTUCES</b>	Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality products, a smaller crop than normal. The heartier Romaine will survive a little longer than leaf lettuces. Frost will hurt.
<b>MINT</b>	Finishing up as cool nights are slowing down. Frost will finish.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Harvesting good quality curly and plain product in fair to decreasing volume.
<b>PEPPERS</b>	Finishing up. Frost will hurt.
<b>PUMPKINS</b>	Harvesting good quality in good, but slightly less than normal, volume. Regular rains have kept growth and sizing of fruit steady. There are be some large pumpkins this year.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Harvesting good quality product in fair to good volume.
<b>SPINACH</b>	Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality product as the weather cools. Smaller Fall crop than normal. Can tolerate a little frost.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Finishing up good quality Summer squashes. Hard squashes like butternut and acorn, are in fair volume
<b>SWEET CORN</b>	Finishing up. Frost will hurt.
<b>SWEET POTATOES</b>	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality product.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting very good quality products in fair to decreasing volume.
<b>TOMATOES</b>	Finishing up. Frost will hurt.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvesting good quality product in fair to decreasing volume.
<b>WHITE POTATOES</b>	Mainly round white varieties harvested, w/ some redskin, yellow fleshed & Russet varieties available. Source your N.J. potatoes in their distinctive "Jersey Fresh" bags.