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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were close to normal across New Jersey, with highs in the low 80s and lows in the low to mid 60s with one station reporting a low of 51 degrees. Cape May was the only station to report above an inch of rain and all other stations reported rain but less than an inch.

According to Bill Walker of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, warmer temperatures have or will help finish spring crops such as asparagus, strawberries, and lettuces. The warmer weather will also have farmers preparing for summer crops. Some farmers are irrigating in the sandy soils of South Jersey. Overall, produce growers are at least a week behind.

Topsoil moisture levels are higher than the five year average and up from last week in the adequate category. Subsoil moisture levels are also higher in the adequate category from last week and from the five year average.

Reports state low lying areas are still drying out and farmers are contemplating replanting flooded areas. Cost, prices and lateness in season are all considerations to be taken under advisement for farmers thinking about replanting. The blueberry harvest is 2 to 3 weeks behind due to challenging weather conditions.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 24, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	4	16	72	8
SUBSOIL	0	10	80	10

Crop Conditions as of June 24, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BELL PEPPERS	4	9	27	60	0
BLUEBERRIES, TAME	0	0	38	62	0
HAY, ALFALFA	2	3	14	74	7
HAY, OTHER	1	2	8	85	4
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	3	17	76	3
TOMATOES	0	4	30	54	12
WINTER WHEAT	3	6	33	54	4

Crop Progress as of June 24, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	93	90	N/A	N/A
APPLES: PETAL FALL	82	79	99	N/A
APPLES: FRUIT SET	48	N/A	91	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	96	93	98	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	89	76	97	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	88	70	92	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	68	66	85	N/A
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	77	73	87	N/A
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	66	55	81	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	90	83	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: PETAL FALL	88	77	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FRUIT SET	64	N/A	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	89	84	98	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	12	N/A	37	N/A
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	85	80	86	N/A
SWEET CORN: EMERGED	75	65	80	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: FULL BLOOM	100	80	N/A	N/A

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June 24, 2018 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

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Station	Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2018					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
ANDOVER AEROFLE	90	60	70	+1	0.63	4	9.08	-3.38	46	862	+62	1536
BELVIDERE BRIDG	92	61	72	+3	0.87	3	12.06	+0.50	38	790	-16	1438
CAPE MAY 2 NW	89	65	75	+2	1.23	2	14.29	+4.48	34	1062	+100	1824
ESTELL MANOR	90	64	75	+3	0.29	4	14.94	+4.29	38	1094	+128	1844
FLEMINGTON 5 NN	92	61	73	+3	0.44	3	14.29	+1.61	40	945	+99	1649
FREEHOLD-MARLBO	95	60	75	+2	0.38	4	16.14	+5.04	39	1058	+110	1790
HAMMONTON 1 NE	92	61	74	+1	0.61	4	12.42	+1.55	41	1088	+90	1843
MANASQUAN	86	64	73	+2	0.08	2	15.44	+4.58	38	862	+2	1579
MILLVILLE MUNIC	87	64	73	+1	0.80	5	16.11	+6.25	47	1125	+183	1882
MT HOLLY WFO	92	62	74	+2	0.28	3	15.20	+0.63	33	974	-39	1672
NEW BRUNSWICK 3	92	61	75	+3	0.82	2	13.67	+1.65	37	998	+78	1714
NEWARK LIBERTY	96	64	75	+1	0.92	6	12.77	+1.21	47	1145	+89	1915
PENNSAUKEN 1N	91	61	73	-1	0.42	2	15.86	+4.27	34	1054	-26	1792
SEABROOK FARMS	89	61	75	+1	0.19	1	12.54	+1.43	27	936	-132	1648
SUSSEX 3 WNW	91	51	71	+3	0.37	3	10.88	-1.87	39	818	+118	1474
TRENTON MERCER	92	63	74	+2	0.43	5	17.16	+5.63	47	1108	+168	1856

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.

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 - Still drying out in low spots - agronomic farmers deciding whether to replant flooded areas. Cost, prices and lateness in season are key considerations.

Field corn looks a bit yellow at 10 to 24 inches either due to lack of sun or NPK washout from heavy rains.

Diseases in small fruit increasing with high humidity and higher temps - even over 95 F. Blueberry harvest 2-3 weeks late.



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JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR JUNE 25, 2018

ARUGULA	Harvesting a fair volume of good quality product.
ASPARAGUS	Harvesting a very light to finishing volume of very good quality product as hot weather is hastening the end of the harvest. Color & volume fade as hot temperatures encourage product to "bolt".
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting very good quality products in good volume.
BASIL	Likes warm weather. Harvesting good quality and light to fair volume.
BEETS	Harvesting a good volume of good quality product.
BLUEBERRIES	The widely planted Duke variety harvesting in good volume with expected hot temperatures enhancing ripening. Very good size w/ excellent quality.
CABBAGE	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality products.
CILANTRO	Harvesting a fair volume of good quality product.
COLLARDS	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality product.
CUCUMBERS	Very good quality pickles harvesting in good volume, with cukes in fair to good volume.
DANDELIONS	Good quality bunched product harvesting in fair to good volume.
DILL	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality product.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting a fair to light & declining volume of good quality products as the weather warms. Will be available all Summer in at least light volume.
KALE	Good quality product harvesting in good volume.
LEEKS	A good volume of good quality product is available.
LETTUCE	Harvesting a light to finishing volume of good quality lettuces w/ warming temperatures though Mucklands of NW Jersey should have for a few more weeks. Romaine is a bit more tolerant of the warming heat.
MINT	Harvesting a good volume of good quality product.
PARSLEY	Good quality curly & plain product harvesting in fair to good volume.
RADISHES	Harvesting very good quality product in fair to light & declining volume as the weather warms. Will be in at least light volume for much of the Summer.
SPINACH	Harvesting a fair to light & decreasing volume of good quality product as temperatures warm.
STRAWBERRIES	Excessive rain slowed & hampered early harvests, especially weekend PYO. Harvesting in more northern areas with matted row varieties finishing up this week as excessive heat is accelerating the end of the season. Mainly a direct marketed crop & not a large wholesale volume available.
SQUASH	Harvesting good quality zucchini in fair to good volume with yellow squash harvesting in fair to increasing volume.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting good quality product in good volume.
TURNIPS	Harvesting good quality in fair to light & declining volume as the weather warms. Will have at least a light volume of good quality product for much of the Summer.

JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

EGGPLANT	Harvest of light volume of excellent quality tunnel started product late next week. Field grown will begin in two weeks w/ volume by mid-July.
NECTARINES	Starting in mid-July with volume by the third week of July.
PEACHES	A slowly warming Spring has the season starting later than normal in early July w/ early PF & Sentry varieties, w/ volume and freestone varieties by mid-July. White peaches start a week after that w/ volume by late July.
PEPPERS	Harvest of light volume of excellent quality tunnel started product early next week. Field grown will begin in 1 ½ weeks w/ volume by mid-July.
SWEET CORN & TOMATOES	A later start to the season will provide for less volume than usual by the July 4th holiday though a light volume of tunnel started products should be available at farm markets. Field grown starting a week later. It will be mid-July before retail volume is available for either of these products.