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**Good Week for Field Work:** New Jersey had an average of 5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were warmer than normal across New Jersey. All stations reported rain but it varied appreciably.

## Crop Conditions as of May 27, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	3	30	65	2
HAY, OTHER	0	2	25	63	10
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	1	15	70	14
WINTER WHEAT	0	5	13	62	20

Corn and soybean planting was delayed due to wet soil. North Jersey field corn planting was at 35 to 40 percent as of May 23. Growers are not to the point yet that they are likely to change planting decisions. Warming days and less rain cycle beginning to warm soils and catch up on the 3 week late season phenology. Rain has also slowed retail nursery shopping which has nursery producers hoping for sun. Hunterdon County hay was behind but should catch up with sun after the rain.

## Crop Progress as of May 27, 2018 (in percent)

Lettuces and greens are being abandoned due to rain-delayed harvests leading to over-mature plants coupled with low prices and low volume markets, although quality has been excellent. Vegetable growers have been slowed in getting starts into open acres. Rains caused decreased activity in bees.

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	90	69	N/A	N/A
APPLES: PINK	82	60	N/A	N/A
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	68	25	85	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	54	36	68	62
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	10	0	35	38
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	22	<5	40	22
PEACHES: GREEN TIP	61	57	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: PINK	57	47	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: BREAKING DORMANCY	90	87	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	67	39	99	73
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	37	25	53	N/A
BELL PEPPERS: PLANTED	75	59	61	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	70	52	N/A	N/A

According to Rutgers Cooperative Extension Plant and Pest Advisory, wireworms may be a problem in any early sweet corn or field corn. Cold, wet springs are when the worst damage will occur.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 27, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	67	33
SUBSOIL	0	0	59	41

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## May 27, 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	89	50	67	+5	0.70	3	7.29	-0.85	33	376	+34	768
BELVIDERE BRIDG	90	49	66	+5	1.13	4	9.90	+2.41	29	316	-13	684
CAPE MAY 2 NW	88	56	69	+5	2.38	3	11.22	+4.66	24	499	+81	980
ESTELL MANOR	90	52	71	+8	0.62	2	10.37	+3.22	24	544	+108	1014
FLEMINGTON 5 NN	90	51	69	+7	3.55	2	12.01	+3.73	27	434	+76	858
FREEHOLD-MARLBO	92	45	68	+5	3.82	2	13.22	+5.90	25	495	+74	947
HAMMONTON 1 NE	91	55	72	+7	0.60	3	9.38	+2.16	25	533	+98	1008
MANASQUAN	89	53	68	+6	3.74	3	11.39	+4.07	28	408	+48	856
MILLVILLE MUNIC	88	53	71	+7	0.62	4	9.35	+2.46	29	577	+169	1054
MT HOLLY WFO	90	54	69	+6	0.59	2	7.13	-2.39	23	452	-2	880
NEW BRUNSWICK 3	89	52	69	+6	1.72	2	9.99	+2.17	25	469	+81	906
NEWARK LIBERTY	92	58	71	+6	1.03	3	10.54	+2.82	31	550	+79	1040
PENNSAUKEN 1N	90	56	71	+6	0.43	3	7.69	+0.01	24	510	+16	968
SEABROOK FARMS	88	55	70	+5	0.13	1	8.51	+1.23	18	444	-42	886
SUSSEX 3 WNW	89	50	68	+7	0.38	2	9.38	+1.33	29	356	+80	732
TRENTON MERCER	90	57	69	+5	2.93	4	11.62	+4.44	34	517	+112	986

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.*

**Atlantic County, Richard Vanvranken** - Lettuces and greens being abandoned due to rain-delayed harvests leading to over mature plants coupled with low prices and low volume markets. Quality excellent otherwise.

**Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa** - Bee activity seemed low during previous bloom in fruit - possibly due to weather. Warming days and less rain cycle just beginning to warm soils and catch up on the 3 week late season phenology.



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## JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR MAY 29, 2018

<b>ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting a fair volume of good quality product.
<b>ASPARAGUS</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product. Cooler than normal weather the last several weeks has slowed the daily harvest but drawn out the season.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting very good quality products.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting a fair to increasing volume of good quality product.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	Harvesting a fair volume of good quality product.
<b>COLLARDS</b>	Harvesting a light to fair volume of very good quality product.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	Good quality bunched product harvesting in fair to good volume.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality product.
<b>ESCAROLE &amp; ENDIVE</b>	Harvesting a light to fair & increasing volume of very good quality product.
<b>KALE</b>	Good quality product harvesting in fair to good volume.
<b>LEEKS</b>	A good volume of good quality product is available.
<b>LETTUCE</b>	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality Boston. Red & Green Leaf in fair to good volume. Romaine in fair to increasing volume. "Jersey Fresh" labeled romaine was not affected by the recent recall & should be marketed and purchased with confidence.
<b>MINT</b>	Harvesting a good volume of good quality product.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Very good quality curly & plain product harvesting in fair to increasing volume.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Harvesting good quality in fair to good volume.
<b>SPINACH</b>	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality product.
<b>STRAWBERRIES</b>	Harvesting good quality Chandler variety berries in fair to good volume in South Jersey. Harvest just beginning in northern areas. Harvest increasing slowly with cool temperatures slowing the harvest but lengthening the season. The bulk of the crop will be harvested the next two weeks, with lower volumes to continue into mid-June depending on the warmth. Matted row varieties available in northern areas through late June. Mainly a direct marketed crop & not a large wholesale volume available.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting good quality product in good volume.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvesting very good quality products in light to increasing volume.

## JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

<b>BASIL</b>	Likes warmer weather. Should be ready by mid-June.
<b>BLUEBERRIES</b>	Minor quantities of early varieties like Weymouth starting mid-June. The much more widely planted Duke variety will start 3-4 days later with volume available a week later.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvest should begin in two weeks.
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Pickles should begin in two weeks, followed by cukes a week later.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Should start harvesting field grown zucchini in about 2 weeks with yellow squash starting a few days later.