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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 6 days suitable for field work. There were variations in reports across the state due to the volatility of early spring weather.

Counties in central New Jersey reported that weather remains mostly cold, wet and windy, with some milder days in early spring. Fieldwork was being slowed there due to soil temperatures which were only in the high 40's at three inches in depth. On a positive note, fruit buds looked fine and plump with little winter injury and winter grains were greening up.

Counties in southern New Jersey reported that this past week was excellent for planting. Growers were either preparing soil or planting. Topdressing was being applied to winter wheat and field corn was being planted. Apricots were in full bloom last week already. Most varieties of peaches and nectarines were in bloom. Apples were still in bud swell. There was plenty of moisture in the ground to support vegetative and reproductive growth. Most varieties of grapevines were in bud swell stage.

The following vegetables were either being planted or transplanted in New Jersey: arugula, beets, cilantro, broccoli, collards, sweet corn, kohlrabi, kale, lettuces, leeks, parsley, peas, radishes, Swiss chard, scallions, spinach, summer dandelion and white potatoes.

Crop Conditions as of April 7, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	1	64	35	0
WINTER WHEAT	5	5	36	54	0

Crop Progress as of April 7, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	33	N/A	N/A	N/A

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 7, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	4	80	16
SUBSOIL	0	2	86	12

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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 L. Kline - This past week has been excellent for planting. Growers are either preparing soil or planting. The following vegetables are either being planted or transplanted: arugula, beets, cilantro, broccoli, collards, sweet corn, kohlrabi, kale, lettuces, leeks, parsley, peas, radishes, Swiss chard, scallions, spinach, summer dandelion and white potatoes. Topdressing is being applied to winter wheat and field corn is being planted.

Gloucester County, Dr. Hemant Gohil - Apricot were in full bloom last week already. Most varieties of Peaches and nectarines are in bloom. Apples are still in bud swell. Plenty of moisture in the ground to support the vegetative and reproductive growth. Most varieties of grapevines in bud swell stage.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa - Weather remains cold/wet/windy with some more mild days. Fieldwork is slowed as well as plant growth with soil temps in high 40s at 3 inches depth. Fruit buds look fine and plump with little winter injury. Winter grains are greening up a bit.