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Good Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 5 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels remained at adequate to surplus levels. Weather conditions were good for field work in most parts of New Jersey, with rainy and cool weather warming up to average temperatures for this time of year.

Activity was up in areas of New Jersey which experienced a warm dry week, with some bad weather on the weekends. Products from all nursery crops were moving, with retail sales moving product despite the bad weekend weather. Spray equipment was readied. Landscaping was active. Planting was increasing in North Jersey. Bees were out of their boxes.

Bloom periods on small fruit and tree fruit were occurring as normal for spring, but early vegetables were maturing at or ahead of schedule. Bud break occurred in vineyards. Early sweet corn under plastic was up and sweet corn was knee high in some parts of North Jersey. Cole crops were growing in plastic hoop houses. Harvesting of asparagus, spinach, cilantro and other greens was occurring.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 28, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	70	30
SUBSOIL	0	0	77	23

Crop Conditions as of April 28, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	10	59	10	21
WINTER WHEAT	0	9	48	40	3

Crop Progress as of April 28, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	65	63	58	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: GREEN TIP	9	8	6	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: BREAKING DORMANCY	74	56	82	N/A

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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.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa - Rainy/cool/warming up almost to normal.

Warren County, Debra Crisman - Bloom periods on small fruit and tree fruit are occurring within historical average timelines. Early vegetables are maturing at or ahead of schedule. Harvesting asparagus, spinach, cilantro and other greens. Early sweet corn under plastic is up. Kurt Alstede, Alstede Farms LLC

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR APRIL 29, 2019

ARUGULA	Finishing up the harvest of over-wintered product as good quality Spring planted starts becoming available.
ASPARAGUS	Harvesting a fair to increasing quantity of good quality product. Cutting every day now. Volume will increase with continued warming weather and increasing soil temperatures. This week's warmer daytime & overnight temperatures will help.
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality products.
CILANTRO	Finishing up the harvest of over-wintered product as good quality Spring planted starts becoming available.
DANDELIONS	Harvesting a good quantity of good quality over-wintered bunched product. Spring planted will be available next week.
DILL	Harvesting a light to increasing volume of good quality. Volume will pick up each week.
KALE	Finishing up the harvest of over-wintered product as good quality Spring planted starts becoming available.
LEEKs	A light to fair volume of good quality over-wintered product available.
LETTUCE	Harvest of Boston & Red & Green starting in light to increasing volume, with Romaine starting next week.
MINT	Harvest starting w/ volume picking up each week.
PARSLEY	Good quality over-wintered curly and plain product harvesting in light to fair volume. Spring planted should be available by mid-May.
RADISHES	Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality. Volume will pick up each week.
SPINACH	Harvesting a good volume of good quality over-wintered product w/ Spring planted becoming available.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality product. Volume should pick up each week.

JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

BEETS	Harvest should begin in two weeks.
CABBAGE	Harvest should begin in two weeks.
COLLARDS	Harvest should begin in two weeks.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Should begin harvesting in two weeks. Warm weather will hasten.
STRAWBERRIES	Early harvests of Chandler variety berries are expected to begin in two weeks, while the bulk of the crop will be harvested in late May, with lower volumes to continue for a week or two depending on the warmth of temperatures.
TURNIPS	Should begin harvesting around the end of May.