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Good Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil and Subsoil Moisture levels remained at adequate to surplus levels. The cool and rainy weather conditions slowed some field preparation and planting activities. In some areas, soil temperatures were still under 50° F at 3 inches deep.

Excess precipitation in the past few weeks has pushed the growth and development of all fruit trees, wine grapes, and nursery crops. Due to the moisture, there may be some disease pressure in these specialty crops. In some areas, peaches and nectarines were past bloom as well as grapevines at 6-12" growth, depending on the variety.

For vegetables, the following crops were being harvested: arugula, asparagus, cilantro, summer dandelion, dill, kale, leeks, lettuces, parsley, scallions, radishes and spinach. The following crops were being planted: snap beans, beets, cabbage, collards, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peas, peppers, summer squash, Swiss chard and tomatoes.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 5, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	66	34
SUBSOIL	0	0	68	32

Crop Conditions as of May 5, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	14	68	18
HAY, OTHER	0	1	19	65	15
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	6	55	20	19
WINTER WHEAT	0	4	40	48	8

Crop Progress as of May 5, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	80	65	62	N/A
APPLES: PINK	59	36	42	55
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	30	8	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: GREEN TIP	81	71	43	N/A
PEACHES: PINK	60	39	5	34
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	38	10	N/A	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: GREEN TIP	11	9	6	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: BREAKING DORMANCY	89	74	85	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	6	N/A	11	N/A
BELL PEPPERS: PLANTED	19	N/A	N/A	N/A
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	13	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	19	N/A	N/A	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.

Cumberland County, Dr. Wesley L. Kline - Growing conditions have been very good so far this year. Heavy rain 5/5/19 will slow planting for a few days, but the rest of the week looks good for plant growth and being able to plant by mid-week. The following crops are being harvested: arugula, asparagus, cilantro, summer dandelion, dill, kale, leeks, lettuces, parsley, scallions, radishes and spinach. The following crops are being planted: snap beans, beets, cabbage, collards, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peas, peppers, summer squash, Swiss chard and tomatoes.

Gloucester County, Dr. Hemant Gohil - Excess precipitation in the last few weeks has pushed the growth and development of all fruit trees, wine grapes, and nursery crops. Some level of disease pressure in these specialty crops. Peaches and nectarines past bloom. Grapevines at 6-12" growth, depending on the variety.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa - Rainy, cool conditions slowed field prep and planting. Soil temps still under 50° F at 3 inches depth. Unusual report of sawflies feeding in a small turf patch.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR MAY 6, 2019

ARUGULA	Harvest of good quality Spring planted becoming available in light to fair volume.
ASPARAGUS	Harvesting a fair to good quantity of good quality product. Cutting every day though volume won't increase much w/o warmer weather and increasing soil temperatures.
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting a fair to increasing volume of good quality products.
BEETS	Starting to harvest a light to increasing quantity of very good quality product.
CILANTRO	Harvest of good quality Spring planted becoming available in light to fair volume
DANDELIONS	Harvesting a good quantity of good quality over-wintered bunched product. Spring planted starting to harvest.
DILL	Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality.
KALE	Harvesting good quality Spring planted in light to fair volume.
LEEKS	A fair volume of good quality over-wintered product available.
LETTUCE	Harvesting Boston & Red & Green in light to fair & increasing volume, with Romaine harvesting in light to increasing volume.
MINT	Harvesting a light to fair volume of good quality product.
PARSLEY	Good quality over-wintered curly and plain product harvesting in fair to good volume. Spring planted should be available by next week.
RADISHES	Harvesting a fair to increasing volume of good quality.
SPINACH	Harvest of good quality Spring planted in fair to increasing volume.
STRAWBERRIES	Early harvests of berries have begun in light to increasing volume and very good quality. While the bulk of the crop will be harvested in mid to late May, we could see lower volumes continue for several weeks longer depending on the warmth of temperatures. Mainly a direct marketed crop & not a large wholesale volume available.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a fair to increasing volume of good quality product.

JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

CABBAGE	Harvest should begin next week.
COLLARDS	Harvest should begin next week.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Should begin harvesting next week.
TURNIPS	Should begin harvesting around the end of May.