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Poor Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 3.5 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.

Reporters have stated that hay is ready to be cut, but due to weather conditions, there have not been many suitable days for cutting. Reports state that sweet corn under plastic is up 4 to 5 inches.

The following crops are being planted: field corn, soybeans, arugula, beets, summer dandelion, leeks, parsley, radishes, Swiss chard, cabbage, snap beans, basil, cilantro, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, summer squash and scallions. The following crops being harvested: strawberries, asparagus, arugula, spinach, beets, cilantro, dandelion, dill, kale, leeks, lettuces, mint parsley, radishes and Swiss chard.

Crop Progress as of May 12, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	81	80	67	N/A
APPLES: PINK	67	59	55	68
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	32	30	N/A	N/A
APPLES: PETAL FALL	19	N/A	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: GREEN TIP	82	81	54	N/A
PEACHES: PINK	61	60	40	49
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	48	38	N/A	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: GREEN TIP	11	11	7	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: BREAKING DORMANCY	90	89	86	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	17	<5	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	10	6	28	36
BELL PEPPERS: PLANTED	36	19	N/A	N/A
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	14	13	N/A	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	27	19	N/A	N/A

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 12, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	60	40
SUBSOIL	0	0	62	38

Crop Conditions as of May 12, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	12	79	9
HAY, OTHER	0	2	13	75	10
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	13	45	15	27
WINTER WHEAT	0	14	27	56	3

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 – Rain the last two days has delayed planting. Overall it has been a good spring for field work. The following crops are being planted: field corn, soybeans, arugula, beets, summer dandelion, leeks, parsley radishes, Swiss chard, cabbage, snap beans, basil, cilantro, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, summer squash and scallions. The following crops being harvested: strawberries, asparagus, arugula, spinach, beets cilantro, dandelion, dill, kale, leeks, lettuces, mint parsley, radishes and Swiss chard.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa – Rainy, cool weather slowing spring progress.

Sussex County, Stephen Komar– Rainfall has dramatically slowed planting and land prep.

Warren County, Debra Crisman – Wet, wet, wet! Fields are underwater, worry that fertilizer will be lost with all the rain. Cold damp temps and mud stall any vegetable transplanting. Hay is ready with no suitable harvest days in sight. Sweet corn under plastic is up 4-5 inches.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR MAY 13, 2019

ARUGULA	Harvest of excellent quality Spring planted becoming available in fair to good volume.
ASPARAGUS	Harvesting a good quantity of excellent quality product. Cutting every day though volume would increase w/ warmer weather and increasing soil temperatures.
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality products.
BEETS	Starting to harvest a fair to good quantity of very good quality product.
CILANTRO	Harvest of excellent quality Spring planted becoming available in light to fair volume
COLLARDS	Harvesting a light to fair volume of excellent quality product.
DANDELIONS	Harvest of very good quality Spring planted available in light to fair volume.
DILL	Harvesting a fair to good volume of excellent quality.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting a light to fair & increasing volume of excellent quality product.
KALE	Harvesting good quality Spring planted in fair to good volume.
LEEKs	A good volume of good quality over-wintered product available.
LETTUCE	Harvesting excellent quality Boston & Red & Green in good volume, with Romaine harvesting in fair to good volume.
MINT	Harvesting a fair to good volume of good quality product.
PARSLEY	Good quality Spring planted curly and plain product harvesting in fair to increasing volume.
RADISHES	Harvesting a good volume of good quality product.
SPINACH	Harvesting good quality Spring planted in good volume.
STRAWBERRIES	Harvesting of berries in fair to good volume and very good quality. While the bulk of the crop will be harvested over the next two weeks, we could see lower volumes continue for several more weeks depending on the warmth of temperatures and amount of rain received by ripe fruit. Mainly a direct marketed crop & not a large wholesale volume available.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a good volume of good quality product.

JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

BASIL	Likes warmer weather. Should be ready in 3-4 weeks depending on the warmth of the weather between now and then.
BLUEBERRIES	Minor quantities of early varieties like Weymouth starting in four weeks. The much more widely planted Duke variety will start 3-4 days later with volume available a week later.
CABBAGE	Should start harvesting a light to increasing volume of excellent quality product next week.
CUCUMBERS	Pickles should begin in three weeks, followed by cukes a week later.
SQUASH	Should start harvesting field grown zucchini in three weeks with yellow squash starting a few days later.
TURNIPS	Should begin harvesting in two weeks.

