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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** New Jersey had an average of 6 days suitable for field work last week. South Jersey vegetable growers were busy planting and harvesting with recent warmth. High levels of soil moisture have led to variable emergence in some crops such as field corn.

Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Plant and Pest Advisory reported that due to the past few cold nights, the first flight of the European corn borer have been delayed with low numbers of the pest being captured across the state. Flea beetles will be active in several plantings, especially during the warmer days. These pests prefer "hotter" flavored crops such as arugula, mustard greens, turnip greens and kale. Several pests commonly found in blueberries, including aphids and Plum Curculio, have been slowed by the colder temperatures.

The following crops were being planted: soybeans, snap beans, beets, cilantro, arugula, cantaloupe, collards, sweet corn, cucumbers, summer dandelion, parsley, okra, peppers, summer squash, Swiss chard, scallions, tomatoes, sweet potatoes and butternut squash.

## Crop Progress as of May 26, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	85	82	87	N/A
APPLES: PINK	72	68	79	N/A
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	55	42	62	N/A
APPLES: PETAL FALL	43	30	N/A	N/A
APPLES: FRUIT SET	16	12	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: BREAKING DORMANCY	92	91	90	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	57	37	63	85
CORN: PLANTED	57	32	51	71
CORN: EMERGED	30	10	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	12	5	<5	24
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	32	11	19	24
BELL PEPPERS: PLANTED	68	55	73	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	66	44	67	N/A

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 26, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	75	25
SUBSOIL	0	0	68	32

## Crop Conditions as of May 26, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	21	79	0
HAY, OTHER	0	0	23	70	7
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	0	13	71	16
WINTER WHEAT	0	3	14	78	5

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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** – Early white potatoes in flower. Weather conditions have been good this past week for planting and harvesting. The following crops are being planted: soybeans, snap beans, beets, cilantro, arugula, cantaloupe, collards, sweet corn, cucumbers, summer dandelion, parsley, okra, peppers, summer squash, Swiss chard, scallions, tomatoes, sweet potatoes and butternut squash. The following crops are being harvested: beets, arugula, cilantro, collards, summer dandelion, dill, escarole, endive, lettuces, kale, parsley, radishes, Swiss chard and spinach.

## JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR MAY 28, 2019

<b>ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting excellent quality Spring planted in good volume.
<b>ASPARAGUS</b>	Harvesting a good quantity of excellent quality product w/ warmer weather & increased soil temperatures.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality products.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting a good quantity of very good quality product.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Starting to harvest a light to fair & increasing volume of excellent quality product.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	Harvest of excellent quality Spring planted in good volume
<b>COLLARDS</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	Harvest of very good quality Spring planted available in good volume.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
<b>ESCAROLE &amp; ENDIVE</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
<b>KALE</b>	Harvesting very good quality Spring planted in good volume.
<b>LEEKs</b>	A good volume of good quality over-wintered product available.
<b>LETTUCE</b>	Harvesting all types of excellent quality lettuces in good volume.
<b>MINT</b>	Harvesting a good volume of good quality product.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Excellent quality products harvesting in good volume.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality product.
<b>SPINACH</b>	Harvesting excellent quality Spring planted in good volume.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Starting to harvest excellent quality field grown zucchini & yellow squash in light to increasing volume.
<b>STRAWBERRIES</b>	Harvesting berries in light to decreasing volume and good quality in South Jersey as recent hot weather hastened the ripening & harvesting of berries. The rest of the crop will be harvested in decreasing volume for several more weeks depending on the amount of warmth & rain on ripe fruit. Harvest availability increases a week or two as you travel towards northern farms. Warm temperatures & thunderstorms are expected half this week which will not help with quality or harvesting efforts. Mainly a direct marketed crop & not a large wholesale volume available.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvesting a fair to good volume of excellent quality product.

## JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

<b>BASIL</b>	Likes warmer weather. Should be ready in a week or two depending on the warmth of the weather between now and then.
<b>BLUEBERRIES</b>	Minor quantities of early varieties like Weymouth starting in two weeks. The much more widely planted Duke variety will start a few days later with volume available by mid-June.
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Pickles should begin late next week, followed by cukes in two weeks.
<b>SWEET CORN &amp; TOMATOES</b>	A slightly early start to the season should provide for some volume by the July 4th holiday.