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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 6 days suitable for field work last week. Weather conditions improved over last week with less rain.

The spring lettuce harvest was winding down. Cabbages, warmer season greens, and herbs harvest was underway. The quality of these crops was reported as excellent. Some additional crops which were being harvested included: arugula, asparagus, strawberries, beets, bok choy, cilantro, collards, dill, escarole, endive, kale, leeks, lettuce, Napa cabbage, mustards, parsley, peas, radishes, summer squash, Swiss chard, scallions, spinach and summer dandelion. The following crops were being planted: soybeans, snap beans, cantaloupe, collards, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, peppers, summer squash, winter squash, Swiss chard, scallions, tomatoes, watermelon and sweet potatoes.

Excellent fruit set was reported for blueberry, apple, and peach crops, though more thinning was needed. There were disease pressures on fruits due to wet conditions, leading to botrytis, and other foliar diseases. Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Plant and Pest Advisory reported "We are seeing some brown rot show up on green fruit in non-sprayed blocks. This is significant and points to the disease pressure we are experiencing, since we do not normally see infected fruit at this time of year."

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 9, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	1	89	10
SUBSOIL	0	0	83	17

Crop Conditions as of June 9, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BELL PEPPERS	0	0	2	86	12
CORN	0	0	17	75	8
HAY, ALFALFA	0	1	14	79	6
HAY, OTHER	0	1	10	84	5
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	0	3	87	10
TOMATOES	0	0	9	78	13
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	12	79	9

Crop Progress as of June 9, 2019
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	100	90	99	N/A
APPLES: PINK	88	77	91	N/A
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	80	60	82	N/A
APPLES: PETAL FALL	74	48	36	N/A
APPLES: FRUIT SET	50	38	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	94	84	86	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	78	64	55	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	89	82	74	89
CORN: EMERGED	82	55	42	74
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	38	31	37	67
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	32	18	27	51
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	74	52	53	62
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	37	11	26	43
BELL PEPPERS: PLANTED	79	77	87	N/A
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	63	44	65	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	83	76	85	N/A

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.

Atlantic County, Richard VanVranken – Spring lettuce harvest winding down. Cabbages, warmer season greens and herbs harvest underway. Quality excellent.

Cumberland County, Dr. Wesley L. Kline – Weather conditions have improved over last week with less rain. The following crops are being harvested: arugula, asparagus, strawberries (finishing), beets, bok choy, cilantro, cabbage, collards, dill, escarole, endive, kale, leeks, lettuce, Napa cabbage, mustards, parsley, peas, radishes, summer squash, Swiss chard, scallions, spinach and

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Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa– Wet conditions leading to botrytis and other foliar diseases. Excellent fruit set in Blueberry/Apple/Peach –more thinning needed.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR JUNE 10, 2019

ARUGULA	Harvesting excellent quality Spring planted in good volume.
ASPARAGUS	Harvesting a light to decreasing volume of very good quality product as warmer weather is hastening the end of the harvest. Color & volume fade as temperatures encourage product to “bolt”.
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality products.
BASIL	Harvesting in light to fair & increasing volume in very good quality.
BEETS	Harvesting a good quantity of very good quality product.
BLUEBERRIES	Minor quantities of early varieties like Weymouth started late last week. The much more widely planted Duke variety is starting in excellent quality & good size with volume available next week.
CABBAGE	Harvesting a light to fair volume of very good quality product.
CILANTRO	Harvest of excellent quality Spring planted in good volume
COLLARDS	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
CUCUMBERS	Very good quality pickles harvesting, w/ cukes starting.
DANDELIONS	Harvest of very good quality Spring planted available in good volume.
DILL	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
KALE	Harvesting very good quality Spring planted in good volume.
LEEKs	A good volume of good quality product available.
LETTUCE	Harvesting very good quality lettuces in good to decreasing volume.
MINT	Harvesting a good volume of good quality product.
PARSLEY	Excellent quality products harvesting in good volume.
RADISHES	Harvesting a good to decreasing volume of very good quality product.
SPINACH	Harvesting excellent quality Spring planted in good volume.
SQUASH	Harvesting excellent quality field grown zucchini & yellow squash in fair to increasing volume.
STRAWBERRIES	Finishing up the harvest of berries in Central Jersey. Harvesting for another week or so at northern farms depending on the amount of warmth & rain on ripe fruit. Mainly a direct marketed crop & not a large wholesale volume available.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
TURNIPS	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.

JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

PEACHES	Should start in late June w/ early PF & Sentry varieties, w/ volume and freestone varieties starting in early July. White peaches start a week after that w/ volume by late July.
SWEET CORN	A slightly early start to the season should provide for some volume by the July 4th holiday.
TOMATOES	Should start harvesting a bit earlier than normal in about 2 weeks, which should provide some volume by the July 4th holiday.