

#### **United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service**



# Jersey



# **Crop Progress & Condition**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in New Jersey, there were 5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 25, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 11 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 93 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Pasture and range conditions ranged from 0 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 70 percent good, and 0 percent excellent.

**Crop Progress as of August 25, 2019** 

(in percent)		

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: SILKING	92	85	99	N/A
CORN: MILK	52	31	68	75
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	88	78	94	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	11	<5	N/A	36
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	92	65	86	89
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	96	77	87	79
BELL PEPPERS: HARVESTED	74	73	72	N/A
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	87	86	69	N/A

#### Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 25, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
TOPSOIL	4	11	82	3	
SUBSOIL	0	4	93	3	

#### **Crop Conditions as of August 25, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	45	55	0
BELL PEPPERS	4	9	18	60	9
CORN	6	7	28	50	9
HAY, ALFALFA	2	4	30	64	0
HAY, OTHER	1	2	28	69	0
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	2	28	70	0
SOYBEANS	2	5	17	71	5

August 25, 2019 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

		Air Temp	erature L	ast Week			Pi	recipitatio	n	
Station	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
NORTHERN										
Aeroflex-Andover Airport	89.0	66.5	77.75	69.94	7.35	0.31	1.0	0.11	3.93	1.06
Belvidere Bridge	84.4	62.4	73.43	70.99	2.44	2.6	5.0	1.76	6.91	4.28
Flemington 5 Nnw	86.4	63.7	75.07	71.46	3.61	0.86	3.0	0.09	3.58	0.0
Newark Liberty Intl Ap	84.6	68.9	76.71	75.21	1.5	1.65	3.0	0.9	7.52	3.88
Sussex 3 Wnw	83.7	61.7	72.71	68.66	4.06	0.63	4.0	-0.3	1.98	-1.61
Extreme/Average	85.6	64.6	75.13	71.25	3.79	1.21	5	0.51	4.78	1.52
SOUTHERN										
Estell Manor	86.6	67.1	76.86	73.44	3.41	0.82	3.0	-0.29	5.26	0.99
Freehold-Marlboro	89.3	65.9	77.57	73.27	4.3	0.21	3.0	-0.73	3.66	-0.05
Hammonton 1 Ne	88.0	69.2	78.58	73.84	4.65	1.37	3.0	0.77	3.69	0.19
Millville Municipal Airport	91.5	72.5	82.0	73.3	8.35	0.0	0.0	-0.28	2.19	-0.81
Philadelphia/Mt. Holly Wfo	86.0	67.3	76.64	N/A	N/A	1.95	5.0	N/A	5.61	N/A
New Brunswick 3 Se	86.0	66.0	76.0	73.11	2.97	0.37	2.0	-0.36	4.62	0.7
Pennsauken 1N	84.9	67.6	76.21	N/A	N/A	3.03	4.0	N/A	7.3	N/A
Seabrook Farms	89.4	70.4	79.9	74.94	4.9	0.54	2.0	-0.11	3.99	0.38
Trenton-Mercer Airport	83.4	65.9	74.64	73.26	1.39	0.61	3.0	-0.33	3.36	-0.57
Extreme/Average	87.2	68.0	77.60	73.59	4.28	0.99	5	-0.19	4.41	0.12
COASTAL										
Cape May 2 Nw	83.9	67.7	75.79	74.7	1.09	1.39	4.0	0.6	4.03	0.65
Extreme/Average	83.9	67.7	75.79	74.70	1.09	1.39	4	0.60	4.03	0.65
STATE TOTAL	86.4	66.7	76.56	72.82	3.87	1.10	5	0.13	4.52	0.67

DFN = Departure from normal.

Weather summary provided by the Southern Regional Climate Center, https://climdata.srcc.lsu.edu.

## 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.

Gloucester County, DR. HEMANT GOHIL – Heat accumulation has been above normal this spring and summer and hence peach and nectarine varieties are ahead by 1 to 2 weeks this year. Enough moisture in the ground, in spite of dry spells. Peach varieties that are being harvested in southern NJ are Blake, Messina, Gloria, Cresthaven, August Prince, PF 27A, PF 28-007 and PF36-007. Early wine grape varieties are in advance ripening stage.

## **JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR AUGUST 26, 2019**

APPLES	Harvesting Ginger Gold, Gala, Jonamac, Jonathan, JonaGold, Honeycrisp & MacIntosh. Will start Empire, Macoun, Golden & Red Delicious & Early Fuji in early to mid-September. More cool nights would help in the development of color in many varieties.		
ARUGULA	Harvesting very good quality in light volume due to seasonal warmth.		
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality products.		
BASIL	Harvesting a good volume in very good quality.		
BEETS	Harvesting a good quantity of very good quality product.		
CABBAGE	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality green, savoy, & red.		
CILANTRO	Harvest of very good quality in light volume due to seasonal warmth.		
COLLARDS	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.		
CUCUMBERS	Harvesting good quality pickles and cukes in fair volume due to seasonal warmth.		
DANDELIONS	Harvest of very good quality Spring planted available in good volume.		
DILL	Harvesting a light volume of very good quality product due to seasonal warmth.		
EGGPLANT	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality products.		
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting a very light volume of very good quality product w/ the seasonal heat.		
KALE	Harvesting very good quality in good volume.		
LEEKS	A good volume of good quality product available.		
MINT	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality product.		
Harvesting good quality in only fair volume for another week or so. Weather related reasons causing an off year.			
PARSLEY	Excellent quality products harvesting in fair to good volume.		
PEACHES	Harvesting great quantities of excellent quality yellow & white freestone varieties.  Excellent size, color, & sugar levels. Volume of white varieties thru early September & yellow varieties thru mid-September.		
PEPPERS Harvesting a fair volume of very good quality product as past heat & excessive caused some supply issues.			
RADISHES	Harvesting a light volume of good quality product w/ the seasonal heat.		
SPINACH	Harvesting a light volume of good quality product w/ the seasonal heat.		
SQUASH	Harvesting excellent quality zucchini & yellow squash in good volume. Harvesting butternut, acorn, & spaghetti squash in fair to increasing volume.		
SWEET CORN	A good volume of very good quality harvesting.		
SWEET POTATOES  Starting to begin some very light harvesting of early varieties, but with curing, volum won't be available until mid-September.			
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a light volume of good quality product w/ the seasonal heat.		
TOMATOES	A fair volume of very good quality harvesting as past heat & excessive rain has caused some supply issues.		
TURNIPS	Harvesting a very light volume of very good quality product.		
WHITE POTATOES  Harvesting a good volume of very good quality round white, red, & yellow fleshed varieties and Russets. Source your N.J. potatoes in their distinctive "Jersey Fresh" ba			