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# Crop Progress & Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in New Jersey, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 27, 2019**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 13 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 13 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Pasture and range conditions ranged from 0 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 78 percent good, and 0 percent excellent.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 27, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	13	84	3
SUBSOIL	0	13	87	0

## Crop Conditions as of October 27, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	3	18	79	0
HAY, OTHER	0	5	11	84	0
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	3	19	78	0
SOYBEANS	3	4	21	71	1

## Crop Progress as of October 27, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	84	60	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	85	84	67	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	23	N/A	27	N/A
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	78	71	41	58
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	95	91	81	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	29	7	N/A	32
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	95	88	50	82
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	15	<5	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	95	85	95	96
SOYBEANS: MATURE	92	83	75	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	57	41	14	36

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## October 27, 2019 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

Station	Air Temperature Last Week					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
NORTHERN										
Aeroflex-Andover Airport	63.7	44.0	53.83	48.96	4.2	0.5	1.0	0.08	4.36	0.12
Belvidere Bridge	61.0	46.5	53.75	50.0	4.05	0.59	2.0	0.32	3.22	1.4
Flemington 5 Nnw	61.5	42.8	52.12	50.04	1.62	1.59	2.0	1.01	4.42	0.75
Newark Liberty Intl Ap	67.1	50.0	58.57	53.9	4.67	1.91	4.0	1.11	6.35	3.07
Sussex 3 Wnw	61.6	38.7	50.14	47.63	2.51	1.04	3.0	0.16	4.79	0.85
Extreme/Average	63.0	44.4	53.68	50.11	3.41	1.13	4	0.54	4.63	1.24
SOUTHERN										
Estell Manor	66.1	45.1	55.64	52.46	3.19	2.53	4.0	1.61	5.02	1.49
Freehold-Marlboro	66.9	45.1	56.0	52.33	3.67	1.46	3.0	0.68	3.92	0.49
Hammonton 1 Ne	64.7	43.3	54.0	52.64	1.36	1.03	2.0	0.45	3.53	0.48
Millville Municipal Airport	67.9	47.7	57.79	52.53	5.26	1.67	2.0	0.88	5.55	2.42
Philadelphia/Mt. Holly Wfo	65.1	45.0	55.07	N/A	N/A	1.56	3.0	N/A	4.56	N/A
New Brunswick 3 Se	65.3	44.1	54.71	51.73	2.99	1.62	3.0	0.78	3.7	0.2
Pennsauken 1N	64.0	45.3	54.64	N/A	N/A	1.26	3.0	N/A	3.72	N/A
Seabrook Farms	64.7	46.5	55.58	54.27	1.17	1.66	3.0	1.0	3.65	0.47
Trenton-Mercer Airport	67.1	46.0	56.57	52.0	4.57	1.59	3.0	0.62	4.34	0.49
Extreme/Average	65.8	45.3	55.56	52.57	3.17	1.60	4	0.86	4.22	0.86
COASTAL										
Cape May 2 Nw	67.3	50.7	59.0	55.8	3.05	0.16	3.0	-0.58	2.73	-0.44
Extreme/Average	67.3	50.7	59.00	55.80	3.05	0.16	3	-0.58	2.73	-0.44
STATE TOTAL	64.9	45.4	55.12	51.90	3.25	1.32	4	0.63	4.26	0.90

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.*

**Cumberland County, Dr. Wesley Kline** – Rains have arrived and harvesting of soybeans and field corn has slowed. It will a couple of days before harvest will resume. Vegetable and fruit harvests continue. The following crops are being harvested: Apples, radishes, arugula, collards, Swiss chard, kale, cabbage, lettuce, escarole, endive, dill, beets and carrots. Cover crops continue to be planted.

**Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa** - Untimely rains on this weekend dampened Halloween Farm agri-tourism.

**Bruce Eklund - New Jersey State Statistician** – Selected notes from the State Board of Agriculture: Burlington County corn and soybean yields vary greatly. Yields were related to early season weather and planting dates. North Jersey grain harvest has started but is not yet full blast. Despite good October weather, maturity is behind normal. Good year for agri-tourism so far (excluding this past weekend)--October is an important month. Wine grape harvest was completed--great year with high brix. Pumpkin yields reported from good to a little light. Central New Jersey vegetables finished with frost last week. Rain was welcome for the nursery industry after dry weather. It relieves irrigation needs and enables digging for trees. Livestock was doing well. Good weather along the East Coast means ample production and depressed prices for vegetables and fruit.

## JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR OCTOBER 28, 2019

<b>APPLES</b>	Although many varieties are already harvested & in storage, there are many varieties still harvesting. Cooler nights are helping in the development of color. Storage apples & cider available through Christmas.
<b>ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting a fair to light & decreasing volume of excellent quality products. Frost will hurt.
<b>BASIL</b>	Finishing up. Frost will hurt.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting a fair quantity of very good quality product. Available through Thanksgiving.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality green, savoy, & red. Available through Thanksgiving.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>COLLARDS</b>	Harvesting a fair volume of very good quality product. Available through Thanksgiving.
<b>CRANBERRIES</b>	Smaller growers who waited to harvest to develop more maturity, color, and sugar levels are harvesting. Like apples, cooler nights are helping to develop color.
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Finishing up. Frost will hurt.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	Harvest of very good quality Spring planted available in fair to decreasing volume.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting a fair to light & decreasing volume of very good quality product. Frost will hurt.
<b>EGGPLANT</b>	Harvesting a light to decreasing volume of excellent quality products. Frost will hurt.
<b>ESCAROLE &amp; ENDIVE</b>	Harvesting a fair to decreasing volume of very good quality products. Can tolerate a little frost.
<b>KALE</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair volume. Available through Thanksgiving.
<b>LEEKS</b>	A fair volume of good quality product available.
<b>LETTUCES</b>	Harvesting very good quality lettuces in fair to good volume. Frost will hurt.
<b>MINT</b>	Cool nights are slowing production. Harvesting a very light to finishing volume in good quality. Frost will hurt.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Excellent quality products harvesting in fair volume.
<b>PEPPERS</b>	Harvesting a very light to finishing volume of good quality product. Frost will hurt.
<b>PUMPKINS</b>	Harvesting good quality in good volume. It's a good crop with some large pumpkins.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair volume as seasonal warmth cools.
<b>SPINACH</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair volume as seasonal warmth cools. Can tolerate a little frost.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Harvesting good quality zucchini, yellow & spaghetti squash in light to decreasing volume. Hard squashes like butternut & acorn in fair to decreasing volume.
<b>SWEET CORN</b>	Finishing up. Frost will hurt.
<b>SWEET POTATOES</b>	Very good quality potatoes are harvested, in storage, & in good volume.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting a fair volume of very good quality product.
<b>TOMATOES</b>	Harvesting a very light to finishing volume of good quality product. Frost will hurt.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvesting a fair volume of very good quality product.
<b>WHITE POTATOES</b>	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" bags.