



Rainfall Hinders Fieldwork

Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday, August 2, 2009, were 6.0. Topsoil and subsoil moisture was rated as 5% short, 85% adequate, and 10% surplus. There were measurable amounts of rainfall for the week in most localities. Temperatures were variable across the Garden State. Farmers continued fieldwork when weather permitted. Hay harvesting was hampered by wet conditions, while wheat harvesting nearly finished. Soybean pod setting progressed. Producers continued harvesting summer vegetables and planting fall vegetables. Peaches were sizing nicely with conditions rated good to excellent. Brown rot affected peaches in some localities in the southern district. Blueberry harvesting was winding down.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR AUGUST 3, 2009

ARUGULA & CILANTRO	A light volume of fair to good quality product due to disrupted planting schedules and warm temps. Supply will ramp up in a few weeks.
BABY ARUGULA	Growers continue to have problems w/ weather interrupted schedules. Light to inconsistent quantity of good quality arugula.
BASIL	Likes warmer weather. Harvesting good quality & quantity.
BEETS	Harvesting good quality and quantity.
BLUEBERRIES	Finishing up a bit early due to poor pollination of the later varieties.
CABBAGE	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality. Excellent sizing.
COLLARDS	Harvesting good quality and quantity.
CUCUMBERS	Harvesting light quantities of very good product as we're between plantings right now. Supply should start to ramp up in a few weeks.
DANDELIONS	A fair to good quantity of very good quality Spring planted product.
DILL	Harvesting a light volume in fair to good quality.
EGGPLANT & PEPPERS	Harvesting good quality products in good supply.
KALE	A fair to good quantity of good quality product.
LEEKS	A fair volume of good quality product is available.
MINT	Good quality harvesting in good quantity. Likes warmer temperatures.
NECTARINES	Excellent quality with the widely planted Sunglo variety in good supply, with volume through the early part of September. Good sizing.
PARSLEY	Light quantities of fair to good quality curly and plain. Supply should start to increase in a few weeks.
PEACHES	Harvesting John Boy, Loring, and Bounty yellow varieties, along with White Lady and Klondike variety white peaches. All are in good volume now and through mid-September. All varieties have excellent size.
SQUASH	Harvesting good quantities of very good quality product.
SWEET CORN	Harvesting good quality in good volume. Just past the peak of the season.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting fair to good quality in light volume. Supply should start to increase in a few weeks.
TOMATOES	Harvesting good quality and fair to good quantity as our sunnier weather has helped with ripening and field conditions.
TURNIPS	Harvesting good quality in v. light to decreasing volume with increasing heat.
WHITE POTATOES	Harvesting mainly round white varieties, with some Yukon Gold, Redskin varieties, and a bit of Russets as well. Source your N.J. white potatoes in their distinctive "Jersey Fresh" bags.

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