

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS YEAR
VERY SHORT	0%	0%	0%
SHORT	0%	0%	8%
ADEQUATE	87%	30%	91%
SURPLUS	13%	70%	1%

Jersey Fresh Availability for April 21, 2003

Cilantro - Over-wintered product is available now and for at least several more weeks. Spring planted should be available by the third week of May.

Dandelions - Over-wintered product is available now and for some time. Spring planted should be available by mid-May.

Leeks - Over-wintered product is available now and for some time.

Spinach - Over-wintered product is available now and for another two weeks or so. Spring planted should be available by mid-May.

Jersey Fresh Forecast

Arugula - Should be available in volume by the third week of May. A small volume of some early planted product is already nearing harvest.

Asparagus - Already peeking out of the ground. With warmer weather, the harvest should begin later this week with minimal volume. Volume should begin in a week or two.

Beets - Harvest should begin in a week or two.

Cabbage - Just transplanted a few weeks ago. Won't be ready until late May or early June.

Collards - Should begin harvesting around the third week of May.

Dill - Should be available by the third week of May.

Escarole/Endive - Should begin harvesting around the end of May.

Lettuce - Should begin harvesting Romaine and Boston around the third week of May.

Parsley - Over-wintered product will be available in mid-May.

Radishes - Some product already nearing harvest, should begin in another week or two.

Strawberries - We grow the same Chandler variety as grown in California, with one exception. Jersey Fresh berries are picked when ripe and can arrive in our region's markets quicker and fresher than the competition. Our berries have more red interior color than white since they're physically more mature and ripe. They're grown in raised beds, under black plastic, with a large berry size, good interior color, and excellent taste. They're a better quality and better tasting product than berries from elsewhere.

Due to this winter's colder weather, the season is running just a bit late. Early harvests are expected to begin the week of May 12, while the bulk of the crop will be harvested the week of May 19-26, with lower volumes to continue through June 6.

Turnips - Should begin harvesting around the end of May.