



## Soybean Prospects Are Good

Outdoor activities included cutting and baling hay, spraying, irrigating, picking peaches, harvesting vegetables and planting fall vegetables. Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday, August 28, 2005, were 6.5. Topsoil moisture was rated 55% very short, 30% short and 15% adequate. Irrigation water supply was rated 70% short and 30% adequate. Temperatures were above normal during the week. Third cutting of hay continued. Harvest of cantaloup, eggplant, snap beans, cucumbers, pepper, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes continued in the state. Soybean was rated in mostly good condition. Aphids leaf disease was reported in some soybean fields in the central district. Disease problems continued to be a problem in some pumpkin fields in the central and southern districts. Potato harvest continued. Vegetables rated in mostly good condition. Apple harvest continued in light volume. Peach harvest continued across the state and was rated in good to excellent condition. Pasture was rated in mostly fair condition. In the central district, livestock producers were providing supplemental feeding due to inadequate pasture condition.

### JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR AUGUST 29, 2005

**Arugula & Cilantro** - Harvesting fair to good quality in light volume with the increased temperatures.

**Baby Arugula & Baby Spinach** - Harvesting in good quality and volume. Not as affected by the heat.

**Basil** - Harvesting in good quantity and quality until the weather gets cooler.

**Beets** - Harvesting in good quantity and quality.

**Cabbage** - Harvesting in good quantity and quality.

**Cantaloupes** - Harvesting good quality product in fair to decreasing quantity. Should be finishing up in a few weeks.

**Collards & Kale** - Harvesting in good quantity and quality.

**Cucumbers & Pickles** (Kirby cucumbers) - Harvesting both in good quantity and quality.

**Dandelions** - Spring planted Pasquale variety available in good quantity and quality.

**Dill** - Harvesting Dill in fair to good quality and light quantity with the increased temperatures.

**Eggplant** - Harvesting Italian and Asian varieties in good quantity and quality.

**Escarole/Endive** - Harvesting a light volume of fair to good quality product though the fall crop should be ready to begin harvesting by mid-September.

**Greens** - Good quality and quantities harvested of Kholrabi, Mustard, and Swiss Chard.

**Green Onions & Leeks** - Spring planted varieties are available in good quality and quantity.

**Nectarines** - The Fantasia variety is being harvested in volume. The Red Gold variety is being picked in light to increasing volume. Good size, flavor, and finish are expected.

**Okra** - Harvesting in good quality and quantity. Available until mid-September.

**Parsley** - Harvesting in good quantity and quality.

**Peaches** - Loring and Bounty variety peaches are finishing up as the Cresthaven varieties are being harvested in fair to good volume. The Jersey Queen varieties are next. The

white varieties Blushing Star and Sugar Giant are being harvested in decreasing volume with the Lady Nancy variety now coming into volume. The Snow Giant variety is next. Fruit quality and flavor are all very good. Fruit size is excellent this year due to a lighter fruit set, aggressive thinning, and recent fruit growth. We'll have a volume of good quality peaches until mid-September.

**Peppers** - Harvesting in good quantity and quality. We also have an excellent assortment of great quality hot peppers available. It's been a very good growing season for hot peppers.

**Squash** - Harvesting good quality Yellow and Zucchini in good quantities. Also harvesting a fair to good volume of good quality Acorn, Butternut, & Spaghetti squashes.

**Sweet Corn** - Harvesting in good quantity and quality. Good wholesale availability until at least the week after Labor Day. Quantity and quality varies after that due to fall insect pressures.

**Tomatoes & Plum Tomatoes** - Harvesting both in good quantity and quality.

**White Potatoes** - Harvesting a good volume of the redskin variety Norland and Superior round variety. There will be a large crop of good quality potatoes this year. Source your New Jersey white potatoes in their distinctive "Jersey Fresh" bags. A number of chain stores have made large displays of these in the past and they've sold quite well.

### JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

**Broccoli** - Should begin harvesting around the third week of September in Central Jersey.

**Brussel Sprouts** - Should begin harvesting in Central Jersey by the second week of October.

**Cauliflower** - Should begin harvesting by the beginning of October in Central Jersey.

**Cranberries** - The main harvest of fresh market dry harvested berries should begin in early October though the increasing demand for white cranberries will see some berries beginning to be harvested about the third week of September.

**Escarole/Endive** - Growers expecting the fall harvest to be ready by the third week of September.

**Lettuces & Spinach** - Growers expecting a mid September harvest.

**Sweet Potatoes** - Should begin harvesting in mid-September.