



## Wet Field Conditions Limited Farming Activities

Outdoor activities included draining excess water from fields, planting of fall crops, field and orchard cleanup. Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday, October 23, 2005, were 3.0. Topsoil moisture was rated 30% adequate and 70% surplus. Rainfall ranged from 0.61 inches to 2.22 inches. Temperatures were variable during the week. Corn and soybean harvest continued where possible. Corn and soybean conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Moldy, quality problems were reported in some soybean fields. Harvest of fall vegetables continued. Vegetables were rated in mostly fair to good condition. There was a report of cabbage displaying split heads. Diseases in fall spinach were also reported. Pepper and potato harvest neared completion. Reports that in some localities pumpkins and potatoes were rotting in muddy fields. Apple harvest continued. Cranberry harvest continued. Pasture was rated in fair to good condition.

### JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR OCTOBER 24, 2005

**Arugula & Cilantro** - Harvesting good quality and quantity.

**Baby Arugula & Baby Spinach** - Harvesting in good quality and volume.

**Basil** - Harvesting good quality in fair to declining quantity until frost.

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

**Broccoli** - Harvesting fair quantity and fair to good quality in Central Jersey.

**Cabbage** - Harvesting a fall crop in good quantity and quality.

**Brussel Sprouts & Cauliflower** - Harvesting fair quantity and fair to good quality in Central Jersey.

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

**Cranberries** - An average size crop with average size excellent quality berries. Harvesting mature red berries in fair to declining, volume. The harvest season only has a week or two left. Although 90+ % of our cranberries are "wet harvested" and sold to the Ocean Spray Cooperative, we have high quality dry harvested berries available to meet the increasing consumer demand.

**Cucumbers/Eggplant/Peppers/Squash/Sweet Corn & Tomatoes** - Finishing up.

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

**Escarole/Endive** - Harvesting a good quality fall crop in good volume.

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

**Green Onions & Leeks** - Varieties are available in good quality and quantity.

**Lettuces** - Harvesting good quality Boston, Red & Green Leaf, and Romaine in good quantity.

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

**Pumpkins** - Know your pumpkin grower! Growers that haven't been spraying all season will have problems and the pumpkins they are able to harvest won't have much shelf life. These are hard to source in state this year.

**Spinach** - Harvesting a good quantity of fair quality product. Some weather related quality issues.

**Sweet Potatoes** - Harvesting good quantity and fair to good quality.

**White Potatoes** - Harvesting good quantity and fair to good quality.