

Field Corn Harvest Begins

Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday, September 16, 2007, were 5.5. Topsoil moisture was rated 20% short and 80% adequate. Irrigation water supply was rated 10% short and 90% adequate. There were measurable amounts of rainfall during the week in most localities. Temperatures were near normal for the week, in most areas of the Garden State. Producers irrigated in the central and southern districts. Harvest of field corn for grain began in some southern fields. Farmers continued chopping silage. Hay harvest continued across the state. In some northern localities, growers reseeded hay and pasture fields. Producers continued harvesting vegetables. Vegetable growers planted spinach to over winter. Pumpkin harvest continued across the state. Harvest of potatoes and sweet potatoes continued in the south.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

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| Arugula & Cilantro | A fair to increasing volume of fair to good quality product . |
| Baby Arugula & Baby Spinach | Harvesting good quality and quantity. |
| Basil & Mint | Likes warmer weather. Harvesting good quality and fair quantity. |
| Beets | Harvesting good quality and quantity. |
| Cabbage | Good quality and quantity. |
| Collards | Fair to good quality harvesting in good quantity. |
| Cucumbers & Pickles | Harvesting fair to good quantities in good quality as our Fall plantings are being harvested. |
| Dill & Kale | Harvesting good quality in fair quantity. |
| Eggplant | Harvesting a fair volume of excellent quality product. |
| Escarole & Endive | Very light supplies. A few growers will start harvesting a little product later on this week. Will not be in volume until the end of the month. |
| Leeks & Green Onions | A fair volume of good quality product is available. |
| Lettuces | A hot Summer necessitated later planting. A few growers will start harvesting a little product later on this week. Will not be in volume until the end of the month. |
| Nectarines | Very good quality Fantasia variety fruit finishing up. |
| Parsley | Good quality products available in fair quantities. |
| Peaches | Encore and Laurel yellow varieties, and Snow Giant white peaches are finishing up our commercial season this week. Quality is still excellent. |
| Peppers | A fair volume of very good quality product is in the marketplace. |
| Radishes & Turnips | Temperature sensitive, a fair quantity of good quality is available. Volume is increasing with the cooler weather. |
| Spinach | Light supplies. Increasing in volume each of the next couple of weeks. |
| Squash | Harvesting fair quantities of good quality Zucchini, Yellow, Butternut, Acorn, and Spaghetti. |
| Sweet corn | Fair quality and fair to decreasing quantity. Quality varies now. |
| Sweet Potatoes | Harvest time. With curing, volume won't be available until next week. |
| Swiss Chard | A fair volume of fair to good quality available. |
| Tomatoes | A fair volume of excellent quality rounds and plums are still in the marketplace. It is still "canning season" for plums. |
| White Potatoes | Harvesting mainly round white varieties, with some Yukon Gold and redskin varieties as well. Source your potatoes in "Jersey Fresh" bags. |