

## **Cool Weather Delayed Producers from Planting Corn, Potatoes, and Soybeans**

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Days suitable for field work 5.5. Topsoil moisture was 10% short, 75% adequate, 15% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 5% short, 80% adequate and 15% surplus. Pasture and range condition was 45% fair and 55% good. Temperatures reached highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 30s across the Garden State. Weekly rainfall averaged 1.15 inches north, 1.48 inches central, and 0.92 inches south.

New Jersey's winter wheat crop was progressing nicely. The cool weather delayed producers from planting corn, potatoes, and soybeans. Pre-bloom sprays were applied to peaches, blueberries, and grapes. Cabbage, herbs, greens, and lettuces were among the crops that have been planted. Parsley was close to harvest. Other activities included tillage work, spreading lime and fertilizer, herbicide application, and new hay seeding.