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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 7 days suitable for field work. The average high temperatures in the state were still in the High-80s. There were scattered showers that helped field corn, pumpkin and grapes but harmed fruits and vegetables. Hay Alfalfa and other hay are getting their fourth cut. Sweet corn is 65% harvested. Field work is continuing with irrigation of vegetables and chopping silage.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 20, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	21	29	46	4
SUBSOIL	14	24	60	2

Crop Conditions as of September 20, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	2	5	13	53	27
HAY, ALFALFA	5	4	40	44	7
HAY, OTHER	4	7	56	27	6
PASTURE AND RANGE	16	7	28	19	30
SOYBEANS	10	18	37	33	2

Crop Progress as of September 20, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: DENTED	86	46	84	75
CORN: MATURE	13	N/A	27	49
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	80	79	77	65
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	16	15	<5	<5
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	38	37	43	48
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	94	91	99	N/A
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	27	N/A	41	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	19	N/A	<5	N/A
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	8	N/A	<5	19
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	65	62	85	86

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September 20, 2015 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Andover	84	48	66	+6	0.00	0	20.99	-3.98	52	2890	+587	4525
Belvidere_Bridg	85	47	65	+3	0.00	0	23.17	-0.27	47	2697	+251	4323
Cape_May	85	58	71	+3	0.00	0	21.04	+1.69	52	3439	+471	5132
Estell_Manor	86	49	68	+3	0.06	1	24.81	+4.94	58	3274	+419	4950
Flemington	87	48	68	+5	0.00	0	18.09	-6.85	57	3138	+544	4788
Freehold_Marlbo	89	50	69	+5	0.10	1	16.36	-6.37	51	3274	+471	4944
Hammonton	87	52	69	+4	0.10	3	22.65	+0.10	76	3458	+465	5138
Lakehurst_NAS	87	45	67	+2	0.02	1	17.45	-3.95	56	3300	+376	4976
Marlton	87	52	70	+4	0.00	0	19.38	-4.33	58	3473	+470	5162
Millville	86	49	68	+1	0.01	1	24.64	+3.55	55	3481	+423	5154
Mt_Holly_NWS	83	51	67	+2	0.00	0	17.56	-6.60	51	3254	+323	4925
Newark	89	56	73	+7	0.01	1	17.65	-5.59	44	3762	+587	5449
New_Brunswick	88	51	70	+5	0.00	0	15.14	-9.80	57	3375	+558	5044
Pennsauken	86	52	69	+2	0.04	1	21.14	-2.71	56	3452	+257	5136
Seabrook_Farms	85	54	70	+4	0.00	0	24.31	+2.21	53	3489	+406	5173
Sussex_2NW	85	49	66	+6	0.00	0	19.60	-5.02	54	2743	+469	4365
Trenton	86	53	70	+6	0.01	1	15.67	-9.40	58	3484	+752	5158

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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Reporters Comments, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa

Scattered showers 1/8 to 1 inch helping harvest of field corn, pumpkin hardening and grape sugar but hurting fruit/vegs size with more irrigation - some wells/streams pretty low.

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Irrigation of vegetables, chopping silage and snaplage, beginning to combine corn, livestock condition good, milk production average for time of year

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

APPLES	Gala & Ginger Gold harvested & in storage. Harvesting Macintosh, Courtland, Honeycrisp, & Early Fuji. Red & Golden Delicious, Empire, Rome, Jonagold, and MacCoun soon. More cool nights would help in the development of color.
ARUGULA	Harvesting good quality product in fair to good volume.
BABY SPINACH & ARUGULA	Harvesting very good quality products available in fair to good volume.
BASIL	Harvesting very good quality in fair to decreasing volume. Likes warmth.
BEETS	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality product.
CABBAGE	Harvesting very good quality products in good volume.
CILANTRO	Harvesting good quality product in fair to good volume.
CUCUMBERS	Harvesting good quality Pickles/Cukes in fair volume.
DANDELIONS	Good quality Italian bunched product available in fair to good volume.
DILL	Harvesting good quality in fair to good volume.
EGGPLANT	Harvesting a fair to decreasing quantity of good quality product.
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	Harvesting very good quality products in fair to increasing volume.
KALE & COLLARDS	Very good quality products harvesting in good volume.
LETTUCES	Harvesting Fall lettuces in fair to increasing volume.
LEEKS	A fair to good volume of good quality product is available.
MINT	Very good quality harvesting in fair to decreasing volume as cool nights are starting to slow production.
NECTARINES	Finishing up with excellent quality Fantasia variety.
PARSLEY	Harvesting good quality curly and plain product in fair volume.
PEACHES	Harvesting excellent quality & very light to decreasing volume of yellow & white varieties. Northern direct marketers will have for several more weeks.
PEPPERS	Harvesting a fair to decreasing quantity of very good quality product.
PUMPKINS	Harvesting good quality due to good growing conditions the last two months. A lack of disease pressure should result in better hardness or shelf life. Smaller sizes are also being seen due to a lack of regular precipitation or irrigation.
RADISHES	Harvesting very good quality product in fair to increasing volume.
SPINACH	Good quality product harvesting in fair to increasing volume.
SQUASH	Harvesting good quality summer squashes in light to decreasing volume. Harvesting good quality acorn, butternut, & spaghetti squash in fair volume.
SWEET POTATOES	Harvesting, and curing, with volume starting to become available.
SWEET CORN	Harvesting a light to decreasing volume of very good quality product. Quality varies a bit now as seasonal insect pressures mount.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a fair volume of very good quality product.
TOMATOES	Harvesting a fair to decreasing volume of very good quality product.
TURNIPS	Harvesting a fair volume of good quality.
WHITE POTATOES	Harvesting mainly round white varieties, w/ some Redskin, Yukon Gold, & Russet varieties as well. Source your potatoes in "Jersey Fresh" bags.

JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

CRANBERRIES	Harvest starts in a week or two. Like apples, cool nights will help with color.
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