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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 7.0 days suitable for field work. Warm weather is here. Due to warm weather there were a big jump in Corn planting. It is being reported that there is not enough rainfall. The following crops are being planted: Herbs, spinach, lettuce greens and radishes. The following crops are being harvested: Spinach, lettuce, radishes, arugula, asparagus, cilantro, dandelion, dill, kale, leeks, mint, parsley and Swiss chard. Following crops being planted: snap beans, beets, cilantro, parsley, sweet corn, cucumbers, summer dandelion, dale, kohlrabi, leeks, peas, peppers, squash, Swiss chard and tomatoes.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 10, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	14	33	50	3
SUBSOIL	4	32	62	2

Crop Conditions as of May 10, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	31	67	2
HAY, OTHER	0	0	40	40	20
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	3	25	23	49
WINTER WHEAT	1	2	10	79	8

Crop Progress as of May 10, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	63	60	N/A	N/A
APPLES: PINK	62	48	71	14
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	56	27	61	12
CORN: PLANTED	45	5	36	40
CORN: EMERGED	16	<5	7	15
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	9	0	0	0
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	42	<5	<5	42

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May 10, 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	86	45	66	+11	0.01	1	2.63	-2.82	10	212	+127	517
Belvidere_Bridg	84	38	64	+9	0.00	0	2.44	-2.83	9	168	+74	466
Cape_May	83	48	66	+9	0.06	1	4.08	-0.40	12	256	+93	619
Estell_Manor	85	46	67	+11	0.20	1	3.95	-0.64	14	278	+136	624
Flemington	88	45	66	+10	0.05	3	2.25	-3.39	15	230	+113	550
Freehold_Marlbo	84	45	65	+8	0.13	1	2.64	-2.42	11	224	+74	564
Hammonton	85	46	67	+9	0.29	3	3.53	-1.67	18	272	+91	622
Lakehurst_NAS	83	50	67	+9	0.06	2	2.68	-1.93	15	287	+128	633
Marlton	84	43	68	+10	0.12	3	2.95	-2.22	15	296	+99	655
Millville	85	45	68	+10	0.11	1	4.06	-0.73	14	310	+127	653
Mt_Holly_NWS	85	46	67	+9	0.00	0	2.45	-2.49	13	271	+94	612
Newark	87	53	68	+9	0.00	0	1.78	-3.61	11	320	+125	677
New_Brunswick	88	46	66	+9	0.04	2	2.27	-3.30	14	258	+118	597
Pennsauken	86	52	69	+10	0.32	2	3.73	-1.62	16	301	+81	655
Seabrook_Farms	84	52	68	+10	0.36	1	3.73	-1.15	15	303	+116	657
Sussex_2NW	87	44	65	+11	0.06	2	2.26	-3.63	12	197	+118	489
Trenton	83	49	68	+11	0.12	1	2.68	-2.66	13	307	+171	651

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.

Atlantic County, Richard Vanvranken

Volume of spring greens, herbs and lettuces continue to increase. Asparagus harvest has begun. Tomato and pepper transplanting is about 50% done and eggplant transplanting is just beginning. Summer squash and cucumbers are about 60% planted/transplanted and growing well. All crops look good to excellent. Irrigation has been constant in between scattered thunderstorms.

Cape May County, Jenny Carleo

Harvesting asparagus and baby radishes.

Cumberland County, Dr. Wesley Kline

Following crops being harvested: Spinach, lettuce, radishes, arugula, asparagus, cilantro, dandelion, dill, kale, leeks, mint, parsley and Swiss chard. Following crops being planted: snap beans, beets, cilantro, parsley, sweet corn, cucumbers, summer dandelion, dale, kohlrabi, leeks, peas, peppers, squash, Swiss chard and tomatoes.

Hunterdon County, Bob Mickel

Lack of any adequate rainfall has forages (hay) and pastures exhibiting very slow growth. All livestock should be kept off pastures until at least 5 to 6 inch growth and then aggressively rotated to avoid overgrazing and damage to potential forage growth if rain events occur.

Mercer County, Meredith Melendez

Spring planting continues. Harvesting kale, spinach, lettuce greens, radishes and herbs.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa

Cold night's warmer days

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Tillage work, hay work, planting corn and some soybeans, livestock condition good, milk production average.

Warren County, Debra Crisman

Low moisture levels are becoming critical.