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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 7.0 days suitable for field work. Weather condition is very dry and warm. There were some rain that helped the growing conditions reported by a crop weather reporter. Sweet corn is still being planted. Following crops continue to be harvested: asparagus, arugula, beets, cilantro, collards, dill, escarole, endive, lettuces, kohlrabi, kale, leeks, parsley, radishes, Swiss chard and spinach. Strawberry harvest to begin this week. Following crops being seeded or transplanted: arugula, snap beans, basil, beets, cilantro, collards, sweet corn, cucumbers, summer dandelion, eggplant, leeks, parsley, peas, peppers, summer squash, Swiss chard, scallions, tomatoes and melons.

Crop Progress as of May 17, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: PLANTED	76	45	54	50
CORN: EMERGED	49	16	20	23
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	43	9	5	<5
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	19	<5	5	<5
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	73	42	48	59

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 17, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	12	34	51	3
SUBSOIL	12	35	51	2

Crop Conditions as of May 17, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	1	2	34	61	2
HAY, OTHER	0	1	44	33	22
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	7	23	28	41
WINTER WHEAT	2	3	15	74	6

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oc/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.](#)"

May 17, 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	37	65	+9	1.09	2	3.72	-2.71	12	318	+180	693
Belvidere_Bridg	84	37	64	+6	0.02	1	2.46	-3.79	10	265	+114	633
Cape_May	89	51	67	+8	0.09	1	4.11	-1.21	12	376	+141	809
Estell_Manor	87	43	67	+8	0.11	2	4.06	-1.30	16	398	+188	814
Flemington	86	43	67	+9	0.36	2	2.61	-4.15	17	349	+169	739
Freehold_Marlbo	86	45	68	+8	0.90	2	3.54	-2.43	13	351	+130	761
Hammonton	87	47	68	+8	0.18	2	3.71	-2.36	20	402	+142	822
Lakehurst_NAS	86	46	68	+8	0.11	2	2.79	-2.66	17	416	+182	832
Marlton	87	45	68	+7	0.25	2	3.20	-2.95	17	420	+141	849
Millville	88	44	68	+7	0.19	3	4.25	-1.45	17	438	+176	851
Mt_Holly_NWS	85	45	67	+6	0.10	2	2.55	-3.37	15	389	+134	800
Newark	88	50	70	+9	0.90	2	2.68	-3.76	13	462	+182	889
New_Brunswick	86	43	67	+8	0.90	2	3.17	-3.45	16	382	+172	791
Pennsauken	87	47	68	+7	0.12	1	3.85	-2.53	17	431	+125	855
Seabrook_Farms	87	48	68	+7	0.00	0	3.73	-2.12	15	430	+161	854
Sussex_2NW	84	40	64	+8	0.60	2	2.86	-4.01	14	298	+168	660
Trenton	85	46	68	+9	0.38	2	3.06	-3.33	15	435	+231	849

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

Lettuce harvest is underway. Romaine and leaf lettuce are actively being harvested. Crops look excellent and prices are good.

Cumberland County, Dr. Wesley Kline

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Mercer County, Meredith Melendez

Rain was spotty in the county with some growers receiving about an 8th of an inch on Saturday. Greens, lettuces, and asparagus still being harvested. Sweet corn continues to be planted.

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Planting corn and soybeans, hay work, livestock condition good, dairy production average

Warren County, Debra Crisman

Dry conditions all week until rain on Saturday, approx. 1 inch, dramatically improved growing conditions.