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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Good Week for Field Work:** New Jersey had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work last week. More rain, coupled with low temperatures and cloudy conditions were causing slow growth in crops in some areas of New Jersey, except for turf. There was a report of a possible tornado near Mullica Hill per NJ.com. The wet weather is helping to maintain the topsoil and subsoil moisture in the adequate to surplus levels across the state.

The following crops were being harvested: blueberries, basil, cabbage, collards, kale, cucumbers, greenhouse tomatoes, parsley, radishes, scallions, summer squash, high tunnel raspberries and lettuces. The following crops were being planted: peppers, tomatoes, scallions, basil, cucumbers, summer squash, winter squash and sweet potatoes.

Mildews, anthracnose, leaf blights, and botrytis were increasing due to the wet conditions. It was reported that it has been hard to spray pesticides due to sloppy fields and wash-off. Per the Rutgers Plant and Pest Advisory, "Basil downy mildew was confirmed on field-grown basil in southern New Jersey. This was the first report of the pathogen in New Jersey and the mid-Atlantic region this growing season. All basil growers are encouraged to scout on a regular basis." They also reported that the wet spring weather in New Jersey "has resulted in a lot of lush early spring grass growth in the State's pastures and grazing lands. Most pastures look good and no doubt these forage resources can provide a lot of nutrients for livestock."

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 16, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	84	16
SUBSOIL	0	0	86	14

## Crop Conditions as of June 16, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BELL PEPPERS	0	3	11	78	8
CORN	0	2	16	80	2
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	14	86	0
HAY, OTHER	0	1	9	89	1
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	0	4	93	3
SOYBEANS	0	12	28	60	0
TOMATOES	0	0	4	91	5
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	16	80	4

## Crop Progress as of June 16, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: PINK	93	88	95	N/A
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	84	80	89	N/A
APPLES: PETAL FALL	75	74	73	N/A
APPLES: FRUIT SET	58	50	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	96	94	96	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	79	78	81	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	95	89	91	96
CORN: EMERGED	88	82	72	88
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	63	38	66	82
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	56	32	61	70
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	76	74	70	79
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	42	37	51	63
BELL PEPPERS: PLANTED	85	79	94	N/A
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	65	63	78	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	89	83	94	N/A

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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.*

**Cumberland County, Dr. Wesley L. Kline** – The following crops are being harvested: blueberries, basil, cabbage, collards, kale, cucumbers, greenhouse tomatoes, parsley, radishes, scallions, summer squash, high tunnel raspberries and lettuces. The following crops are being planted: peppers, tomatoes, scallions, basil, cucumbers, summer squash, winter squash and sweet potatoes.

**Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa**– More rain, with low temps and clouds causing slow growth except turf. Mildews/anthracnose/leaf blights/botrytis/etc. Hard to spray pesticides due to sloppy fields and wash-off.

## JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR JUNE 17, 2019

<b>ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting excellent quality Spring planted in good volume.
<b>ASPARAGUS</b>	Finishing up the harvest of very good quality product as warmer weather is hastening the end of the harvest. Color & volume fade as temperatures encourage product to "bolt". Northern farms will continue to harvest for a week or two.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality products.
<b>BASIL</b>	Harvesting in fair to good volume in very good quality.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting a good quantity of very good quality product.
<b>BLUEBERRIES</b>	The widely planted Duke variety is already harvesting a good volume of berries in excellent quality & good size.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality product.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	Harvest of excellent quality Spring planted in good volume
<b>COLLARDS</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Very good quality pickles harvesting in fair to increasing volume, w/ cukes harvesting in light to quickly increasing volume.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	Harvest of very good quality Spring planted available in good volume.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
<b>ESCAROLE &amp; ENDIVE</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
<b>KALE</b>	Harvesting very good quality Spring planted in good volume.
<b>LEEKS</b>	A good volume of good quality product available.
<b>LETTUCE</b>	Harvesting a light to decreasing volume of good quality lettuces due to seasonally warming temperatures though Mucklands of NW Jersey should have for a few more weeks. Romaine is a bit more tolerant of the warming heat.
<b>MINT</b>	Harvesting a good volume of good quality product.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Excellent quality products harvesting in good volume.
<b>PEACHES</b>	Harvesting very light quantities of excellent quality early PF & Sentry yellow clingstone varieties, w/ white clingstone peaches starting. We should see volume and yellow freestone varieties starting within the next two weeks. White freestone peaches start in three weeks w/ volume by mid-July. Good size & sugar levels.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Harvesting a good to decreasing volume of very good quality product.
<b>SPINACH</b>	Harvesting excellent quality Spring planted in good volume.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Harvesting excellent quality field grown zucchini & yellow squash in good volume.
<b>STRAWBERRIES</b>	Finishing up the harvest of berries in North Jersey. Mainly a direct marketed crop & not a large wholesale volume available.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvesting a good volume of excellent quality product.

## JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

<b>SWEET CORN &amp; TOMATOES</b>	A slightly early start to the season will provide for more volume than usual by the July 4th holiday w/ a fair volume of products available.
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