

Soybeans Begin to Bloom

Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday, July 15, 2007, were 6.0. Topsoil moisture was rated 10% very short, 40% short and 50% adequate. Irrigation water supply was rated 20% short and 80% adequate. There were measurable amounts of rainfall during the week in most localities. Temperatures were near, or above, normal for the week in most areas of the Garden State. Corn continued to tassel across the state. Soybeans began to bloom in some localities. Harvest of barley and wheat neared completion. Producers continued spraying, and harvesting vegetables. A county agent noted an increase in both bacterial and fungal pathogens on tomatoes, peppers, and watermelons. Producers continued harvesting hay. Irrigation was necessary in some southern localities.
