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The weekly climate summary and table will not be available again until the August 31, 2009 publication

**Agricultural Weather Advisory For New Jersey
And Southeastern Pennsylvania
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The latest 8 to 14 day outlook for the period August 28, 2009 to September 3, 2009 is calling for temperatures to average below normal and precipitation to average near normal.

The National Weather Service's Eastern Region Headquarters provides a local forecast by zip code or city at their Web site: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov>

Fresh Market Tomato Harvesting Continues

Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday, August 23, 2009, were 5.0. Topsoil moisture was rated as 75% adequate and 25 % surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated as 80% adequate and 20% surplus. There were measurable amounts of rainfall during the week. Temperatures were above normal across the Garden State. Activities during the week included spraying pesticides, harvesting fruit, vegetables, and hay. Soybeans were aided by sunny conditions and early corn was chopped for silage. Alfalfa and other hay varieties rated mostly fair as second and third-cuttings continued. Less supplemental feeding of livestock was needed as pastures were adequate. Harvest continued for fresh market tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, and squash. Apple harvest continued in the north with the crop condition rated mostly good, while grape harvest was underway in the southern district. Peaches reported excellent size and quality.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR AUGUST 24, 2009

ARUGULA & CILANTRO	A light volume of fair to good quality product due to disrupted planting schedules and hot temps. Supply will ramp up in September.
BABY ARUGULA	Weather interrupted planting schedules still causing light to inconsistent quantity of good quality arugula. Supply will ramp up in September.
BASIL	Likes warmer weather. Harvesting good quality & quantity.
BEETS	Harvesting good quality in fair quantity.
CABBAGE	Harvesting a light volume of excellent quality in this heat. Excellent sizing. Supply should start to pick up in mid-September.
COLLARDS	Harvesting good quality and quantity.
CUCUMBERS	Harvesting very light quantities of good product as we're between plantings right now. Supply should start to ramp up in mid-September.
DANDELIONS	A fair to good quantity of very good quality Spring planted product.
DILL	Harvesting a light volume in fair to good quality.
EGGPLANT & PEPPERS	Harvesting good quality products in good supply.
KALE	A fair to good quantity of good quality product.
LEEKs	A fair volume of good quality product is available.
MINT	Good quality harvesting in good quantity. Likes warmer temperatures.
NECTARINES	The Fantasia variety is in fair to good supply, with volume through the end of the month. Excellent size and quality.
PARSLEY	Very light quantities of fair to good quality curly and plain. Supply should start to increase in mid-September.
PEACHES	Yellow Cresthaven varieties are harvesting. White Lady Nancy variety is now harvesting. All are in good volume now and through mid-September. All varieties have excellent size and quality.
SQUASH	Harvesting good quantities of very good quality product.
SWEET CORN	Supply gap. Harvesting only a fair quantity of good quality corn due to disrupted planting schedules in early June. Quantity will be off from normal for a few more weeks.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting fair to good quality in light volume. Supply should start to increase in mid-September.
TOMATOES	Supply gap will be several more weeks due to disrupted planting schedules in June with volume returning in September. Harvesting a light to fair quantity of fair to good quality fruit.
TURNIPS	Minimal supply with the heat that it doesn't like. Be back in the Fall.
WHITE POTATOES	Harvesting mainly round white varieties, with some Yukon Gold, Redskin varieties, and a bit of Russets as well.

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