



**Heat and Dry Weather Had Many Producers Irrigating Crops**

For the week ending Sunday, July 8, 2012, there were 7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated at 25% very short, 45% short, and 30% adequate. Subsoil moisture was rated at 5% very short, 55% short, and 40% adequate. Pasture and range condition was rated at 10% poor, 35% fair, 50% good, and 5% excellent.

Ninety-seven percent of New Jersey's winter wheat has been harvested. The condition of the winter wheat crop was 10% fair, 85% good, and 5% excellent. Heat and dry weather had many producers irrigating crops. Rain is needed for non-irrigated crops. Crops are spiking and wilting due to lack of rain. Corn has begun tasseling. Cumberland County has reported a significant lose of peppers due to recent strong storms. Other faming activities included irrigation, spraying for weed control, fertilizing, hay work, harvesting wheat and baling straw. Livestock condition was average. Milk production was slightly below average due to heat and humidity.

**JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR JULY 10, 2012**

<b>ARRUGULA</b>	Harvesting good quality in light to fair quantity in this heat.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair quantity.
<b>BASIL</b>	Likes warm weather. Harvesting good quality in good volume.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting good quality product in good volume.
<b>BLUEBERRIES</b>	The crop is harvesting in excellent quality and light to quickly decreasing volume w/ the intensely flavored Bluecrop variety berries as the commercial harvest winds down. Last week w/ any kind of volume.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvesting excellent quality product in good volume.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	A fair volume of good quality product harvesting.
<b>COLLARDS/KALE</b>	A fair to good volume of good quality products harvesting.
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Good quality Pickles & Cukes harvesting in good volume.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	Good quality bunched Spring planted Italian and San Pasquale varieties both harvesting in good quantity.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting very good quality in light volume most of the Summer although extreme warmth will curtail availability.
<b>EGGPLANT</b>	An early harvest of good quality product in fair to increasing supply with hot temperatures but it will be late week before any volume is available.
<b>LEEKS</b>	A good volume of good quality Spring planted harvesting.
<b>MINT</b>	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality product.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality curly and plain.
<b>PEACHES</b>	Early yellow varieties, mainly Sentry, are harvesting in fair to good volume. Early white are harvesting in very light quantity, it will be next week before any real volume is available. All w/ good color and brix.
<b>PEPPERS</b>	An early harvest in light to fair & increasing supply with hot temperatures.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Will continue to harvest good quality product in light volume most of the Summer although extreme warmth will curtail availability.
<b>SPINACH</b>	A light to fair volume of good quality product harvesting in this heat.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Very good quality green and yellow squash harvesting in good volume.
<b>SWEET CORN</b>	Good volume of very good quality corn. Peak of season next week.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvest of fair volume of very good quality product.
<b>TOMATOES</b>	Field grown product harvesting in fair to quickly increasing volume. Good volume by late week.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvesting very good quality in light to decreasing quantity.

**Jersey Fresh Forecast**

<b>NECTARINES</b>	Harvest will start in two weeks, with volume by August.
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