

Fruit Trees Are Starting to Bloom

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Days suitable for field work 6.5. Topsoil moisture was 25% short, 70% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 15% short, 80% adequate and 5% surplus. Pasture and range condition was 45% fair, 40% good, and 15% excellent. Frost was observed in the Pine Barrens. Highs reached the mid 70s and lows were in the upper 20s across the Garden State. Weekly rainfall averaged 0.02 inches north, 0.04 inches central, and 0.11 inches south.

New Jersey's farmers started planting field corn last week. Fruit trees are starting to bloom and strawberries were blooming under plastic. Spring vegetable planting continued. Herbs, greens, and lettuces were among the crops that have been harvested. Other activities included irrigation, tillage work, discing, spreading lime and fertilizer, and pre-emergent herbicide spraying.