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Excellent Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 7.0 days suitable for field work. Finally we have great weather for planting crops. Soil temperature is in 50's to low 60's. Our crop weather reporter reported that there was isolated hail across South and East Vineland vegetable farms. There were some damage to lettuce and cabbage. The following crops are being harvested: Kale, lettuce, spinach and Swiss chard. According to New Jersey Farm Bureau Newsletter there were freeze weather scare among New Jersey farmers. Peaches was behind full bloom. It didn't effect Apples that much.

Crop Progress as of May 3, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES GREEN TIP	60	57	N/A	N/A
APPLES PINK	48	25	44	9
APPLES FULL BLOOM	27	16	32	6
CORN PLANTED	5	N/A	19	23
PEACHES GREEN TIP	16	12	N/A	N/A
PEACHES PINK	12	5	42	8
PEACHES FULL BLOOM	5	<5	35	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 3, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	3	18	74	5
Subsoil	0	10	86	4

Crop Conditions as of May 3, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	24	73	3
HAY, OTHER	0	0	20	59	21
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	0	6	23	71
WINTER WHEAT	1	2	8	81	8

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May 3, 2015 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Andover	75	40	55	+3	0.00	0	2.62	-1.85	9	100	+54	335
Belvidere_Bridg	76	37	54	+1	0.00	0	2.44	-1.88	9	67	+16	295
Cape_May	75	39	56	0	0.09	1	4.02	+0.38	11	140	+34	433
Estell_Manor	76	40	55	+1	0.00	0	3.75	-0.03	13	154	+66	430
Flemington	76	40	55	+2	0.00	0	2.20	-2.34	12	118	+49	368
Freehold_Marlbo	75	39	53	-3	0.00	0	2.28	-1.88	10	120	+26	390
Hammonton	76	38	55	-2	0.00	0	3.24	-1.08	15	151	+33	431
Lakehurst_NAS	76	42	56	0	0.00	0	2.62	-1.15	13	165	+64	441
Marlton	79	40	56	-2	0.00	0	2.83	-1.41	12	168	+39	457
Millville	76	35	55	-2	0.23	1	3.95	+0.06	13	181	+61	454
Mt_Holly_NWS	75	39	56	-1	0.00	0	2.45	-1.52	13	150	+36	421
Newark	78	46	58	+1	0.00	0	1.78	-2.56	11	192	+65	479
New_Brunswick	79	39	55	+1	0.00	0	2.23	-2.29	12	143	+57	412
Pennsauken	76	40	56	-2	0.00	0	3.41	-0.96	14	167	+17	451
Seabrook_Farms	75	41	56	-1	0.40	1	3.37	-0.60	14	175	+53	459
Sussex_2NW	76	39	54	+3	0.00	0	2.20	-2.69	10	88	+47	310
Trenton	76	40	56	+1	0.00	0	2.56	-1.80	12	181	+97	455

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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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.

Atlantic County, Richard Vanvranken

Isolated hail across south/east Vineland vegetable farms. Some damage to lettuces/cabbage, but should recover. Starting to plant sweet corn and transplant tomatoes. Overwintered spinach and swiss chard harvest underway. Light shipments of asparagus started.

Cape May County, Jenny Carleo

Strawberries flowering.

Mercer County, Meredith Melendez

Crop planting is in full swing. Harvests of early season crops and high tunnel crops continues including spinach, lettuce, kale, Swiss chard. Strawberries are in bloom.

Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa

Finally warming up - soil temps in 50s to low 60's

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Tillage work, corn beginning to be planted, livestock condition good, milk production Good.