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# Crop Progress & Condition

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## Crop Progress as of September 6, 2015

(in percent)

**Excellent Week for Field Work:** New Jersey had an average of 7 days suitable for field work. The heat is hitting over 90 degrees in many areas with little sustained rain. Droughty, sandy soils require more recharge. Most fruit and vegetable growers will need some form of irrigation. The majority of all corn is reported at good to excellent condition, while the majority of hay alfalfa, and other hay are reported at fair to good condition. Corn is drying down quickly. Hay work conditions are good in general. Grasshoppers are prevalent in some areas.

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: DOUGH	75	56	72	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	79	76	44	50
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	93	91	92	89
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	34	23	12	35
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	86	59	80	75

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 6, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	28	27	42	3
SUBSOIL	18	28	52	2

## Crop Conditions as of September 6, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	2	5	12	54	27
HAY, ALFALFA	5	4	37	47	7
HAY, OTHER	4	7	37	46	6
PASTURE AND RANGE	16	7	26	21	30

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## September 7, 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	90	54	74	+9	0.00	0	18.51	-4.29	49	2616	+482	4111
Belvidere_Bridg	91	55	74	+8	0.00	0	21.65	+0.29	45	2436	+186	3923
Cape_May	90	60	77	+6	0.00	0	19.79	+1.98	48	3118	+421	4671
Estell_Manor	92	55	76	+7	0.00	0	24.16	+5.77	54	2976	+360	4512
Flemington	93	53	76	+9	0.00	0	16.21	-6.65	54	2846	+456	4356
Freehold_Marlbo	92	56	76	+8	0.00	0	15.04	-5.82	48	2963	+386	4493
Hammonton	90	60	77	+7	0.01	1	21.26	+0.55	69	3143	+390	4683
Lakehurst_NAS	92	48	75	+6	0.00	0	15.69	-3.83	52	3001	+316	4537
Marlton	94	55	78	+9	0.02	2	17.91	-4.03	56	3152	+397	4701
Millville	94	56	78	+7	0.00	0	23.91	+4.45	51	3174	+374	4707
Mt_Holly_NWS	92	56	76	+7	0.00	0	15.76	-6.62	49	2966	+281	4497
Newark	95	60	80	+9	0.00	0	16.63	-4.66	41	3402	+487	4949
New_Brunswick	94	54	78	+9	0.00	0	13.79	-9.05	55	3050	+464	4579
Pennsauken	92	56	78	+6	0.01	1	18.93	-2.95	52	3135	+207	4679
Seabrook_Farms	94	63	78	+7	0.92	1	21.83	+1.55	50	3171	+346	4715
Sussex_2NW	90	52	73	+8	0.22	1	17.48	-5.04	51	2469	+363	3951
Trenton	94	57	78	+10	0.00	0	14.38	-8.64	54	3164	+655	4698

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.*

### **Monmouth County, Bill Sciarappa**

Heat is back - 90s with little sustained rain. Droughty sandy soils require more recharge. Fortunately most fruit/veg growers have some form of irrigation. Grasshoppers prevalent.

### **Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz**

Irrigation, very dry conditions, corn drying down quickly, hay work, livestock condition good, milk production average to slightly below due to heat and humidity.

## JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

<b>APPLES</b>	Decreasing harvest of Gala & Ginger Gold. Harvesting Macintosh, Courtland, Honeycrisp, & Early Fuji. Red & Golden Delicious, Empire, Jonagold, and MacCoun are next. More cool nights would help in the development of color in many varieties.
<b>ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting good quality product in fair to increasing volume.
<b>BABY SPINACH &amp; ARUGULA</b>	Harvesting very good quality products available in fair to good volume.
<b>BASIL</b>	Harvesting very good quality in fair to good volume. Likes warmth.
<b>BEETS</b>	Harvesting a fair to good volume of very good quality product.
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Harvesting very good quality products in fair to good volume.
<b>CILANTRO</b>	Harvesting good quality product in fair to increasing volume.
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Harvesting good quality Pickles & Cukes harvesting in fair to increasing volume.
<b>DANDELIONS</b>	Good quality Italian bunched product available in fair to good volume.
<b>DILL</b>	Harvesting good quality in light volume w/ the seasonal warmth.
<b>EGGPLANT</b>	Harvesting a fair quantity of good quality product.
<b>ESCAROLE &amp; ENDIVE</b>	Harvesting very good quality products in light to fair & increasing volume. Will see more volume over the next couple of weeks.
<b>KALE &amp; COLLARDS</b>	Very good quality products harvesting in good volume.
<b>LETTUCES</b>	Growers starting to harvest their Fall lettuces in light to increasing volume.
<b>LEEKS</b>	A fair to good volume of good quality product is available.
<b>MINT</b>	Very good quality harvesting in good volume.
<b>NECTARINES</b>	Harvesting a light to decreasing volume of excellent quality Fantasia variety. Fantasia are known for their high color and excellent eating quality.
<b>PARSLEY</b>	Harvesting good quality curly and plain product in fair volume.
<b>PEACHES</b>	Harvesting excellent quality and fair to decreasing volume of yellow and white freestone varieties. This is the last week with any volume.
<b>PEPPERS</b>	Harvesting a fair to good quantity of very good quality product.
<b>RADISHES</b>	Harvesting very good quality product in light to increasing volume.
<b>SPINACH</b>	Good quality product harvesting in light to increasing volume.
<b>SQUASH</b>	Harvesting good quality summer squashes in fair volume.
<b>SWEET CORN</b>	Harvesting a fair to light & decreasing volume of very good quality product. Quality will vary a bit now as seasonal insect pressures mount.
<b>SWISS CHARD</b>	Harvesting a fair volume of very good quality product.
<b>TOMATOES</b>	Harvesting a good volume of very good quality product.
<b>TURNIPS</b>	Harvesting a fair & increasing volume of good quality.
<b>WHITE POTATOES</b>	Harvesting mainly round white varieties, w/ some Redskin, Yukon Gold, & Russet varieties as well. Source your potatoes in "Jersey Fresh" bags.

## JERSEY FRESH FORECAST

<b>SWEET POTATOES</b>	Should begin harvesting next week, but with curing, volume won't be available until late month.
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