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Good Week for Field Work: New Jersey had an average of 5 days suitable for field work. There were variable temperatures ranging from the low 30's at night to as high as 78 degrees during the days. Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels are remaining at an adequate level with very little surplus in most areas. Corn and soybean harvest is nearing completion. Combining of corn and soybeans and planting of cover crops is ongoing. Some hay work is being done, with the third cutting nearly complete and the fourth cutting well under way. Now that a fairly successful Halloween season is over, farms and farm markets are preparing for the Christmas holidays.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 8, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	5	19	71	5
SUBSOIL	4	13	80	3

Crop Progress as of November 8, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN:	88	85	53	76
HARVESTED FOR				
GRAIN				
HAY, ALFALFA:	53	52	68	61
FOURTH CUTTING				
HAY, OTHER:	88	78	95	98
THIRD CUTTING				
SOYBEANS:	97	94	N/A	N/A
MATURE				
SOYBEANS:	72	65	44	63
HARVESTED				

Crop Conditions as of November 8, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	Poor					
HAY, OTHER	4	3	61	27	5	
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	17	28	19	31	

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oce/weather and click on "Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin."

November 8, 2015 New Jersey Weekly Weather Summary

	Last Week Weather Summary					Accumulation Since April 1, 2015						
	Temperature		Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F		
Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Andover	75	34	56	+13	0.01	1	24.98	-6.00	65	3207	+736	5275
Belvidere_Bridg	74	34	54	+9	0.00	0	27.73	-1.62	58	2964	+290	5007
Cape_May	72	40	59	+8	0.17	3	26.01	+1.30	68	3982	+581	6150
Estell_Manor	76	37	58	+10	0.20	2	31.90	+7.38	70	3722	+537	5851
Flemington	75	36	57	+12	0.01	1	23.94	-7.30	66	3495	+662	5574
Freehold_Marlbo	75	39	59	+12	0.04	2	22.38	-6.28	61	3687	+575	5808
Hammonton	75	39	58	+10	0.15	2	29.49	+1.56	88	3877	+553	6006
Lakehurst_NAS	73	33	57	+9	0.04	2	22.53	-4.33	68	3696	+440	5817
Marlton	77	39	58	+10	0.02	1	26.39	-2.76	68	3897	+544	6048
Millville	78	36	59	+10	0.12	2	30.34	+4.32	68	3972	+544	6103
Mt_Holly_NWS	75	38	57	+8	0.07	1	24.09	-5.59	60	3614	+326	5731
Newark	75	44	61	+12	0.01	1	22.32	-6.32	52	4303	+741	6468
New_Brunswick	76	38	58	+11	0.07	2	21.16	-9.54	67	3801	+681	5923
Pennsauken	75	39	58	+8	0.25	1	28.25	-1.03	67	3850	+258	5987
Seabrook_Farms	78	41	59	+11	0.19	3	30.45	+2.96	66	3973	+515	6120
Sussex_2NW	78	34	55	+12	0.00	0	24.75	-6.00	69	3004	+558	5035
Trenton	75	40	60	+13	0.02	2	21.12	-9.67	68	3956	+933	6097

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

There are variable weather temperatures of 30F nights and 75F days. Fall color peaked - 50 leaf drop. Halloween was OK for Ag. Now it's time for Christmas at Farm Markets.

Salem County, Jasen Berkowitz

Combining of corn and soybeans, planting of cover crops, and some hay work is being done. Livestock condition is good, and milk is production average for this time of year.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2015

APPLES	Excellent quality harvested & in storage. Storage apples & cider available
	through Christmas.
ARUGULA	Harvesting good quality product in light to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
BABY SPINACH	Finishing up.
& ARUGULA	
BEETS	Harvesting a fair to light & decreasing volume of very good quality product.
	Tops will be hurt by frost first. Available through Thanksgiving.
CABBAGE	Harvesting good quality product in fair to light & decreasing volume. Can
	tolerate some frost. Available thru Thanksgiving.
CILANTRO	Harvesting good quality product in light to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
CRANBERRIES	Harvesting very good quality fruit in good volume.
DANDELIONS	Good quality Italian bunched product available in fair to decreasing volume.
DILL	Harvesting good quality in light to decreasing volume. Frost will hurt.
ESCAROLE &	Harvesting good quality products in fair to light & decreasing volume. Can
ENDIVE	tolerate a bit of frost.
KALE &	Good quality products harvesting in fair to decreasing volume. Can tolerate
COLLARDS	some frost. Available thru Thanksgiving.
LETTUCES	Harvesting good quality Fall lettuces in light to declining volume though the
	heartier Romaine will survive a little longer than leaf lettuces. Frost will hurt.
LEEKS	A fair volume of good quality product is available.
PARSLEY	Harvesting good quality curly and plain product in fair to light & decreasing volume.
RADISHES	Harvesting very good quality product in fair to light & decreasing volume.
SPINACH	Good quality product harvesting in fair to light & decreasing volume. Can take a
COLLACIT	little frost.
SQUASH	Fair to light & decreasing volume of good quality hard squashes like acorn &
SWEET	butternut squash harvested, curing, and in storage through Thanksgiving. Harvesting & curing very good quality and good volume.
POTATOES	marvesting & curing very good quanty and good volume.
SWISS CHARD	Harvesting a fair to light & decreasing volume of good quality product.
TURNIPS	Harvesting a fair to light & decreasing volume of good quality product. Harvesting a fair to light & decreasing volume of good quality product.
WHITE	Mainly round white varieties harvested, w/ some Redskin, Yukon Gold, &
POTATOES	Russet varieties as well. Source your potatoes in "Jersey Fresh" bags.