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New Jersey blueberry season outlook

By

Brandon Raso, vice president and general manager of Variety Farms, is New Jersey’s 2026 Outstanding Young Farmer, and was named a 2026 National Outstanding Young Farmer

June 10, 2026

The New Jersey Blueberry Industry Advisory Council is happy to report, given the significant weather impacts to the entire northeast, that there will still be blues available for the 2026 crop year.

New Jersey grower Denny Doyle, who is the current chair of the council, is optimistic on how the berries were able to persevere through the recent freeze event in late April. Even though there is evident damage, the state should still produce 50-60 percent of what it typically yields.

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Alana Wood named 2026 Paul Thomas Intern of the Year

June 10, 2026

The Paul Thomas Floriculture Production Intern of the Year Award annually spotlights an emerging talent in horticulture and plant sciences. It recognizes exceptional internship performance through the Vic and Margaret Ball Intern Scholarship Program, administered by the American Floral Endowment.

The 2026 recipient is Alana Wood, a student at Kansas State University majoring in horticulture production.

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GrubMarket looks to transform wholesale food distribution

June 9, 2026

GrubMarket has launched Sales AI Agent, the newest specialized AI solution within the GrubMarket AI platform. Designed specifically for wholesale food distribution sales teams, Sales AI Agent helps users identify prospective customers, analyze menus and order guides, generate professional price sheets, and deliver proposals through a single AI-powered workflow.

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Guan’s Mushroom expands portfolio with new organic specialty mushroom line

June 9, 2026

Guan’s Mushroom has achieved Organic Certification, marking a significant milestone in the company’s continued growth and commitment to serving the evolving needs of the produce industry. Guan’s Mushroom’s Ventura, CA, farm has been organically certified by SCS Global Services to meet USDA National Organic Program for growing and packing organic mushrooms.

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Ippolito International bolsters sales team with three new hires

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Ippolito International has added three new members to its sales team: Tina Gularte, Cassie Piearcy and Isabel Pozas.

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Sweet corn, green beans ready for summer at Papen Farms in Delaware

By

Chris Koger

June 9, 2026

The Delaware sweet corn crop is on track to hit its post-July 4 harvest date, following a cool early season that slowed growth.

A warm, but very dry period spurred growth but forced growers to heavily rely on irrigation to keep the sweet corn on track, and harvest is set to begin at the normal time, around July 10-12.

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