

Weather Crop Report

Week ending June 25, 2006

RAINS EASE DROUGHT IN MOST AREAS

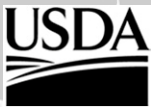
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WEATHER SUMMARY: A low pressure system in the Atlantic moved over the central Peninsula at the end of the week of June 19 through 25 and brought welcomed rains to most areas. However, the scattered nature of the rainfall left some localities dry. Rainfall for the week ranged from less than a tenth inch in Frostproof, Marianna, Monticello, Pensacola and Tallahassee to over three and three quarters inches in Apopka. Some localities, especially along the southwestern coast and a few in the central and southern Peninsula, received unofficial totals exceeding four inches. Many northern Peninsula and Panhandle areas remained mostly dry. Temperatures for the week in the major cities were mostly normal. Daytime highs were in the 80s and 90s while nighttime lows were in the 60s and 70s.

FIELD CROPS: Continued drought in the Panhandle is affecting the growth of crops with the corn crop in Santa Rosa County reportedly stunted. Tobacco pulling is getting underway in the northern Peninsula. More rain is desperately needed to guarantee adequate peanut yields. Peanut condition was rated 48 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 14 percent good and 5 percent excellent. The percent of peanuts pegged is 35 compared with 28 percent at this time last year and the five-year average of 46 percent. Soil moisture supplies improved in areas receiving rain during the week. However, in some localities, drought conditions still exist. Soil moisture supplies remained very short to short in the Panhandle with areas of adequate supplies reported in Wakulla, Jackson and Jefferson counties. Less rain over the northern Peninsula caused soil moisture ratings to drop to very short in some localities of Baker and Suwannee counties. Soil moisture supplies over the central and southern Peninsula remained short to adequate with very short supplies reported for St. Lucie and Hernando counties.



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Percentage of peanuts pegged to date:		
This year	Last year	5-year average.
35	28	46

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	22	18	0	20	10	0
Short	43	40	9	50	65	6
Adequate	35	42	63	30	25	68
Surplus	0	0	28	0	0	26

VEGETABLES: Most harvesting over the central and southern Peninsula is finished for the season. Miami-Dade County growers continued to cut okra as rains allowed. Harvesting in the northern Peninsula and Panhandle remained active with mostly clear weather speeding progress. Other crops marketed during the week included cantaloupes, sweet corn, peppers, potatoes, tomatoes and watermelons.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: In the Panhandle, pasture condition ranged from very poor to good with drought limiting grass growth in much of the area. In the northern areas, pasture was poor to good with most in poor condition. In the central areas and southwest, most pasture was in fair condition due to drought. Some locations are slightly better due to rain of a week ago. Statewide, pasture condition ranges from very poor to good with most in fair condition.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
<i>Percent</i>				
Very poor	5	5	5	10
Poor	10	10	25	35
Fair	70	65	65	50
Good	10	20	5	5
Excellent	5	0	0	0

CITRUS: A tropical wave in the Atlantic brought rainfall to the citrus belt totaling over two inches in the south and over an inch in the northern citrus areas. The highest weekly total was in Apopka at almost four inches. Citrus groves in the center of the State and on the east coast recorded less than an inch for the week. Lakes and canals are still low in most areas from the hot, dry temperatures earlier this year. Temperatures the past week were above 90 degrees several days in all areas; Immokalee recorded the highest temperature at 95 degrees. Harvest is relatively over for all varieties except the later maturing Valencia oranges. Although harvest has slowed the past couple of weeks, picking should continue into July with labor being in question as workers will be moving to other crops soon. Activity in the groves includes applications of copper sprays, nutritional sprays and mowing. Other summer sprays will start being applied as weather permits.

ESTIMATED BOXES HARVESTED - WEEK ENDED			
Crop	Jun 11	Jun 18	Jun 25
<i>In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes</i>			
Valencia	3,715	2,520	1,910
Grapefruit	6	6	4
Honey Tangerines	2	0	1

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