

Weather Crop Report

Week ending November 19, 2006

DESPITE COOL TEMPERATURES, HARVESTING CONTINUES TO ADVANCE

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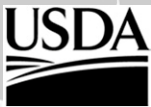
WEATHER SUMMARY: A cold front swept over the State late in the week of November 13 through 19. Cold weather crossed from the Panhandle down the southern Peninsula which caused some regions to experience light frosts. Despite the cooler temperatures, harvesting progressed on schedule. Scattered showers brought over two inches to Pensacola while other areas across the State received nearly an inch of rain. Areas receiving over an inch of precipitation included Carrabelle, Dover, Jay, Jefferson, Lake Alfred, Live Oak, Monticello, Tallahassee, and Tampa. Most major stations reported temperatures from one to six degrees below normal for the week. Warm daytime highs were mostly in the 70s and 80s. Cool evening lows were in the 40s, 50s, and 60s with a few areas in the 30s.

FIELD CROPS: Some cotton growers in Santa Rosa County have completed over 70 percent of harvesting. In Jackson County, rains halted peanut and cotton harvesting. Peanut harvesting is expected to finish once the fields dry out. Peanut and cotton harvesting was delayed in Washington County due to rains. Soil moisture supplies increased in areas receiving rainfall. Topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies are rated mostly short to adequate with some spots of surplus supplies across the State.

Percentage of peanuts planted to date:		
This year	Last year	5-year average.
99	100	99

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	36	35	10	32	14	5
Short	35	27	20	42	55	20
Adequate	27	38	62	26	31	74
Surplus	2	0	8	0	0	1

VEGETABLES: Harvesting to meet the Thanksgiving demand continued at an active pace. Warm days and mostly cool evenings aided crop development which allowed field activities to progress on schedule. Growers plan on marketing light shipments of strawberries within the next week. Cooler temperatures have aided strawberry development. Tomato picking around Quincy is virtually complete. In central and southern Peninsula areas tomato picking is increasing. Producers are picking snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, peppers, radishes, squash, and tomatoes.



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LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: In the Panhandle, pasture condition is very poor to good with most in fair condition. The last of small grains for grazing is being planted. Stock ponds have very little water despite recent rain. Unseasonably cold weather and little rain is limiting forage growth. Recent rain has just kept the winter grazing alive. Cattle condition is mostly good. Some ranchers are feeding hay for the first time in several years and almost all livestock are receiving hay and other supplements at this time. In the northern areas, pasture condition is mostly fair. Frost in the past two weeks has damaged pastures. Cattle condition is fair to good. In the central areas, pasture is very poor to good with most in poor condition. Due to the cold weather, recent rains appear to be of little benefit for pastures in recovering from the dry fall weather. Most of the cattle are in fair condition. In the southwest, pasture condition is mostly fair. Statewide, cattle condition ranges from very poor to excellent with most in fair condition.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
<i>Percent</i>				
Very poor	5	5	15	5
Poor	10	5	20	20
Fair	55	40	50	60
Good	25	50	15	15
Excellent	5	0	0	0

CITRUS: A cool front accommodated by rainfall swept across the majority of the citrus producing regions on Thursday bringing over an inch of rain to the center of the State and dropping nighttime temperatures to the mid to low 40s in several citrus producing counties. The east coast continues to experience very dry weather, receiving the least rainfall this past week at less than one tenth of an inch. Daytime highs have been in the mid-80s on several afternoons in all areas. In most citrus areas, the recent dry weather has caused growers and caretakers to continue regular irrigation programs. Grove maintenance also includes ditch mowing, irrigation repair, and some applications of supplemental miticide. Fruit quality on early oranges and tangerines is being reported as good. Grapefruit quality is very good with the large majority of colored grapefruit being picked for the fresh market and white grapefruit being picked fairly equally for both fresh and processed. Pickers are moving more heavily into Sunburst tangerines this time of year and wrapping up Fallglo tangerines and Ambersweet oranges. Other varieties being picked include early and midseason oranges, Navels, and tangelos. Several packinghouses are open with about a dozen processing plants open and beginning field run operations.

ESTIMATED BOXES HARVESTED - WEEK ENDED			
Crop	Nov 05	Nov 12	Nov 19
<i>In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes</i>			
Navel oranges	142	128	191
Ambersweet	7	4	1
Early and Mid oranges	50	337	1,040
Grapefruit	346	458	453
Fallglo tangerines	63	20	5
Sunburst tangerines	33	134	172
Tangelos	2	7	18

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