



Weather Crop Report

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ANOTHER WEEK OF UNSEASONABLY WARM TEMPERATURES

WEATHER SUMMARY: Most areas received showers during the week of January 2 through 7. Rainfall totals for the week ranged from under a tenth of an inch at Apopka to over four inches at Pensacola. Areas receiving over three inches of precipitation included Bronson and Jay with Alachua, Marianna, and Tallahassee receiving over two inches. Other areas across the State received from traces to over an inch of rain for the week. Temperatures for the week in the major stations averaged from 6 to 13 degrees above normal. Daytime highs were in the 70s and 80s. Nighttime temperatures were in the 30s, 40s, and 50s.

FIELD CROPS: Sugarcane harvesting remains active in the Everglades region. Rains increased soil moisture supplies in some areas but some areas still remain dry. Soil moisture supplies in the Panhandle and northern Peninsula was rated short to surplus. Topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies in the central and southern Peninsula was rated short to surplus with some pockets of very short supplies.

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	1	10	5	1	15	6
Short	49	15	22	25	40	11
Adequate	50	70	70	71	41	78
Surplus	0	5	3	3	4	5

VEGETABLES: Light rains interrupted planting and harvesting during last week. Producers marketed snap beans, cabbage, cucumbers, eggplant, lettuce, peppers, squash, strawberries, and tomatoes. Light supplies of celery, sweet corn, endive, escarole, and radishes were also marketed.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: Statewide, most pasture is in fair condition and improved slightly from the previous week. In the Panhandle and northern areas, the winter forage is growing. Pasture condition is mostly good, but grass needs to grow to improve pasture condition. Cattle condition is mostly good. In the central and southwest, hay feeding is active. Pasture condition is poor to good with most in fair condition. Statewide, cattle condition ranges from poor to excellent with most in good condition.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
<i>Percent</i>				
Very poor	0	5	0	15
Poor	5	10	10	10
Fair	45	55	75	60
Good	49	30	14	15
Excellent	1	0	1	0

CITRUS: Weather for the first week of January followed the same patterns as December, with warm temperatures, high humidity, and rainfall on various mornings and afternoons. One high of 86 degrees was recorded in Sebring. The most rainfall recorded was in Ft. Pierce at just over a half of an inch. Maturity levels on early and midseason fruit is high and harvesting should go full steam ahead until the end of the season, barring inclement weather. Navel orange and Sunburst tangerine harvest is slowing down and more effort will be spent on Temple oranges and Honey tangerines. Trees and fruit are in good condition following a mild fall season and much warmer than average beginning of winter. One remaining processing plant is scheduled to open this week. Grove maintenance includes irrigation, irrigation repair, as well as preparation needed for continuation of harvest.

ESTIMATED BOXES HARVESTED - WEEK ENDED			
Crop	Dec 24	Dec 31	Jan 07
<i>In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes</i>			
Navel oranges	125	35	57
Early and Mid oranges	3,990	3,980	4,455
Temples	0	0	6
Grapefruit	367	337	523
Sunburst Tangerines	181	85	61
Honey Tangerines	0	1	34
Tangelos	69	51	67

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