



WEATHER CROP



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Week ending June 15, 2008

SCATTERED SHOWERS BROKE DRY SPELL, AREAS OF SUNSHINE STATE

WEATHER SUMMARY: Warm and windy conditions continued with scattered showers for the week of June 8-15. Most areas throughout the State received an inch of rain or more. Three to four-inch showers covered many areas of the central Peninsula, Hardee, and Glades counties in the southern Peninsula, and Jackson County in the Panhandle. The most rain was received in Alachua County, at 5.77 inches. Daytime highs reached the upper 80s and 90s; lows were in the 60s and 70s. Major cities reported highs in the 80s and 90s and lows in the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

FIELD CROPS: Peanut planting ended with 100 percent completed compared to 96 percent last year. Peanut condition was rated 2% poor, 57% fair, 36% good, and 5% excellent. Some hay was cut in Jefferson County. Wheat harvest continued in Santa Rosa County. Topsoil moisture was mostly short across the State and subsoil moisture was reported as adequate.

Peanut Progress – Week Ending June 15, 2008			
Stage	2008	2007	5-yr Average
	<i>Percent</i>		
Planted	100	91	96
Pegged	0	9	15
Harvested	0	0	0

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	31	47	30	34	43	44
Short	34	35	38	28	36	41
Adequate	34	18	32	38	21	15
Surplus	1	0	0	0	0	0

VEGETABLES: Summer crops began harvest in Florida City in Hernando County, but most areas reported field activity slowing down seasonally. Gadsden County's squash harvest came to an end while the pepper and tomato harvest continued. With less than 800 acres of potatoes reported left in the fields of the tri-county area, growers planned to complete their harvest this week. Suwannee Valley began their watermelon harvest last week while organic squash, zucchini, eggplant, okra, and bell pepper harvesting continued. Other vegetables marketed throughout the week were sweet corn and cucumbers.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: Improved pasture conditions were reported in areas across the State with rain spotted in all districts. In the Panhandle and northern areas, pasture condition was poor to good with most in fair condition. Cattle condition was fair to good. In the central areas, most of the pasture was in very poor to poor condition. The cattle condition was fair. In the southwestern areas, pasture condition ranged from fair to good, with most in good condition. Statewide, cattle condition was mostly poor to fair.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
	<i>Percent</i>			
Very poor	15	15	25	25
Poor	25	30	30	35
Fair	40	35	35	30
Good	20	20	10	10
Excellent	0	0	0	0

CITRUS: Growers welcomed rain over all citrus areas, although it varied from a trace to almost four inches. Maximum temperatures moderated a little with afternoon showers and thunderstorms but continued in the mid 90s in all areas. Minimum temperatures continued in the mid 60s. Rainfall amounts ranged from almost four inches in the central interior areas to one-half inch recorded at the Ft. Pierce station. Trees looked good with heavy foliage and healthy new fruit. Production activities included irrigating where necessary, spraying, mowing, and brush removal. Growers combated greening by removing trees and attempting to control the Psyllids with pesticides. Valencia harvest dropped below the five million box weekly amount as hot temperatures and afternoon rain slowed harvest. Some processing plants plan to run Valencia oranges into the second week of July. Grapefruit utilization declined rapidly with small amounts of red varieties continuing to be processed. Honey tangerine harvest was nearing completion with packinghouses closing for the season.

Estimated Boxes Harvested - Week Ended			
Crop	Jun 01	Jun 08	Jun 15
	<i>In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes</i>		
Navel oranges	1	2	1
Valencia oranges	5,273	4,891	4,170
Grapefruit	49	44	28
Honey tangerines	10	7	1

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