



WEATHER CROP

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Week ending July 6, 2008

CONTINUOUS SHOWERS PROVIDE RELIEF FOR ROW CROPS

WEATHER SUMMARY: Warm, humid conditions continued along with prevailing showers. Rainfall amounts ranged from traces to more than six inches across the State. Santa Rosa County received two to four inches along with many areas of the southern Peninsula. Highlands, Collier, and St. Lucie counties all received between four to six inches. Major cities averaged highs in the upper 80s and 90s with lows in the 60s and 70s. Daytime highs reached the upper 80s to mid-90s; lows were in the upper 60s and low 70s.

FIELD CROPS: Peanut pegging was 53 percent complete compared with 37 percent last year, and 55 percent for the five year average. Peanut condition was rated 29% fair, 52% good, and 19% excellent. Soil moisture was mostly short to adequate in the Panhandle and Big Bend areas; adequate in the central and southern Peninsulas.

Peanut Progress – Week Ending July 6, 2008			
Stage	2008	2007	5-yr Average
	<i>Percent</i>		
Pegged	53	37	55

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	1	15	20	7	26	31
Short	20	15	20	37	30	30
Adequate	69	65	58	55	43	38
Surplus	10	5	2	1	1	2

VEGETABLES: Movement has slowed for most areas. Watermelon, tomatoes, and okra were marketed last week.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: In the Panhandle and northern areas, pasture condition was poor to excellent. Most pasture in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties continue in poor condition due to dry weather earlier in the year. Most cattle were in fair to excellent condition. Pasture in the central areas was poor to excellent. Afternoon thunderstorms have benefitted pastures and rangeland in St. Johns County. The condition of the cattle was poor to excellent. In the southwestern areas, pasture and range was in poor to excellent condition. In the past two weeks, the summer rains have markedly improved the pasture condition. The cattle condition was poor to good. Statewide, the cattle condition was 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	0	0	5
Poor	5	20	5	20
Fair	40	45	40	40
Good	50	35	50	33
Excellent	5	0	5	2

CITRUS: Daily thunderstorms brought in the highest weekly totals of rainfall so far this year. Ft. Pierce and Sebring both had over six and one half inches for the week. Other weekly totals included over four inches in Immokalee and over three inches in Ona. Daily high temperatures were mostly in the low 90s. Overall, the hot and wet weather has assisted in deep soakings and moist soil which is beneficial to the growth of both the foliage and the new fruit. Next year's fruit was progressing well, with oranges about golf ball size and grapefruit up to baseball size. Production practices were on schedule in all areas which included heavy summer spraying and Psyllids control. Harvest was winding down; a few Valencias remained, mostly in southern areas. Processing is expected to last about one more week. Small amounts of fresh squeeze juice will continue into August. Grapefruit utilization was relatively over with a few thousand boxes of red varieties continuing to be processed each week. Honey tangerine harvest was done for the season.

Estimated Boxes Harvested - Week Ended			
Crop	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 06
	<i>In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes</i>		
Navel oranges	NA	1	NA
Valencia oranges	NA	3,106	NA
Grapefruit	NA	15	NA
Honey tangerines	NA	4	NA
NA: Not available			

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