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WEATHER CROP



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Week ending August 3, 2008

SHOWERS CONTINUE ACROSS THE STATE

WEATHER SUMMARY: One to two-inch showers covered most areas of the Sunshine State. The central and southern Peninsulas received between two and four inches of rain. Broward and St. Lucie counties each received above four inches of rain, 4.62 and 4.12 inches, respectively. Major cities averaged highs in the upper 80s and 90s with lows in the 70s. Daytime highs were in the 90s; lows were in the upper 60s and low 70s.

FIELD CROPS: Peanut pegging was 95 percent complete compared with 84 percent last year and a 94 percent five year average. Peanut condition was rated 16% fair, 46% good, and 38% excellent. Afternoon scattered showers kept the peanut crop progression on schedule. Soil moisture was mostly adequate in all areas.

Peanut Progress – Week Ending August 3, 2008			
Stage	2008	2007	5-yr Average
	<i>Percent</i>		
Pegged	95	84	94

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	1	0	7	4	0	6
Short	5	31	16	21	36	16
Adequate	85	64	71	73	61	73
Surplus	9	5	6	2	3	5

VEGETABLES: Vegetable producers were busy preparing land for fall planting. Okra was the only vegetable reported marketed last week.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: Pasture and cattle conditions were fair or better throughout the State for the first time in many months. In the Panhandle and northern areas, pasture was in fair to excellent condition. Above average temperatures and frequent showers provided ideal conditions for pasture in Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Washington counties. In the central areas, pasture and cattle conditions were mostly good. In the southwest, pasture condition was mostly good and cattle condition was fair to good. Statewide, cattle condition was fair to excellent.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
	<i>Percent</i>			
Very poor	0	1	0	5
Poor	0	4	0	5
Fair	25	45	20	40
Good	65	45	65	45
Excellent	10	5	15	5

CITRUS: Various amount of rainfall were received in and around citrus-producing areas, from over four inches in Ft. Pierce to less than an inch in Immokalee. Even with less rainfall this past week, canals and lakes were still full and water was plentiful. Temperatures have been warm again this week, reaching the lower 90s on several days. Activity in the groves included applications of summer oils, cleaning ditches, fertilizing, mowing, and some hedging. Growers were combining efforts to address canker and psyllid control. Some growers were abandoning or pushing groves severely infected. Where caretakers spent ample time maintaining groves, oranges were progressing well with varying sizes between golf ball and baseball size. Grapefruit were typically between baseball and softball size. Overall, conditions were good in well-managed groves.

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