



WEATHER CROP

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Week ending June 14, 2009

SCATTERED SHOWERS CONTINUE, THUNDERSTORMS ARRIVE

WEATHER SUMMARY: Warm, daytime temperatures reached the high 90s, but were interrupted by strong winds and storms in some areas. Nighttime temperatures were mostly in the 60s and 70s. Major cities averaged highs in the upper 80s and 90s with lows in the 60s and 70s. Showers were spotted across the State with the central and southern Peninsulas dominating the charts. Lake, Putnam, and Volusia counties received between one and three inches with the most precipitation in Volusia County, 2.66 inches. Broward, Dade, Collier, and Highlands counties received between one and three inches with the most precipitation in Collier County, 2.93 inches.

FIELD CROPS: Peanut planting was 96 percent complete compared with 99 percent last year and the condition was rated 30% fair, 58% good, and 12% excellent. There were only a few peanuts left to be planted in the fields. Jackson County growers were finishing up the peanuts that will be double-cropped behind wheat or oats. Wheat harvest was near completion in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Some wheat may only be used for feed instead of grain due to the extended wet season. Holmes County growers cut and baled their first cutting of hay. Hay cutting was in progress in Pasco and Columbia counties. Soil moisture was mostly adequate for all areas.

Peanut Progress – Week Ending June14, 2009			
Stage	2009	2008	5-yr Average
	<i>Percent</i>		
Planted	96	99	95

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	0	1	33	2	8	35
Short	16	3	34	19	6	29
Adequate	74	70	32	73	75	36
Surplus	10	26	1	6	11	0

VEGETABLES: The spring season was mostly complete with the exception of watermelons, cantaloupes, cucumbers, okra, mangos, tomatoes, and organic crops harvested. Dade County growers harvested and packed okra, tomatoes, and mangos. Cucumbers were harvested and mostly complete in St. Lucie County. Hillsborough County growers harvested cantaloupes and watermelons. Gilchrist County continued to harvest watermelons. Bean harvest was complete in Suwannee County, but organic harvest continued. Other crops marketed were sweet corn, eggplant, peppers, and radishes.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: The pasture condition improved from the previous week in response to May and June rains. In the Panhandle and northern areas, pasture condition was mostly good with some poor from drought. Grazing and cattle conditions continued to improve. Cattle condition was poor to excellent with most in good condition. In the central areas, pasture was poor to excellent with most in good condition. Cattle condition was very poor to excellent with most fair to good. Pasture condition in the southwest was very poor to excellent with most fair to good. There was some pasture in very poor condition due to drought. Pasture condition generally improved but was lower in coastal locations. Statewide, cattle condition was very poor to excellent with most in fair to good condition.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
	<i>Percent</i>			
Very poor	1	5	1	5
Poor	5	5	5	5
Fair	40	35	35	35
Good	49	50	50	50
Excellent	5	5	9	5

CITRUS: A high pressure pattern centered over the State last week brought hot temperatures and humid weather conditions. Typical, seasonal temperatures ranged from highs in the mid-90s to lows in the mid-70s. The summer, rainy season pattern brought isolated thunderstorms and scattered showers to most citrus-producing regions. Immokalee received almost three inches of rain. Extreme heat had little impact upon harvesting of the remaining citrus crop. Widespread ground spraying was the dominant production practice conducted by caretakers in the citrus groves. The maturity of next season's citrus crop is progressing well. Recent weather conditions were responsible for excellent fruit growth and tree foliage. Processing plants were closing with most shutting down by the end of the month and the remaining in mid-July. The packing of oranges and small quantities of grapefruit was limited.

Estimated Boxes Harvested - Week Ended			
Crop	May 31	Jun 07	Jun 14
	<i>In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes</i>		
Valencia oranges	5,029	5,672	3,157
Grapefruit	35	0	3

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