



WEATHER CROP

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Week ending June 6, 2010

Blessing and Burden of Rain

Weather Summary: In Florida, June began with rain and thunderstorms with high humidity. Rain was reported at all weather stations last week, falling sporadically throughout the State. Approximately half of the weather stations reported less than an inch of rain. The most rain was reported in Belle Glade with over 5 inches of rain, followed by MacClenny, Umatilla, and Palmdale with over 2 inches of rain. Lows were in the 60s and 70s. Highs reached the mid 90s. Temperatures averaged 1 to 4 degrees above normal. Over 75 percent of the soil moisture levels were adequate.

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	1	1	3	7	0
Short	24	3	15	19	6	13
Adequate	66	70	78	70	75	80
Surplus	4	26	6	8	12	7

Field Crops: Potato harvesting will soon be complete in the Hastings area. In Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, winter wheat harvesting is also nearing completion. Hay was ready for harvest throughout the northern and central regions, but weather conditions were too wet for haying. Cotton was planted in Okaloosa, Walton, and Jackson counties. Some cotton fields in Jackson County were replanted due to previous heavy rains. Silage corn was planted in Dixie County. Soybeans were planted in Walton and Jackson counties. Peanut planting at 92 percent with 70 percent of the peanut condition reported as good or excellent. In Columbia County, planting was delayed due to overly saturated soil making it difficult for large equipment to function in fields. In Walton County, farmers sprayed peanut fields with fungicide as a result of heavy rains. In Columbia County tobacco is progressing well.

Peanut Progress for Week Ending: June 6, 2010

Stage	2009	5-year average	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted	83	87	92

Vegetables: Light vegetable harvesting took place in various parts of the State. Watermelons were harvested statewide from the Everglades to the northern State border. Highlands County harvested various types of herbs. Most sweet corn growers have completed harvesting for the season. Vegetables marketed were cantaloupe, sweet corn, cucumber, eggplant, okra, pepper, tomato, and watermelon.

Floriculture and Nursery: Highlands County growers planted caladiums.

Livestock and Pastures: Pasture condition continues to improve and summer annual pastures were growing well. Cattle condition was following suit. In the Panhandle areas, the condition of pasture and cattle was poor to excellent with most in good condition. The pasture was in poor condition in some locations due to standing water. The cattle condition was mostly good; however, cattlemen noted some problems with yellow flies. In the northern areas, pastures were generally improved following scattered showers that have mitigated any moisture deficits. In the central areas, most pasture was in good condition. In the southwestern areas, range condition was mostly good. Statewide, the cattle were in poor to excellent condition with most in good condition.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	0	0
Poor	5	5	3	1
Fair.....	30	30	25	17
Good	60	60	65	75
Excellent	5	5	7	7

Citrus: Highs were in the low to mid 90s, with early morning lows in the 60s and 70s. Rainfall was highly variable. Belle Glade received the most with 5.41 inches. North Port received only a trace of rain. Fourteen of the 24 stations received greater than an inch of rain. There was no report of drought anywhere within the citrus-producing areas. Growing conditions continue to be good across the citrus region. Twenty-one of the 51 packinghouses remained open. Varieties being packed included Valencia and a few colored grapefruit. Valencia oranges comprised the majority of fruit going to the processing plants. Grove activity included harvesting, fertilizing, herbicide application, chemical mowing, irrigation, psyllid treatment, hedging and topping, brush removal, young tree care, and summer oil spraying.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	May 23, 2010	May 30, 2010	June 6, 2010
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	4,877	4,962	3,255
Navel oranges	1	0	0
Grapefruit	100	31	19

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