



WEATHER CROP

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Week ending June 27, 2010

Hot Temperatures, Scattered Showers

Weather Summary: High temperatures for the week were in the 90s, with the exception of Key West which recorded a high of 89 degrees. Lows were mostly in the 70s, with a few Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) sites dipping into the upper 60s at night. Major cities averaged one to four degrees above normal. Thunderstorms and showers were widely scattered; Balm and Dover in Hillsborough County reported 4.21 and 3.16 inches of rain, respectively. Alachua, Baker, and Sarasota each received between two to three inches of precipitation. Several locations reported no rainfall or only a trace. Relative humidity was high with all major cities reaching values above 80 percent.

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	3	0	4	1	1	0
Short	21	14	29	17	15	23
Adequate	70	79	63	72	79	72
Surplus	6	7	4	10	5	5

Field Crops: High temperatures and widely scattered showers stressed corn crop. Operators ran pivots to keep the ground cool. Peanuts, cotton, soybeans, and tobacco were holding up well so far. As of June 27, 2010, the condition of the peanut crop was rated as 18% fair, 72% good, and 10% excellent. Twenty-six percent of peanuts had pegged, up from 16% last week, but well behind the 42% last year, and the 5 year average of 34%. Dry conditions allowed hay to be baled and operators reported good yields.

Peanut Progress for Week Ending: June 27, 2010

Stage	2009	5-year average	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged	42	34	26

Vegetables: Hot, humid temperatures stressed vegetables. Watermelons and tomatoes were harvested with good yields but low prices. Light supplies of avocados, blueberries, sweet corn, okra, and cantaloupes were marketed.

Livestock and Pastures: Pasture condition improved slightly over the previous week, although dry conditions restricted grass growth in several locations. In the Panhandle areas, the condition of pasture was poor to excellent with most good. Lack of rain caused the poor condition of some pasture, while grass growth was supported by scattered showers in Jefferson County. The cattle condition was poor to excellent, with most in good condition. In the northern areas, the pasture and cattle were mostly in fair condition. In the central areas, pasture was very poor to excellent with most fair to good. Drought held back grass growth. The cattle condition was mostly fair to good. In the southwestern areas, the range condition varied from fair to excellent with most 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	1	0
Poor	5	5	5	1
Fair.....	30	35	25	24
Good	55	50	55	55
Excellent	10	10	14	20

Citrus: Highs were in the 90s, with early morning lows in the upper 60s and lower 70s. Rainfall was quite variable this week. Balm received the most rainfall with 4.21 inches, Fort Pierce received no rain. Fifteen of the 24 stations received less than an inch of rain. Drought has not been reported anywhere within the citrus producing area. Growing conditions continued to be good across the citrus region. A few packinghouses remained open. Varieties being packed included Valencia and a few colored grapefruit. Valencia oranges comprised the majority of fruit going to the 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	June 13, 2010	June 20, 2010	June 27, 2010
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	2,055	551	663
Grapefruit	13	10	8

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