



# WEATHER CROP

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Week ending July 11, 2010

## Scattered Showers Continue Across the State

**Weather Summary:** Rainfall varied from traces to over an inch in several localities this past week. Areas reporting over two inches of rain included Carrabelle, Indian River, Miami, North Port, Pensacola, Putnam Hall, and West Palm Beach. Belle Glade and Tampa recorded over three inches of precipitation. Hot and humid daytime highs were mostly in the 90s. Jacksonville and Tallahassee recorded at least one daytime high at 100 degrees. Muggy evening lows were in the 60s and 70s. Temperatures in the major cities hovered from one degree below to one degree above normal.

## 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 .....	1	1	1	1	0	0
Short .....	9	12	17	12	16	11
Adequate .....	70	73	59	65	74	64
Surplus .....	20	14	23	22	10	25

**Field Crops:** Peanuts and cotton showing light stress but overall were progressing well. Fungicides and herbicides sprays were being applied on peanuts for disease control in Jackson County. Peanut condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 14 percent excellent. Peanuts were 45 percent pegged compared with 54 percent last year and the five-year average of 55 percent pegged by this date. In Santa Rosa, early-planted cotton was beginning to bloom with the crop in good condition. Weed pressure in some fields was higher than average due to heat and rain thus requiring additional control measures in Columbia County. Hay harvesting was active in most areas. Corn was in good condition in Jackson County with harvesting expected to begin in two weeks. Tobacco harvesting was in full swing in Columbia County.

## Peanut Progress for Week Ending: July 11, 2010

Stage	2009	5-year average	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged .....	54	55	45

**Vegetables:** Tomato picking was nearing completion around the Quincy area as growers begin to prepare for the fall planting season. Northern Peninsula growers were still harvesting light supplies of watermelons as the season comes to a close. Light supplies of avocados were shipped with movement expected to increase as the season gets underway. Miami-Dade County growers continued harvesting okra. Southern Peninsula growers were preparing fields for fall crop planting which is expected to begin in early August.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Statewide, pasture grass was growing well due to adequate soil moisture and seasonal summer temperatures. In the Panhandle and northern areas, the condition of the pasture varied from fair to excellent with most in good condition. Many pastures met or exceeded their feeding needs. The cattle condition was poor to excellent with most in good condition. In the central areas, pasture and cattle were in fair to excellent condition with most in good condition. Some planting of permanent pasture was reported. In the southwest areas, the range condition was mostly good. Pastures with standing water the previous week dried out. Statewide, most of the cattle were in good condition, varying from poor to excellent. Cattle condition continued to improve even with the high temperatures.

**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 .....	2	2	1	0
Fair.....	25	25	15	15
Good .....	65	70	70	60
Excellent .....	8	3	14	25

**Citrus:** Highs were in the low to mid 90s, with early morning lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s. Belle Glade received the most precipitation with 3.03 inches. Citra received the least, with 0.08 inches recorded. Drought was not reported anywhere within the citrus-producing area. Growing conditions continued to be good across the citrus region. Cultural practices included limited fertilization, hedging, and the resetting of young trees. Now that the harvesting season has ended, growers focused on psyllid control using both aerial and ground spraying as rainfall permitted.

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