



# WEATHER CROP



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Week ending November 21, 2010

## Vegetable Harvesting On Schedule for Thanksgiving

**Weather Summary:** Cool and mostly dry weather prevailed throughout November 15 through 21 with light showers in some localities. Temperatures at the major stations averaged from three degrees below normal to two degrees above normal. Frost occurred in some areas across the Panhandle down to central Peninsula areas. Nighttime temperatures were in the 30s to 50s with Miami recording at least one low in the 60s. Daily highs were in the 70s and 80s. Many localities received traces to less than a half an inch of precipitation. Carrabelle, Jay, Pensacola, and Quincy received over one inch of rainfall for the week. Monticello and Tallahassee reported over two inches. Nearly four inches of rain was recorded in Marianna.

## 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 .....	15	11	12	10	7	11
Short .....	40	46	37	35	42	37
Adequate .....	44	40	50	53	47	50
Surplus .....	1	3	1	2	4	2

**Field Crops:** Cotton harvesting remained active during the week with light rains over parts of the Panhandle and northern Peninsula. Sugarcane harvesting remained active in the Everglades region. Growers finished peanut harvesting, compared to 96 percent last season, and the five-year average of 98 percent. Cotton harvesting was nearing the end in Jackson County. Soybean and cotton harvesting was expected to conclude by next week in Washington County.

## Peanut Progress for Week Ending: November 21, 2010

Stage	2009	5-year average	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested .....	96	98	100

**Vegetables:** Another week of clear weather allowed field work to progress on schedule as growers worked to meet the Thanksgiving Day market. Fall crop harvest gained momentum in central and southern Peninsula localities. Some tomato growers were expected to finish for the season in west Florida in two weeks. Tomato harvesting in the central and southern Peninsula areas increased seasonally. Cooler temperatures aided strawberry development around Plant City and Dover. Endive and escarole harvest was expected to begin in 10 days. Very light shipments of sweet corn, eggplant, radishes, and strawberries were marketed. Producers marketed avocados, snap beans, cucumbers, okra, bell peppers, squash, and tomatoes.

**Livestock and Pastures:** The pasture condition declined seasonally. Winter forage planting has been limited by dry soil conditions and supplemental hay was being fed. In the Panhandle, pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most poor to fair. Less winter forage was planted due to the extremely dry fall. Winter grazing got a boost and some plantings proceeded after widespread but variable rainfall. Small grains and cool season forages were rapidly being planted. The cattle condition ranged from poor to excellent with most fair. Supplemental hay was being fed. In the northern areas, pasture condition ranged from very poor to good with most fair. Grazing was very short as cooler than normal nighttime temperatures limited growth on permanent pastures. The cattle were in very poor to excellent condition with most in fair condition. In the central areas, pasture ranged from very poor to excellent with most poor to fair. Some producers were feeding hay due to the lack of forage. Less winter forage was planted. The cattle were mostly in fair condition. Most calves have been shipped. In the southwestern areas, pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent with most good. The cattle were in poor to excellent condition with most in good condition. Statewide, the condition of the cattle was very poor to excellent 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.....	5	1	5	5
Poor.....	5	4	30	20
Fair.....	35	35	30	35
Good.....	50	55	30	35
Excellent.....	5	5	5	5

**Citrus:** Highs were in the 80s, with early morning lows ranging from the upper 40s to the lower 50s. Moisture conditions improved slightly with 18 of the 25 stations recording some precipitation. The station reporting the most precipitation was Ocklawaha, with 0.47 inch of recorded rainfall. Abnormally dry conditions in all of the citrus area according to the U.S. drought monitor, last updated on November 16. Indian River and Brevard counties were experiencing extreme drought conditions, while surrounding counties were experiencing severe conditions. Moderate to extreme drought conditions extend over a third of the citrus area. Citrus harvest progressed with thirty-nine packinghouses and eight processors opened and a few more scheduled to open soon. Cultural practices included herbicide and fertilizer application, tree removal, and irrigation.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	November 7, 2010	November 14, 2010	November 21, 2010
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and mid oranges.....	35	56	164
Ambersweet.....	8	10	16
Navel oranges.....	94	82	186
Grapefruit.....	326	329	394
Tangelos.....	4	8	31
Tangerines.....	106	124	204

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