



WEATHER CROP



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Week ending November 6, 2011

Cool Temperatures

Weather Summary: Mostly cooler weather arrived in the Sunshine State during the week of October 31 through November 6. Temperatures in the major cities averaged two to six degrees below normal. Enjoyable daytime highs were in the 70s and 80s. Cool evening lows were in the 40s and 50s. Rainfall ranged from none in Pensacola to over three inches in West Palm Beach. Most areas reported scattered rains for the week. Fort Pierce recorded over two inches of precipitation.

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	13	7	7	10	4
Short.....	27	36	11	24	39	18
Adequate	57	50	66	64	49	62
Surplus	10	1	16	5	2	16

Field Crops: Statewide, soil moisture supplies were rated mostly adequate. More rainfall is needed in the Panhandle area. Peanut harvesting was nearing completion in Jackson County. Peanut harvest was 94 percent complete compared with 96 completed by this date last year. The five-year average of peanuts harvested by this date was 91 percent. Cotton harvesting was more than 50 percent complete in most Panhandle areas. Recent rains delayed sugarcane harvesting around Lake Okeechobee.

Peanut Progress for Week Ending: November 6, 2011

Stage	2010	5-year average	2011
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested	96	91	94

Fruit & Vegetables: Clear weather allowed vegetable producers to advance field work and harvesting. In Homestead, avocados were shipped. Sweet corn growers in central Peninsula areas predicted harvesting to begin within two weeks. Miami-Dade County growers continued to cut okra. Tomato harvesting continued with the harvesting slowing seasonally around Quincy. Producers marketed very light supplies of snap beans, cucumbers, eggplant, bell peppers, and squash.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition ranged from mostly very poor to excellent with 55 percent in good condition. Drought was the first limiting factor to forage growth, but colder temperatures, flooding, and insect damage also hurt the condition of pasture. The cattle condition ranged from poor to excellent with 65 percent in good condition. In the **Panhandle**, pastures were very poor to excellent with most poor to fair. Cool temperatures at night and light frost have stopped growth of summer grasses. Winter forage has good stands in areas where field preparation, planting, and precipitation coincided. The cattle were in fair to good condition. Cattle are being fed hay and supplements. In the **northern** area, pasture condition ranged from very poor to good. Light frost and drought have limited forage quality and growth. In the **central** areas, pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent with most in good condition. The condition of forage was above average for this time of year. In the **southwest** area, pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most in good condition. There was some flooding of low lying pastures in Okeechobee, Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties. The condition of the cattle ranged from fair 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.....	1	0	1	3
Poor.....	1	2	8	7
Fair.....	37	28	40	30
Good.....	55	65	45	55
Excellent.....	6	5	6	5

Citrus: Highs this week were in the lower to mid-80s, with early morning lows ranging from the upper 40s to upper 50s. There was widely variable rainfall this week, ranging from just over four inches to trace amounts. Immokalee received the most rainfall with 4.06 inches. Overall, there were normal moisture conditions in the citrus-producing region. Thirty-six packinghouses and seven processors have opened, with more scheduled to open this week. Varieties being packed included early oranges (Navel, Ambersweet, and Hamlin), white and colored grapefruit, and Fallglo tangerines. Cultural practices included herbicide and fertilizer applications, tree removal, new tree planting, and irrigation.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	October 23, 2011	October 30, 2011	November 6, 2011
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and mid oranges.....	60	65	66
Ambersweet.....	18	14	13
Navel oranges.....	85	100	111
Grapefruit.....	236	298	398
Tangelos.....	1	2	4
Tangerines.....	98	98	136
Total.....	498	577	728

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