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WEATHER CROP



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Week ending November 27, 2011

Vegetable Harvesting Active

Weather Summary: Pleasant temperatures prevailed during Thanksgiving week. Temperatures averaged three to seven degrees above normal in major cities. Pleasant daytime highs were in the 70s and 80s. Cool evening lows were in the 40s to 60s. Rainfall for the week ranged from none to over an inch. Most areas received minimal traces of precipitation. Stations reporting over one inch of rain included Hastings, Live Oak, MacClenny, and Quincy.

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	7	9	3	7	11	4
Short.....	23	40	28	24	37	26
Adequate	60	50	65	60	50	64
Surplus	10	1	4	9	2	6

Field Crops: Statewide, topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies were mostly adequate. Most of the cotton was harvested in Gadsden County. Harvesting was nearing completion for cotton in Columbia, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties. Peanut harvesting was 99 percent complete. Sugarcane harvesting remained active in the Everglades.

Peanut Progress for Week Ending: November 27, 2011

Stage	2010	5-year average	2011
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested	100	99	99

Fruit & Vegetables: Mostly clear weather allowed fieldwork to progress on schedule. Growers in Homestead marketed avocados. In Bradford County, producers planted strawberries. Strawberry growers welcomed cooler temperatures which aided fruit maturation. Vegetables shipped during the Thanksgiving week included snap beans, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, bell peppers, radishes, squash, and tomatoes. Light supplies of sweet corn and strawberries were available with volume expected to increase over the next week.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, pasture condition decreased from the previous week due to drought, cold, and pest damage. The cattle condition was lower with 55 percent in good condition. In the **Panhandle** and **northern areas**, the pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most in poor to fair condition. Pastures continued to be stressed due to dry weather and seasonally cooler temperatures. Winter small grain forage was not ready for grazing. Some winter forage was being planted. More producers started feeding hay. The cattle were in poor to excellent condition with most fair to good. Cattle were being fed hay and supplements. In the **central** area, the pasture condition ranged from poor to good with most in good condition. Summer pasture grass was dormant. Cool season forages were being planted. The condition of the cattle was fair to good with most in good condition. Some supplemental hay was being fed. In the **southwestern** area, the pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent with most in fair to good condition. Some low-lying pastures had standing water. 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.....	0	1	1	1
Poor.....	1	4	12	15
Fair.....	25	35	35	45
Good.....	69	55	50	37
Excellent.....	5	5	2	2

Citrus: Highs this week remained in the mid 80s, while lows stayed in the upper 50s. Ten Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) stations in the citrus region recorded between a tenth of an inch and an inch of precipitation. Growers continued to irrigate regularly to maintain the groves and good fruit condition. Early citrus harvest increased with specialty citrus (tangelos and tangerines), grapefruit, and early oranges being picked. Thirty-nine packinghouses and twelve processors were open.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	November 13, 2011	November 20, 2011	November 27, 2011
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and mid oranges.....	400	1,997	2,146
Ambersweet.....	26	68	30
Navel oranges.....	135	169	113
Grapefruit.....	419	440	326
Tangelos.....	14	23	28
Tangerines.....	199	244	135
Total.....	1,193	2,941	2,778

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