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**Light Showers Maintained Crops and Pastures**

**Weather Summary:** Florida’s crops received light, but timely rains during the week. All 36 of Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN) stations recorded some rainfall during the week. The most rainfall fell at Sebring (4.70 inches) followed by rainfall at Alachua (4.23 inches), Palmdale (3.92 inches), Ona (3.65 inches), and North Port (3.22 Inches). Fawn stations at Arcadia, Clewiston, Fort Lauderdale, and Frostproof reported between two and three inches of rainfall. Temperatures averaged slightly below normal for the week with highs mostly in the low to mid-90s.

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	6	0
Short .....	20	23	15
Adequate .....	72	63	75
Surplus.....	7	8	10

**Field Crops:** Light rains helped sustain the field crops in northern Florida. Most producers were hoping for more rain. The conditions of most crops were unchanged from the previous week. The peanut condition was rated mostly well with some fields rated fair and some excellent. Peanuts were 75 percent pegged compared to 67 percent the previous week, and the five-year average of 57 percent.

**U.S. Drought Monitor: July 17, 2012**



**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

**Peanut Progress**

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged.....	72	64	75

**Fruits & Vegetables:** Growers were preparing fields for the fall vegetable planting season. The okra harvest continued in Miami-Dade County. Some fields were being planted to okra. Producers were planting sweet potatoes and sunflowers, too.

**Livestock and Pastures: Statewide** the pasture condition ranged from fair to excellent, with most in good condition. The pasture condition improved following frequent rains. The condition of the cattle was 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	0
Poor.....	1	0	3	0
Fair .....	30	40	21	25
Good .....	54	60	55	60
Excellent.....	14	20	20	15

**Citrus:** Daily high temperatures remained in the low to mid 90s across the citrus region. All of the FAWN stations in the citrus growing region recorded some precipitation this week, with Sebring receiving the most at 4.70 inches. Six stations received more than two inches. Pierson recorded the least, with 0.17 of an inch. The majority of the citrus region is now drought free, with the exception of an area extending from the north shore of Lake Okeechobee south west to the gulf coast of Collier county which is still experiencing abnormally dry conditions, as per the US Drought Monitor, last updated July 17, 2012. As late orange harvesting has ended, fertilizer application, summer oil spraying, young tree care and grove maintenance are the primary grove activities at this time.

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