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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
 CONDITION REPORT**



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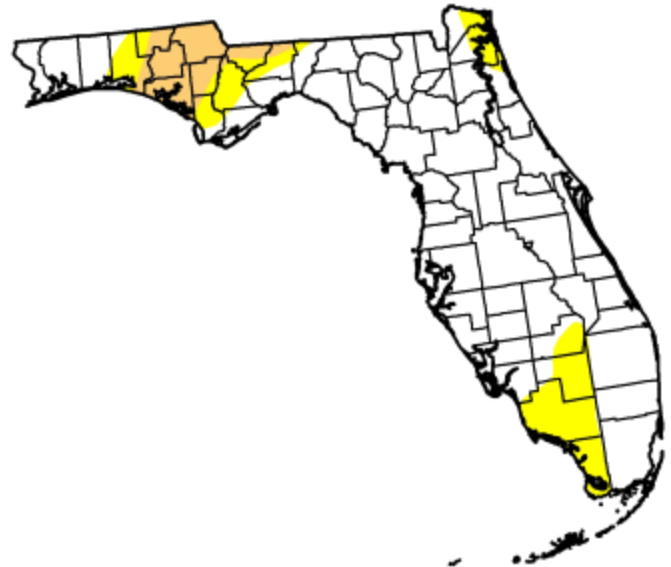
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Typical Florida Summer Weather

Weather Summary: Florida temperatures and rainfall were consistent with summer weather patterns. The most rainfall recorded by Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN) was at Homestead with 5.40 inches followed by Carrabelle with 3.22 inches. The remaining stations received from none at Fort Pierce and Sebring to 0.09 of an inch in Frostproof to 2.59 inches in Palmdale. Only some areas of the Panhandle were still experiencing moderate drought. Minimum temperatures recorded ranged from 66.18 degrees at Brooksville to 73.27 at Fort Lauderdale, while the highest recorded temperatures ranged from 96.91 degrees at Bronson to 91.22 at Umatilla.

U.S. Drought Monitor – Florida: July 31, 2012



Intensity:

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

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	4	1
Short.....	16	26	19
Adequate.....	76	66	78
Surplus.....	6	4	2

Field Crops: Levy and Gilchrist counties were starting to harvest peanuts. Corn harvesting was underway and peanuts, cotton, and soybeans were progressing nicely in Washington County. Corn harvesting was also underway in Madison County. The harvesting of hay was interrupted by showers in Washington County.

Fruits & Vegetables: Vegetable growers were increasing the pace of land preparation, fumigating and laying plastic for the fall crop. Avocados, mangoes, and longans were being marketed in southern Miami-Dade County. Also, harvesting and replanting of okra and sweet potatoes was underway.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged.....	88	88	90

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, most pastures were in good condition, the condition improved over the previous week due to frequent rainfall. Pasture in less than good condition was limited by drought and disease and insect pressure. The condition of the cattle ranged from very poor to good with most in good condition. In the **Panhandle**, pastures were in very poor to excellent condition with most in good condition. The condition of pasture in Okaloosa County declined due to insects, disease, and drought. In Washington County, the condition of cattle was good with good pasture production. Most cattle were in good to excellent condition. In the **northern** areas, the conditions of pasture and cattle were fair to excellent with most in good condition. In the **central** areas, the pasture and cattle were in poor to excellent condition with most in good condition. The cattle condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most in good condition. In the **southwestern** areas, the pasture and cattle were in fair to excellent condition with most in good condition. Stock pond water levels at some locations remained low.

Citrus: Daily high temperatures remained in the low to mid-90s across the citrus region. All but two of the FAWN stations in the citrus growing region recorded some precipitation, with Palmdale receiving the most at 2.59 inches. Four stations received more than two inches and another nine received at least an inch. Fort Pierce and Sebring recorded no measurable precipitation. The majority of the citrus region was still drought free. The exception was an area still experiencing abnormally dry conditions that included most of Glades and Hendry counties, a small portion of Lee County, and all of Collier County, per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated July 31, 2012. Fertilizer application, summer oil spraying, young tree care and grove maintenance were the primary grove activities.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	2	1	2	1
Fair.....	17	19	15	20
Good.....	60	73	60	65
Excellent.....	20	6	22	13

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