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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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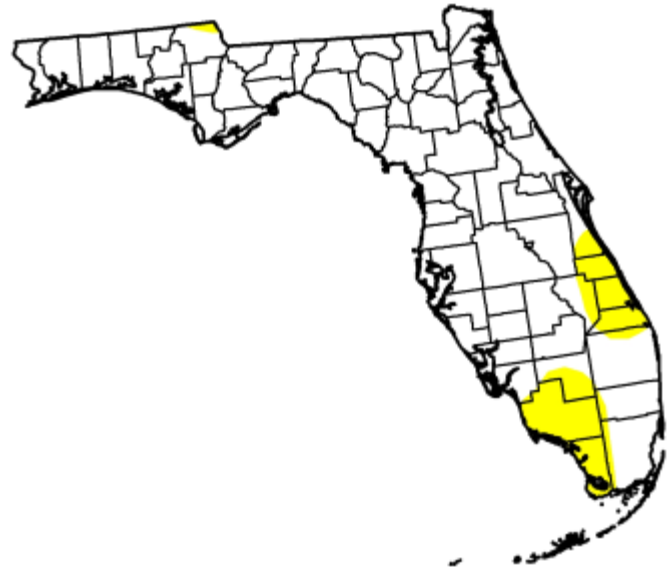
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Rainfall Interrupts Hay Harvesting

Weather Summary: Only 12 percent of Florida was abnormally dry according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The most rainfall recorded by Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN) was at Marianna with 6.67 inches followed by North Port with 4.98 inches. Fort Pierce did not receive any rainfall again this week followed by Umatilla with only 0.07 of an inch. The remaining stations rainfall varied from 0.37 of an inch at Balm to 4.56 inches at Avalon. Minimum temperatures recorded ranged from 69 degrees at Jay to 75 degrees at Fort Lauderdale, while the highest recorded temperatures ranged from 97 degrees at Bronson to 89 degrees at Quincy.

U.S. Drought Monitor – Florida: August 7, 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.....	1	2	0
Short.....	19	24	12
Adequate.....	78	69	83
Surplus.....	2	5	5

were being harvested in small quantities in Hillsborough County. In Glades County, the sugarcane crop looks good.

Field Crops: Frequent rains across Florida have benefitted crops, but made harvesting hay difficult. In Gulf County, rain was hindering some cotton harvest. Almost daily rains early in the week were raising disease pressure on peanuts in Jefferson County. Frequent showers have provided adequate moisture for crops in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. In Washington County, almost daily rain showers have made it nearly impossible to spray peanuts and cotton. Producers will have to be very aggressive in their spray program to contain leaf spot and fungal diseases. Soybeans were responding very positively to the hot, wet soil conditions; however, peanuts and cotton could benefit substantially from some sunny weather. Green peanuts

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged.....	93	90	95

Fruits & Vegetables: Vegetable growers in Collier, Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Charlotte counties were preparing land and laying plastic for planting fall crops beginning later this month. Hillsborough County producers were still harvesting small quantities of okra.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the condition of pastures ranged from very poor to excellent with most pastures in good condition. The condition deteriorated from the previous week due to dry conditions in some locations. The condition of the cattle was very poor to excellent with most in good condition. In the **Panhandle**, conditions of pasture and cattle ranged from very poor to excellent. Pastures in Jefferson County improved following almost daily rains early in the week. Pastures in Okaloosa County showed some damage from dollar spot disease and Bermudagrass Stem Maggot. In the **northern** areas, the condition of pastures was poor to excellent and the cattle were fair to excellent with most in good condition. In the **central** area, the pastures and cattle were in poor to excellent condition with the condition divided almost equally between fair, good, and excellent. Stock ponds in Brevard County were below normal levels. In the **southwestern** area, the pasture and cattle were in fair to excellent condition with most in good condition.

Citrus: Daily high temperatures remained in the low to mid-90s across the citrus region. All but one of the FAWN stations in the citrus growing region recorded some precipitation, with North Port receiving the most at 4.97 inches. Four stations received more than four inches and another twelve stations received at least an inch. Ft. Pierce recorded the least, with no measurable precipitation. The majority of the citrus region was still drought free, with the exception of two areas northeast and southwest of Lake Okeechobee still experiencing abnormally dry conditions, per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated August 7, 2012. Fertilizer application, irrigation, 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.....	1	1	1	1
Fair.....	19	30	20	24
Good.....	73	50	65	54
Excellent.....	6	18	13	20

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