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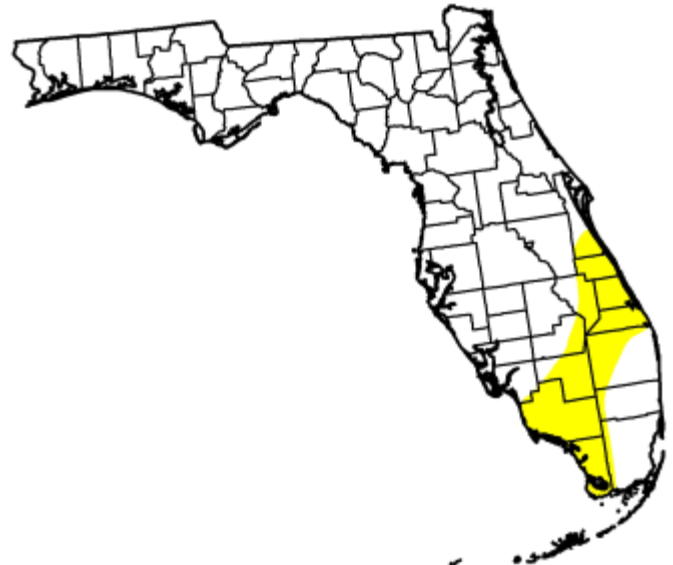
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**Peanut Harvest Underway**

**Weather Summary:** Only 14.7 percent of Florida was abnormally dry compared to 88.7 last year according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Marianna recorded again the most rainfall with 4.41 inches according to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN). Fort Pierce continues to be dry with no rainfall recorded this week followed by Belle Glade with only 0.10 of an inch. The remaining stations rainfall varied from 0.17 of an inch at Ona to 3.53 inches at Indian River. Marianna also recorded the lowest temperatures at 66 degrees, while Avalon recorded the highest temperature at 97 degrees followed by Bronson at 96 degrees.

**U.S. Drought Monitor – Florida: August 14, 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 .....	0	2	1
Short .....	12	24	12
Adequate .....	83	68	72
Surplus .....	5	6	15

**Field Crops:** Row crops were looking good in Gadsden County. Washington County was beginning to see rust in soybeans, white mold in peanuts, and leaf spot in cotton. Almost everyone was behind on their spray schedule due to weather. Looper insects and armyworms were active on almost all crops in Washington County. A small percentage of farmers were harvesting corn in Jackson County, they have been unable to finish harvest due to rain. Corn harvest has been impossible due to the threat of rain almost every day in Washington County. Columbia County has been too wet to harvest corn. Also in Columbia County, producers will begin harvesting peanuts in about three weeks, while Santa Rosa County producers just started harvesting peanuts. It is too early to harvest peanuts in Jackson County. Levy County has not started harvesting peanuts due to rains. Hay producers made little progress harvesting due to frequent rains.

**Peanut Progress**

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested .....	0	0	2

**Fruits & Vegetables:** Fall vegetables were looking good in Gadsden County. Avocados were being marketed in southern Miami-Dade County. St. Lucie County vegetable growers were preparing fields for the fall vegetable crops. Hillsborough County producers were preparing land for strawberries.

**Livestock and Pastures: Statewide**, the condition of pasture ranged from very poor to excellent, with most in good condition. Limits to pasture growth were dry weather, disease, and flooding. The condition of the cattle ranged from very poor to excellent with most in good condition. In the **Panhandle**, conditions of pasture and cattle were very poor to excellent. Dry weather limited some pastures, while disease, armyworms, and flooding were a problem in other locations. In Washington County, pastures were damaged by insects and armyworms. In the **northern** areas, the pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent. Pastures were in good to excellent condition due to the amount of rain received in the last few weeks. Some pastures in Columbia County had standing water from the recent tropical storm. Cattle were in fair to excellent condition, with most in good condition. In the **central** areas, the condition of pasture and cattle varied from very poor to excellent with most pastures in good condition. 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 this week, with Indian River receiving the most at 3.53 inches. Seven stations received more than two inches and another six 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 an area northeast and southwest of Lake Okeechobee still experiencing abnormally dry conditions, per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated August 14, 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.....	30	25	24	15
Good.....	50	55	54	58
Excellent.....	18	18	20	25

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