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Vegetable Planting Underway

Weather Summary: The National Climatic Data Center reported that 2012 was officially the warmest year on record in the contiguous U.S. since the previous record set in 1998. Palm Beach International Airport recorded another record-high minimum temperature on Saturday of 73 degrees; the old mark of 72 degrees was set in 1993. The maximum average temperatures ranged from 73 degrees in Carrabelle to 87 degrees in Dover. Minimum average temperatures ranged from 35 degrees in Jay to 66 degrees in Fort Lauderdale. The U.S. Drought Monitor reported that Florida was 46 percent abnormally dry compared to 43 percent last week and 91 percent the previous year. Jay had the most rainfall with an average of 0.31 of an inch and the rest of the State had almost no rainfall.

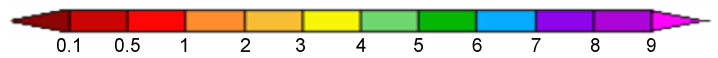
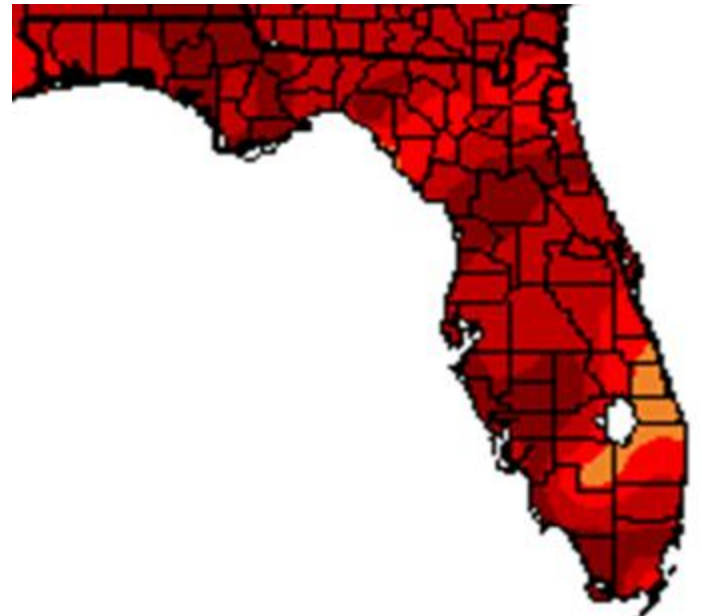
Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	9	5
Short.....	25	55	41
Adequate.....	60	35	52
Surplus	0	1	2

Field Crops: Seasonal activity continued in preparation for spring planting. Oats were being planted for grazing and seed in Columbia County. Growers were planting potatoes in Flagler County.

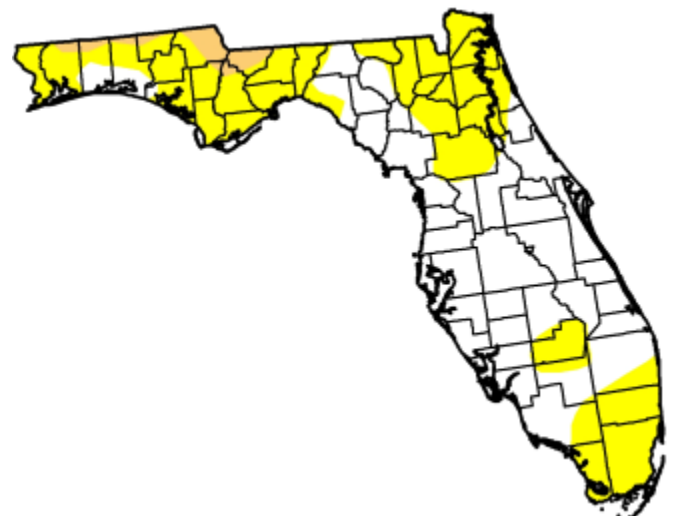
Fruits & Vegetables: Soil preparation was underway for watermelons and corn in Suwannee County. In Gilchrist County, growers prepared land for watermelon planting. Avocado and vegetable growers were busy harvesting their crop in Miami-Dade County. Strawberries were doing well, but budding early due to warm weather. Vegetable growers were planting spring watermelons and continued to harvest tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, squash, cucumbers, and a variety of specialty items.

Precipitation (in) – Florida: January 6-12, 2013



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

U.S. Drought Monitor – Florida: January 8, 2013



Intensity:

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

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent, with most in fair condition. Drought limited forage growth. Cattlemen were feeding hay. The condition of the cattle ranged from very poor to excellent, with most in either fair or good condition. In the **Panhandle**, the pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent, with most in poor to good condition. Cattlemen were feeding hay. The winter grazing crops were looking good due to the warm temperatures, but rain was needed. Most cattle were mostly in fair to good condition. In the **northern** area, the pasture condition was very poor to good. The cattle were in fair to good condition. In the **central** area, the pasture condition was mostly poor to fair. Oats were being planted for grazing and seed. Cool season forages were growing well. Most cattle were in fair condition. In the **southwest** area, the pasture condition varied from very poor to good, with most in fair condition. The cool season pastures were not progressing because of the unusually warm temperatures and lack of rainfall. The condition of the cattle was very poor to good with most in fair to 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	3	4
Poor.....	4	5	25	25
Fair.....	40	45	45	45
Good.....	50	45	25	25
Excellent.....	5	5	2	1

Citrus: Seasonal, daily high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Lows reached the mid-30s in places. Rainfall was very light and occurred in the first portion of the week. Seventeen of the 24 FAWN stations in the citrus area recorded some precipitation. Avalon recorded the most, with 0.25 of an inch. Drought measurements per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 8, 2013 indicate that the drought increased in the southern area of the citrus region, with the area west of Lake Okeechobee becoming abnormally dry. Growers irrigated one to two times a week to keep moisture in the ground and on the trees. Harvest of early and midseason varieties continued at a heavy pace. Other grove activity included general grove maintenance and fertilizer applications. Forty-one packinghouses and 18 processors were open and shipping. Shipment of fresh fruit was moderate. Varieties being packed primarily included early oranges, colored grapefruit, and tangerines.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Dec 30, 2012	Jan 6, 2013	Jan 13, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	4,364	6,335	5,689
Valencia.....	3	6	8
Ambersweet.....	3	5	4
Navel oranges.....	27	16	16
White grapefruit.....	28	44	103
Red grapefruit.....	138	263	395
Temples.....	0	4	14
Tangelos.....	39	65	108
Sunburst tangerines.....	12	3	11
Honey tangerines.....	53	92	116
Total.....	4,667	6,833	6,464

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