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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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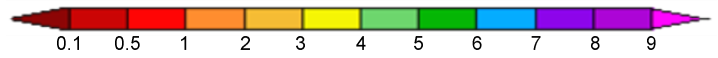
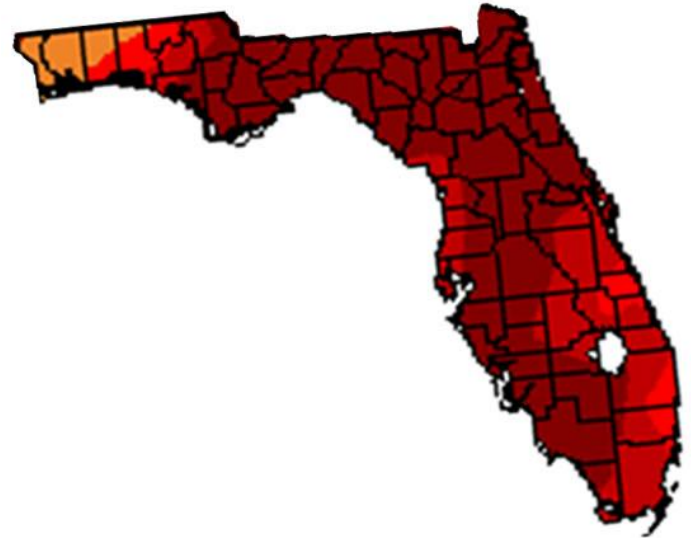
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Week Ending: January 20, 2013

Warm, Dry Week

Weather Summary: Windy, dry weather was widespread across Florida, with the exception of Jay with 1.2 inches of rainfall. The rest of the State had less than an inch of rainfall as reported by the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN). According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 60 percent of the State was abnormally dry and 9 percent had moderate drought conditions, up from 46 percent and 3 percent respectively from the previous week. Temperatures at major cities ranged from 3 to 11 degrees above average. Maximum temperatures ranged from 72 degrees at Carrabelle to 84 degrees at Immokalee. Minimum temperatures ranged from 31 degrees at Carrabelle to 55 degrees at Homestead.

Precipitation (in) – Florida: January 15-21, 2013

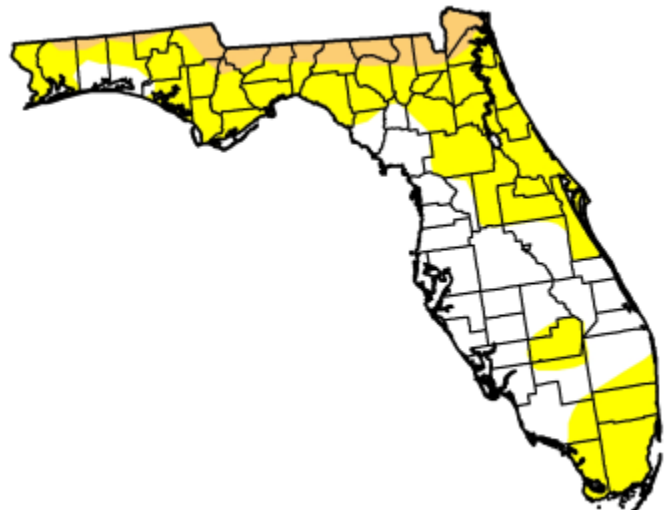


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	5	6
Short	41	50	45
Adequate	52	42	47
Surplus	2	3	2

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: January 15, 2013



Intensity:



Field Crops: Winter wheat was in need of rain in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

Fruits & Vegetables: Land preparations for spring tomatoes were in full swing in Gadsden County. In south Florida, peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, squash, and beans were being harvested. Strawberries were being harvested early in Bradford County.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent, with most in fair condition. Drought, followed by cold temperatures, limited forage growth. Cattlemen were feeding hay. In the **Panhandle**, the pasture condition ranged from very poor to good, with most in poor condition. Most cattle were in fair condition. In the **northern** area, the pasture condition was very poor to good. The cattle were in fair condition. In the **central** area, the pasture condition was mostly poor to good with most in fair condition. In the **southwest** area, the pasture condition varied from very poor to excellent, with most in fair condition. In the southwest, pasture grasses grew as temperatures were unseasonably mild. The condition of the cattle was poor to good with most in fair condition.

Citrus: Seasonal daily high temperatures were in the low 80s. Lows reached the mid 30s in places. Rainfall was very light and scattered. Fourteen of the twenty-four FAWN stations in the citrus area recorded some precipitation last week. Three stations recorded a tenth of an inch or more. Fort Pierce recorded the most, with 0.39 inches. Drought measurements as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 15, 2013 indicated that the drought increased in the northern and Indian River areas of the citrus region. Growers were irrigating 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 application. 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.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	4	5
Poor.....	5	5	25	27
Fair.....	45	55	45	47
Good.....	45	39	25	20
Excellent.....	5	1	1	1

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Jan 6, 2013	Jan 13, 2013	Jan 20, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	6,335	5,689	6,392
Valencia.....	6	8	8
Ambersweet.....	5	4	0
Navel oranges.....	16	16	14
White grapefruit.....	44	103	122
Red grapefruit.....	263	395	532
Temples.....	4	14	16
Tangelos.....	65	108	92
Sunburst tangerines.....	3	11	4
Honey tangerines.....	92	116	104
Total.....	6,833	6,464	7,284

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