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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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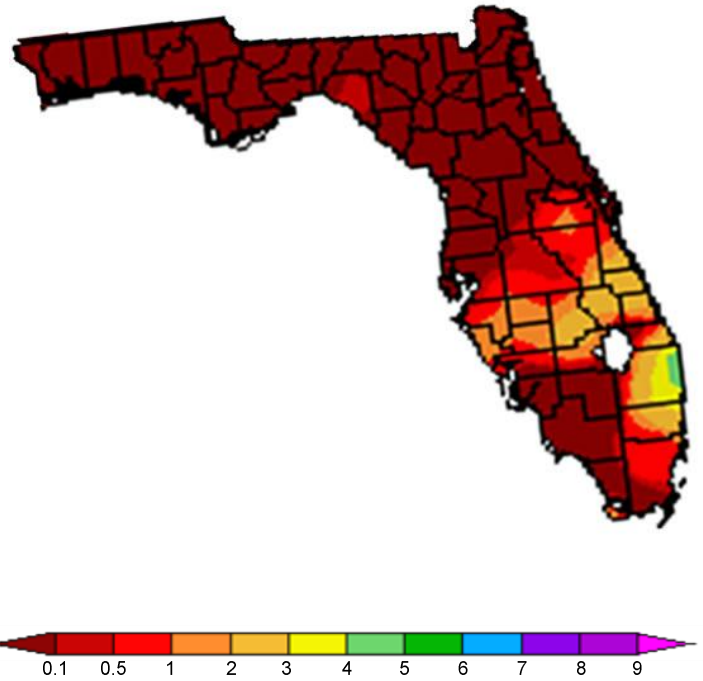
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Another Dry Week

Weather Summary: Dry weather across Florida continued with Ona reporting the most rain at 0.27 of an inch as reported by the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN). According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 68 percent of the State was abnormally dry and 9 percent had moderate drought conditions. Maximum temperatures ranged from 72 degrees at Jay to 81 degrees at Belle Glade. Minimum temperatures ranged from 29 degrees at Alachua to 56 degrees at Fort Lauderdale.

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

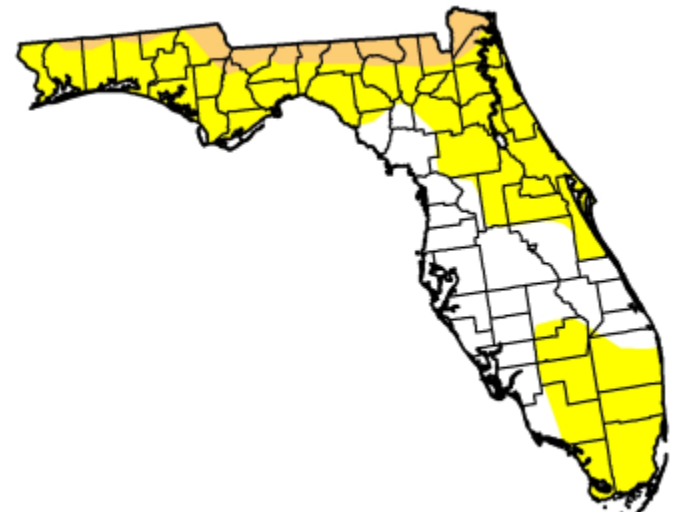


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	3	5
Short	45	44	49
Adequate	47	51	45
Surplus	2	2	1

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: January 22, 2013



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Winter crops were still in decent shape, but limited rainfall has reduced growth. Sugarcane harvesting continued on schedule.

Fruits & Vegetables: Vegetable growers were enjoying good growing conditions and decent markets compared to last year. Some tomato growers were battling late blight. Crops coming to markets included eggplants, peppers, squash, tomatoes and various specialty items. Watermelon planting was nearly complete in Glades, Collier, Lee, and Hendry counties. Potatoes were still being planted and harvesting of cabbage continued.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent, with most in fair condition again this week. Drought was the first limiting factor to forage growth, followed by seasonal cold temperatures in some areas. However, forage in some locations, especially the southwest, benefited from a few days of warm temperatures. Livestock owners were feeding hay as needed. In the **Panhandle**, the pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent, with most in fair 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 very poor to good with most in poor condition. In the **southwest** area, the pasture condition varied from very poor to good, with the majority in fair condition. The condition of the cattle was poor to good with over half in fair condition.

Citrus: Seasonal daily high temperatures were in the upper 70s and lower 80s. Lows reached the low 30s in Citra. Rainfall was very light and scattered. Seven of the 24 FAWN stations in the citrus area recorded some precipitation last week. Four stations recorded a tenth of an inch or more. Ona was the only station to record more than a quarter of an inch, with 0.27 inches. Drought measurements as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 22, 2013, indicated that the drought increased in northern, central, southern, and Indian River areas of the citrus region this week, leaving the western area the only remaining drought free region. Growers were irrigating one to two times a week to keep moisture in the ground and on the trees. Harvest of early and mid-season 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	1	5	5
Poor.....	5	8	27	25
Fair.....	55	50	47	45
Good.....	39	36	20	20
Excellent.....	1	5	1	5

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Jan 13, 2013	Jan 20, 2013	Jan 27, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	5,689	6,392	4,458
Valencia.....	8	8	8
Ambersweet.....	4	0	0
Navel oranges.....	16	14	8
White grapefruit.....	103	122	119
Red grapefruit.....	395	532	423
Temples.....	14	16	16
Tangelos.....	108	92	55
Sunburst tangerines.....	11	4	7
Honey tangerines.....	116	104	84
Total.....	6,464	7,284	5,178

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