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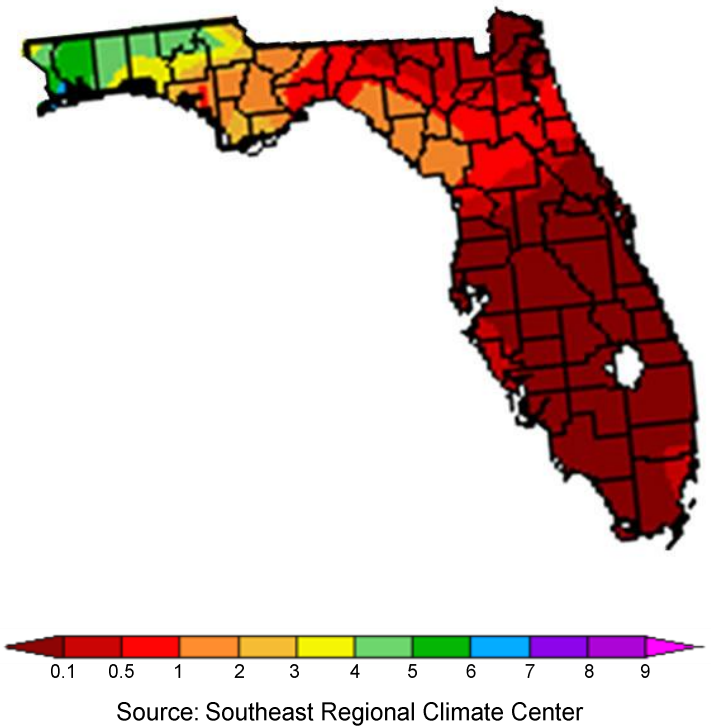
Some Rain in Panhandle

Weather Summary: It was mostly a dry week across Florida. The most rain was reported in Jay with 2.67 inches and Marianna with 2.29 inches, the rest of the State had one inch or less. Since November 1, the rain shortfall stands at almost nine inches at Palm Beach International Airport, compared with 5.68 inches in Miami, 7.21 in Fort Lauderdale, and 3.59 in Naples according to the National Weather Service. Minimum temperatures ranged from 32 degrees at Okahumpka to 50 degrees in Fort Lauderdale. Maximum temperatures ranged from 69 degrees in Carrabelle to 86 degrees in Immokalee.

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	6	8
Short	54	49	51
Adequate	37	43	40
Surplus	1	2	1

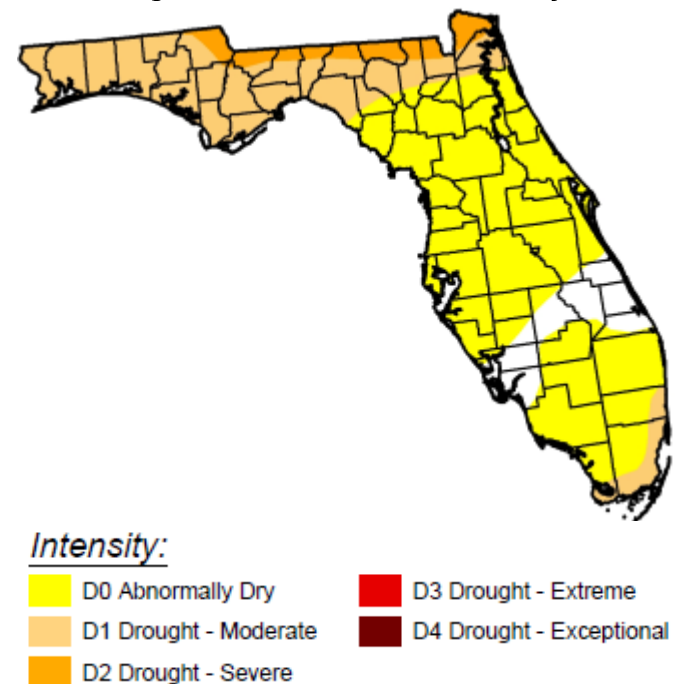
Precipitation (in) – Florida: February 4 - 10, 2013



Field Crops: Some areas in the Panhandle benefitted from small amounts of rainfall allowing winter crops to grow again. In Santa Rosa and Escambia counties, more rain were needed for the wheat. Sugarcane harvest continued.

Fruits & Vegetables: Late blight was still causing some problems on tomatoes. Growers were irrigating vegetables due to lack of rain. Harvesting of winter vegetables and replanting of okra, sunflowers, and sweet potatoes was going-on in Miami-Dade County. Vegetable crops coming to market included bell peppers, celery, cucumbers, green beans, hot peppers, potatoes, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, herbs, and other specialty items.

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: February 5, 2013



Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pastures were in fair condition. The cattle were in fair to good condition. In the **Panhandle**, the pastures were mostly in fair condition. The cattle were mostly in fair to good condition. In the **northern** area, the pastures were mostly in poor to fair condition while the cattle were in fair condition. In the **central** area, the pastures and most cattle were mostly in fair condition. In the **southwest** area, the pastures were mostly in fair condition. The cattle were in fair to good condition. Cattle producers were feeding supplements to cattle to augment short pasture grass.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	4	4
Poor.....	5	10	35	30
Fair.....	50	57	45	50
Good.....	40	30	15	15
Excellent.....	4	2	1	1

Citrus: Seasonal, daily high temperatures were in the upper 70s and lower 80s. Lows reached the low 30s in Okahumpka, Citra, Putnam Hall, and North Port. Rainfall was very light. Joshua, in De Soto County, joined the Florida Automated Weather Network weather station (FAWN) network. Eleven of the 25 FAWN stations in the citrus area recorded some precipitation. Five stations recorded a tenth of an inch or more. Citra recorded the most rainfall with 0.35 of an inch. Drought measurements per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated February 5, 2013 indicate that the drought increased slightly, narrowing the drought-free band running from coast to coast. Growers irrigated one to two times a week to keep moisture in the ground and on the trees. Harvest of early and midseason varieties continues at a heavy pace, as the Valencia harvest begins. Other grove activity includes general grove maintenance and fertilizer application. Forty-one packinghouses and 18 processors were open and shipping. Shipment of fresh fruit was moderate. Varieties 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:		
	Jan 27, 2013	Feb 3, 2013	Feb 10, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	4,458	5,032	4,353
Valencia.....	8	43	38
Navel oranges.....	8	5	3
White grapefruit.....	119	136	96
Red grapefruit.....	423	407	430
Temples.....	16	23	39
Tangelos.....	55	45	32
Sunburst tangerines.....	7	0	2
Honey tangerines.....	84	78	75
Total.....	5,178	5,769	5,068

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