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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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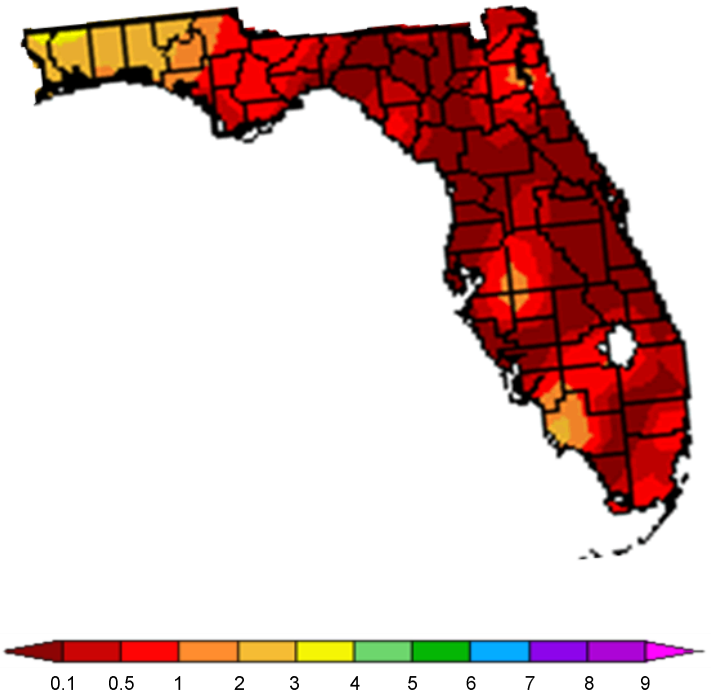
Crop Planting Underway

Weather Summary: Light to moderate rain throughout the State was not enough to alleviate Florida's abnormally dry conditions. According to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), four stations reported two inches or more of rain for the week. Minimum temperatures ranged from 45 degrees in Jay to 63 degrees in Fort Lauderdale. Maximum temperatures ranged from 79 degrees in Jay to 96 degrees in Belle Glade.

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	27	7
Short	33	50	37
Adequate	52	23	51
Surplus	7	0	5

Precipitation (in)—Florida: April 7-13, 2013

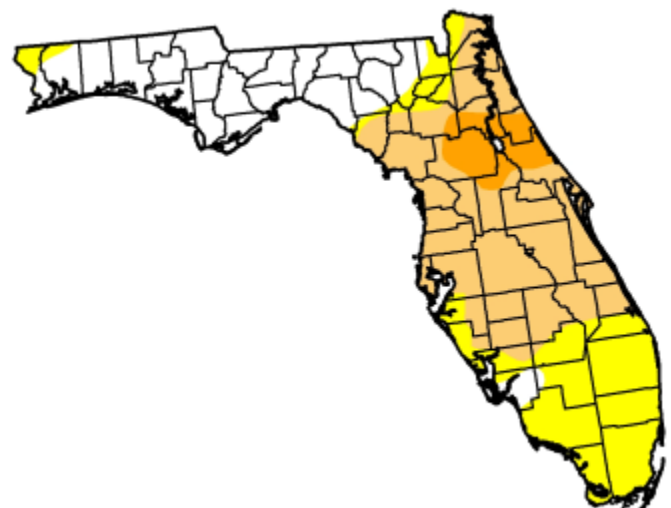


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Field Crops: Peanuts and field corn were being planted in the Panhandle. Sugarcane harvest was winding down.

Fruits & Vegetables: In the Panhandle, sweet corn, cantaloupe, tomatoes, peas, and watermelon were being planted. A warm week in central Florida promoted plant growth. Harvesting of cabbage in central Florida continued. Watermelon harvesting in south Florida was increasing and the blueberry harvest in south Florida continued. Vegetables marketed included beans, cabbage, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, escarole, iceberg lettuce, Romaine lettuce, parsley, peppers, potatoes, radishes, squash, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, plum tomatoes, strawberries, and watermelons.

U.S. Drought Monitor—Florida: April 9, 2013



Intensity:

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

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition was mostly fair. Drought and seasonal cold temperatures limited forage growth. In the **Panhandle**, the pastures were in fair condition and cattle were in good condition. In the **northern** area, the pastures were in fair condition and cattle were in good condition. In the **central** area, the pastures and cattle were in fair condition. In the **southwest** area, the pastures and cattle were in fair condition.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor	1	1	10	5
Poor	14	11	30	25
Fair	50	55	40	50
Good	30	30	19	15
Excellent	5	3	1	5

Citrus: Seasonal daily high temperatures were in the upper 80s and lower 90s. Rainfall was widespread and generally light. All but one of the 25 FAWN stations in the citrus area recorded some precipitation last week. Four stations recorded more than an inch of rain. Putnam Hall, with recorded rainfall of 2.20 inches, was the station with the most recorded precipitation. North Port, with none, had the least. Drought measurements as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated April 9, 2013, indicated that the drought in the citrus growing region stayed the same, with the exception of the southern area, which improved to abnormally dry. Growers were irrigating one to two times a week to keep moisture in the ground and on the trees. The Valencia harvest was running full steam. Other grove activities included general grove maintenance and fertilizer application. Thirty-three packinghouses and 14 processors were open and shipping. Shipment of fresh fruit was moderate. Varieties being packed primarily included Valencias, Honey tangerines and colored grapefruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Mar 31, 2013	Apr 7, 2013	April 14, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	5,030	4,084	4,823
Navel oranges.....	2	2	2
White grapefruit.....	345	267	233
Red grapefruit.....	385	321	249
Temples.....	4	0	1
Honey tangerines.....	35	17	14
Total.....	5,801	4,691	5,322

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