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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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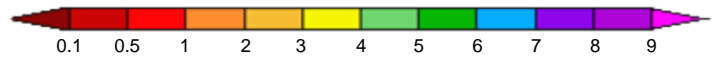
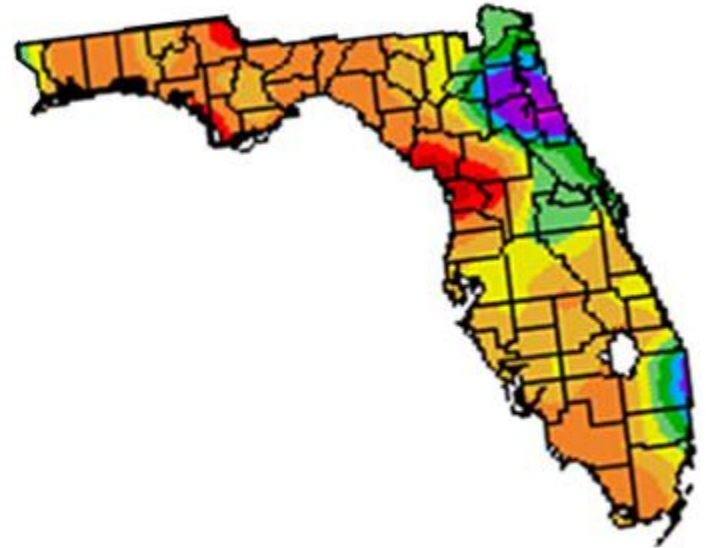
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Week Ending: May 5, 2013

RAINFALL HEAVY THROUGHOUT STATE

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), four locations scattered throughout the State reported over five inches of rain for the week. The highest precipitation was in Hastings (St. John’s County) with 10.57 inches and Putnam Hall (Putnam County) receiving 10.36 inches. The least precipitation was in Clewiston (Hendry County) with 0.47 inches. Minimum temperatures ranged from 44 degrees in Marianna (Jackson County) to 69 in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Maximum temperatures ranged from 81 in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 89 degrees in Joshua (De Soto) and Dover (Hillsborough).

Precipitation (in)—Florida: April 29 - May 5, 2013

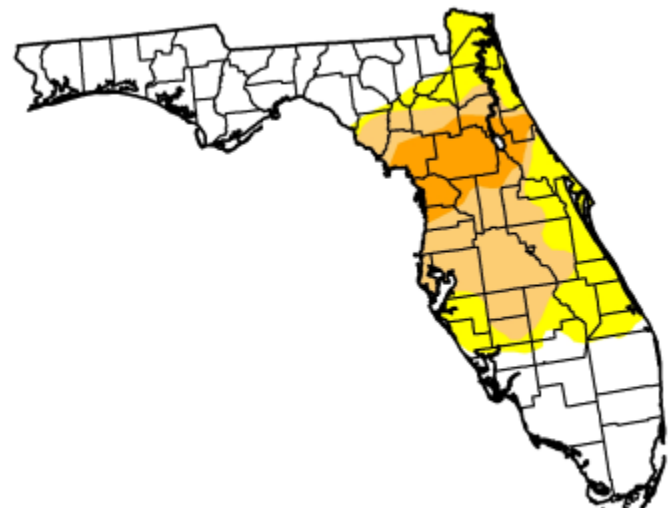


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	18	3
Short	37	49	20
Adequate	57	33	71
Surplus	2	0	6

U.S. Drought Monitor—Florida: April 30, 2013



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Planting has started on corn and cotton. Peanut planting continued. Sugarcane harvesting has ended.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted	27	37	31

Fruits & Vegetables: Vegetables and fruits marketed included beans, blueberries, cabbage, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, escarole, greens, herbs, iceberg lettuce, Romaine lettuce, parsley, peppers, potatoes, specialty vegetables, squash, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, plum tomatoes, and watermelons. Wet fields delayed or curtailed some harvesting of vegetables.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition was mostly fair with the condition improved over the previous week. Drought was the limiting factor hindering forage growth, followed by disease and limited flooding. In the **Panhandle**, the pasture and cattle were in fair to good condition. Pastures were in fair to good condition. In the **northern** area, the pasture was in fair to good condition and cattle were in good condition. In the **central** area, the pastures and cattle were in fair condition. In the **southwest** area, most of the pasture was in good condition 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	2	1	3
Poor	9	7	20	9
Fair.....	60	50	60	48
Good	25	38	17	37
Excellent	5	3	2	3

Citrus: Seasonal daily high temperatures were in the upper 80s. Rainfall was widespread and very heavy in places. All of the 25 FAWN stations in the citrus area recorded some precipitation last week. Fifteen stations recorded more than two inches of rain, four recorded more than five. Putnam Hall, with recorded rainfall of 10.36 inches, was the station with the most recorded precipitation. Clewiston, with 0.47 inches, recorded the least. Drought measurements as per the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated April 30, 2013, indicated that the drought in the citrus growing region lessened in the central, southern, and Indian River growing areas. The southern area was almost completely drought free. Most of the rainfall noted in this report occurred after the Drought Monitor was updated. 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 activity included general grove maintenance and fertilizer application. Twenty-five packinghouses and 14 processors were open and shipping. Shipment of fresh fruit was moderate. Varieties being packed primarily included Valencias and colored grapefruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Apr 21, 2013	Apr 28, 2013	May 5, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	5,621	5,788	5,310
Navel oranges.....	1	2	2
White grapefruit.....	205	236	120
Red grapefruit	335	229	250
Honey tangerines.....	13	5	0
Total.....	6,175	6,260	5,682

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