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Cool, Wet Spring Slows Planting

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Indian River reported the most rain received with three inches this past week. Only three locations reported one inch or more of rain for the week. Minimum temperatures ranged from 42 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 62 in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Maximum temperatures ranged from 78 in Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 93 degrees in Bronson (Levy County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	22	2
Short	20	43	35
Adequate	71	33	57
Surplus	6	2	6

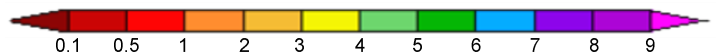
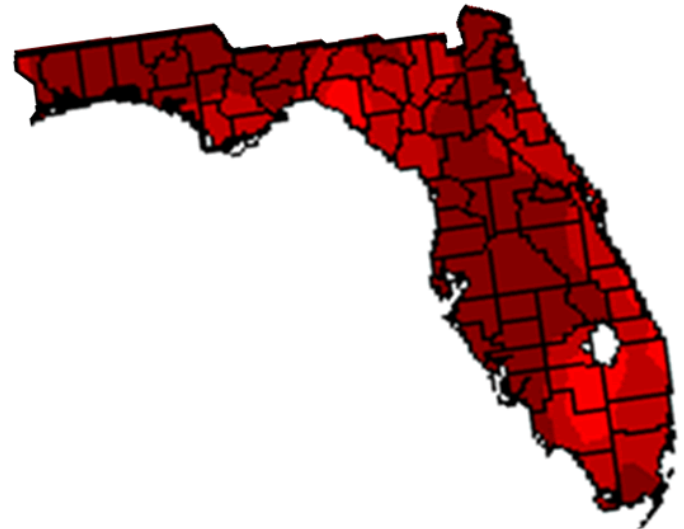
Field Crops: Cotton and peanut planting was behind schedule in the Panhandle due to the cool, wet spring conditions.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted	42	53	32

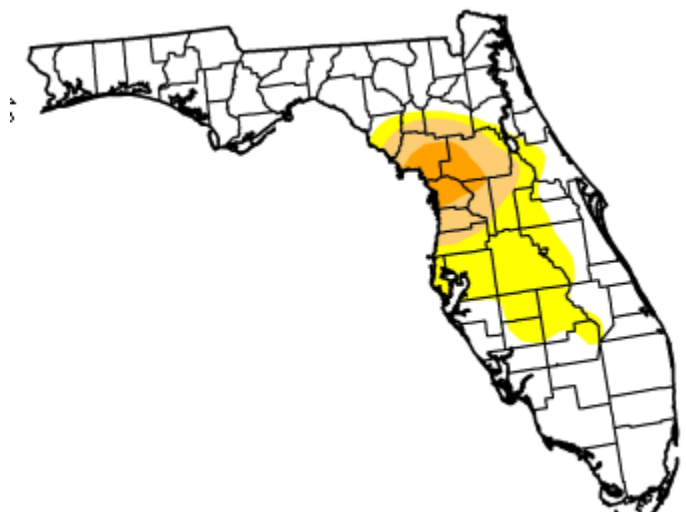
Fruits & Vegetables: Potatoes were being harvested in north Florida while central Florida was harvesting strawberries and onions. South Florida saw vegetable harvest in full swing this past week. Growers were harvesting blueberries, cucumbers, cantaloupe, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, watermelons, and a variety of specialty crops. 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.

Precipitation (in)–Florida: May 6-12, 2013



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: May 7, 2013



Intensity:



Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition was mostly fair. Drought was the limiting factor hindering forage growth. In the **Panhandle**, the pasture was in fair condition and cattle were in excellent condition. In the **northern** area, the pasture was in good condition and cattle were in fair to good condition. In the **central** area, the pastures were in fair condition and the cattle were in fair to good condition. In the **southwest** area, most of the pasture was in fair condition and cattle were in fair to good condition.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	2	1	3	1
Poor.....	7	9	9	9
Fair.....	50	40	48	50
Good.....	38	45	37	35
Excellent.....	3	5	3	5

Citrus: High temperatures reached the upper 80s to low 90s in the complete citrus growing area. Rainfall was light to moderate, except for the East coast, which recorded almost two inches for the week. Drought conditions have subsided some, and only the central and northern citrus growing areas were showing signs of abnormally dry conditions. With earlier than usual rainfall this year, some grove owners were mowing or herbiciding ahead of schedule. Growers were busy treating for citrus greening and various diseases in affected groves. Grove activity also included hedging and topping, irrigation, and harvest of late season oranges. Next season’s crop is progressing well. The new fruit is in various stages from pea size fruit to almost golf ball size. The new fruit will continue to fall off the tree until there is a sustainable amount the tree can hold. At this time in the season most of the packing were closed, and most of the fruit being harvested was going to the processing plants. Varieties being picked included Valencia oranges, and small quantities of grapefruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Apr 28, 2013	May 5, 2013	May 12, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	5,788	5,310	5,460
Navel oranges.....	2	2	2
White grapefruit.....	236	120	6
Red grapefruit.....	229	250	116
Honey tangerines.....	5	0	0
Total.....	6,260	5,682	5,584

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