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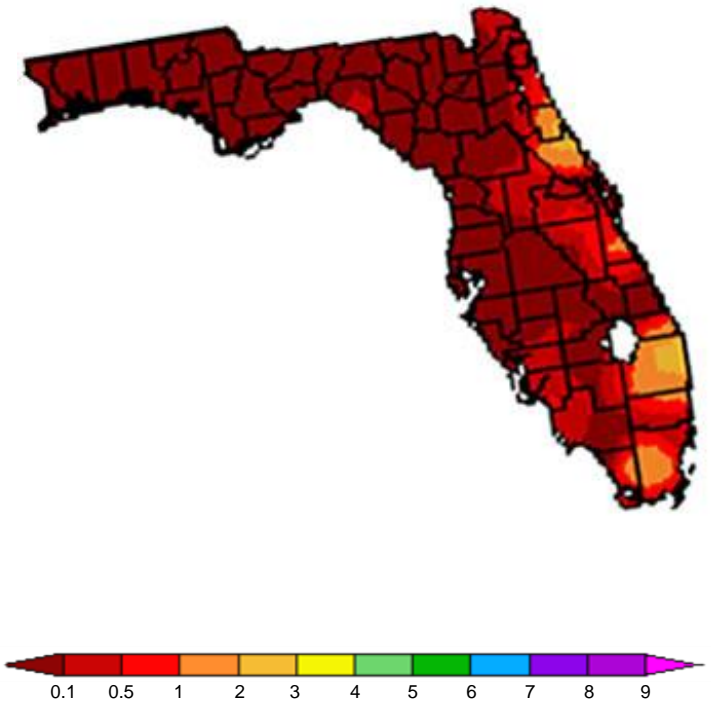
**Row Crop Planting Continued**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), only two locations received one inch or more of rain this past week, Homestead, in Miami-Dade County, and MacClenny, in Baker County. Minimum temperatures ranged from 32 degrees in Quincy (Gadsden County) to 66 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Maximum temperatures ranged from 81 degrees in Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 94 degrees in Ocklawaha (Marion County).

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	14	3
Short .....	35	40	38
Adequate .....	57	45	58
Surplus .....	6	1	1

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: May 13-19, 2013**



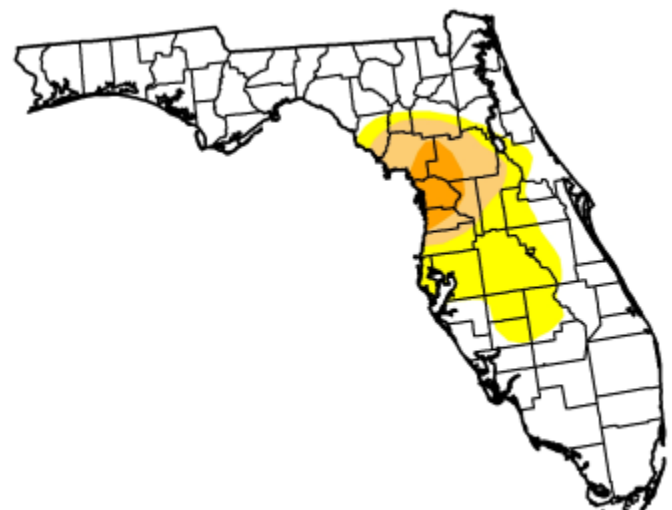
Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Field Crops:** Peanuts, cotton, and field corn continued to be planted in the Panhandle and north Florida. Soybean planting started in the Panhandle.

**Peanut Progress**

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted .....	55	64	47

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: May 14, 2013**



**Intensity:**

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

**Fruits & Vegetables:** Potatoes were harvested in north Florida while growers in central Florida harvested snap beans and carrots. South Florida growers harvested cucumbers, cantaloupe, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, watermelons, and a variety of specialty crops. South Florida growers also cleaned up harvested fields and prepared for the summer fallow period. Vegetables and fruits marketed included cantaloupe, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, radishes, squash, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, plum tomatoes, and watermelons.

**Livestock and Pastures: Statewide**, the pasture condition was mostly fair. Drought was the limiting factor hindering forage growth. Cattle condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most in the fair to good range. In the **Panhandle**, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the **northern** area, the pasture and cattle were in fair condition. In the **central** area, the pasture and cattle were in fair condition. In the **southwest** area, the pasture was in fair to 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	1	1	1
Poor.....	9	9	9	9
Fair.....	40	45	50	50
Good.....	45	40	35	35
Excellent.....	5	5	5	5

**Citrus:** High temperatures reached the uppers 80s to low 90s in the citrus growing area. Rainfall was light, with 14 of the 25 stations recording some precipitation. Kenansville recorded the most, with 0.71 inches. Drought conditions have remained about the same, as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated May 14, 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, irrigating, and harvest of late season oranges. Next season's crop was progressing well. The new fruit was in various stages from pea size fruit to almost golf ball size. At this time in the season 19 packing houses were still open, as were 14 processing plants. Varieties being picked included primarily Valencia oranges, but some small quantities of grapefruit.

### Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	May 5, 2013	May 12, 2013	May 19, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	5,310	5,460	5,331
Navel oranges.....	2	2	3
White grapefruit.....	120	6	0
Red grapefruit.....	250	116	38
Honey tangerines.....	0	0	0
Total.....	5,682	5,584	5,372

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