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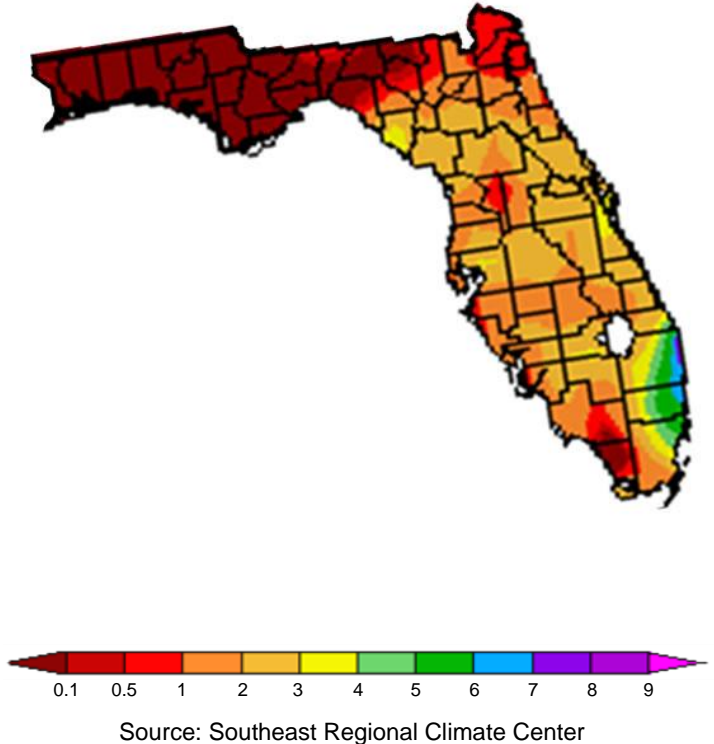
Lack of Rain Slows Planting in Panhandle

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) received 4.47 inches of rain this past week. Many FAWN locations in central and south Florida received one inch or more of rain while the Panhandle and north Florida received less than one inch or no rain. Minimum temperatures ranged from 51 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) to 70 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Maximum temperatures ranged from 88 degrees in Hastings (St. Johns County) to 96 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	19	7
Short	38	35	54
Adequate	58	45	38
Surplus	1	1	1

Precipitation (in)–Florida: May 21-27, 2013

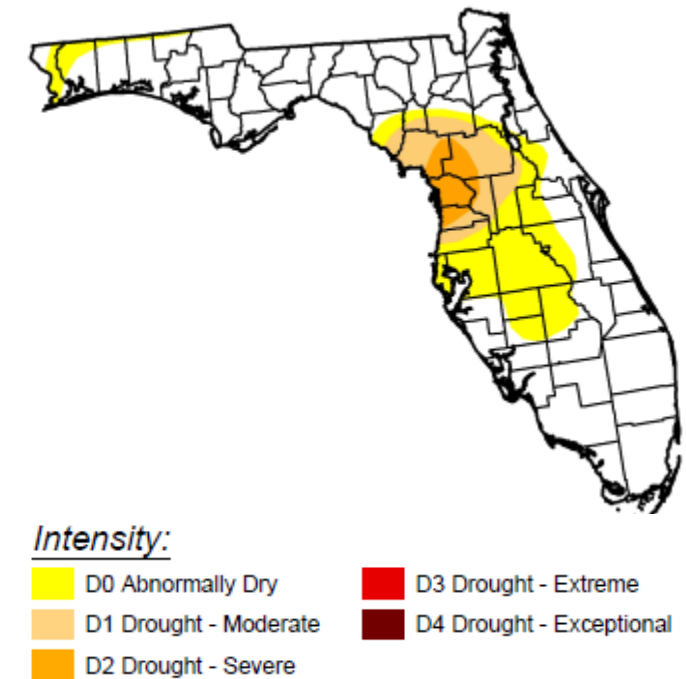


Field Crops: Some farmers in the Panhandle stopped planting peanuts and soybeans due to the lack of moisture. Corn is still being planted in north Florida. Rice replanting continued in south Florida except when rain showers made field conditions too wet for planting equipment.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted	73	84	72

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: May 21, 2013



Fruits & Vegetables: Spring vegetables continued to be planted in the Panhandle. South Florida growers harvested and replanted okra, sweet potatoes, and sunflowers. Vegetables and fruits marketed included cantaloupe, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, potatoes, 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 was in fair condition and cattle were in good condition. In the **northern** area, the pasture was in fair condition and the cattle were in good condition. In the **central** area, the pasture and cattle were in fair condition. In the **southwest** area, the pasture 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	10	9	15
Fair.....	45	40	50	55
Good	40	44	35	27
Excellent	5	5	5	2

Citrus: High temperatures reached the upper 80s to low 90s in the citrus growing area. Rainfall was widespread, but variable with all of the 25 stations recording some precipitation. Pierson recorded the most with 3.43 inches, and Okahumpka the least with 0.09 inches. Thirteen stations recorded more than an inch, with seven recording more than two inches. Drought conditions have remained about the same, as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated May 21, and only the central and northern citrus growing areas were showing signs of abnormally dry conditions. 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. At this time in the season 19 packing houses are 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 12, 2013	May 19, 2013	May 26, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	5,460	5,331	4,483
Navel oranges.....	2	3	4
White grapefruit.....	6	0	0
Red grapefruit	116	38	20
Total.....	5,584	5,372	4,507

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