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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
CONDITION REPORT**



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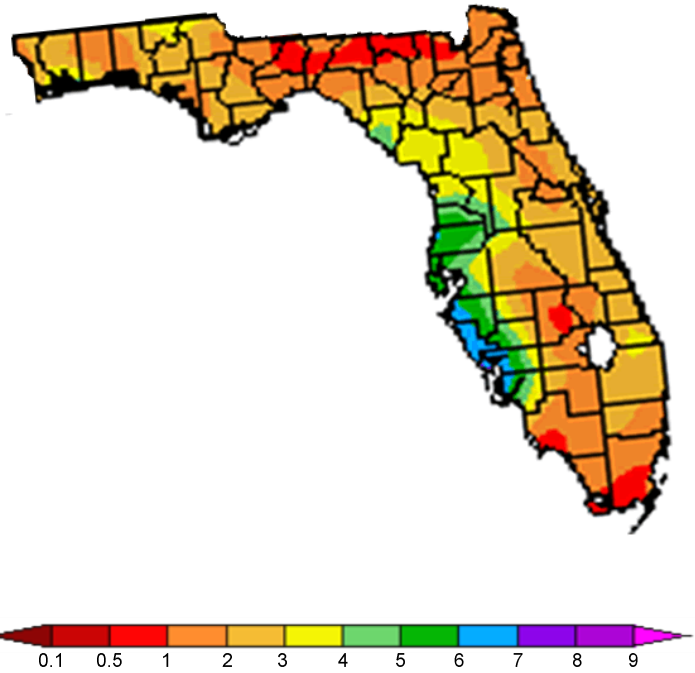
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Week Ending: September 29, 2013

Fall Planting Started

Weather Summary: Florida continued to be drought free, according to the U. S. Drought Monitor. Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), showed North Port (Sarasota County) had received the most rain with 5.29 inches. Dover (Hillsborough County) received 4 inches, six stations received 3 inches or more, and the majority of the State received between one inch and two inches of rain. The Defuniak (Walton County) FAWN station reported the minimum temperature of 57 degrees while the Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) station reported 75 degrees as the minimum temperature. Maximum temperatures ranged from 83 degrees in Alachua (Alachua County) to 94 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Sept. 23-29, 2013



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1
Short	11	6	4
Adequate	79	79	71
Surplus	9	14	24

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 24, 2013



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Peanut crop condition was 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Peanut harvest was 33 percent complete. Peanut harvest was in full swing in drier areas of the Panhandle and north Florida, while some areas still wait for fields to dry. Cotton harvest was started in Jackson County. Hamilton and Flagler counties were harvesting corn. Hay was still being harvested in the northern part of the State.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested	34	38	33

Fruits & Vegetables: Bradford County farmers were preparing fields for strawberry planting. They were also planting greens, onions, and broccoli. Cabbage was being planted in Flagler County. Tomatoes and peppers were being planted in Manatee County. Farmers in DeSoto and Hardee counties were also planting tomatoes and strawberries. Vegetables and fruits marketed included avocados, okra, and sweet potatoes.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good across the State. Some pastures were flooded in several locations. Flooding was the first limiting factor for pasture 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.....	1	1	2	4
Fair.....	8	13	15	20
Good.....	70	70	50	60
Excellent.....	20	15	32	15

Citrus: Widespread showers last week brought various amounts of rainfall to the citrus growing area. Five stations received more than three inches with North Port (Sarasota County) getting the most at 5.29 inches. All stations within the citrus growing area received at least an inch with Sebring (Highlands County) receiving the least at 1.00 inch. Temperatures were warm all week and on occasion reached the low 90s. The citrus growing area was completely drought free at this time. There was adequate soil moisture in all areas; main canals and ditches have sufficient water for irrigation.

This season’s new crop is progressing well. Tree foliage looked healthy in cared for groves. Grove activity included resetting of new trees, young tree care, herbicide application, brush removal, and psyllid control.

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