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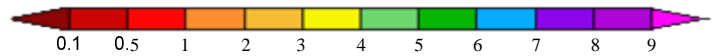
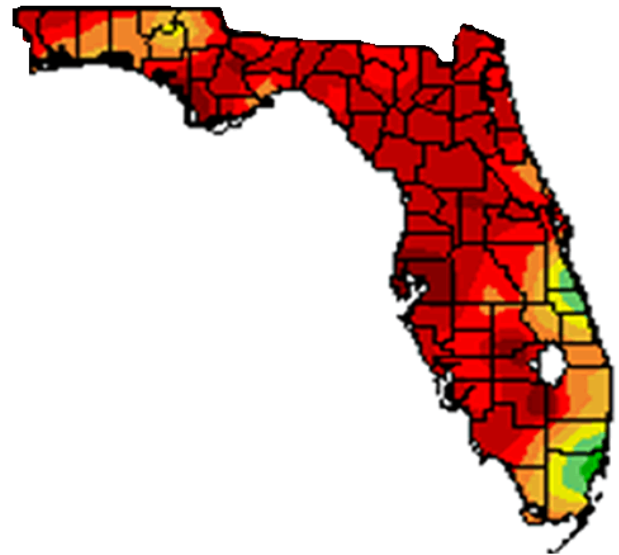
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Week Ending: November 24, 2013

**Cool, Dry Weather**

**Weather Summary:** Eight of Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN) locations received one inch or more of rain this past week. Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) received the most with 5.85 inches, four stations received two inches or more, and three stations received one inch or more. The highest temperature was reported in Sebring (Highlands County) at 88.43 degrees. The lowest temperature was 37.21 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County).

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Nov. 18-24, 2013**



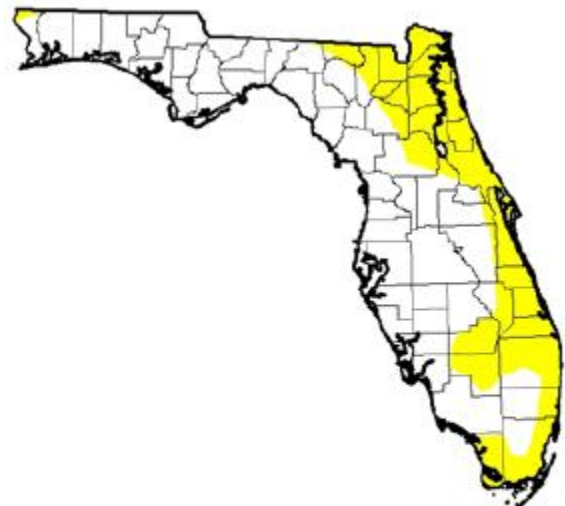
Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	6	6	11
Short .....	44	31	40
Adequate .....	48	61	45
Surplus .....	2	2	4

**Field Crops:** Cooler temperatures and limited rain prevented crops from drying out this past week. Cotton and soybean harvest was still underway in the northern part of the State. Winter rye was being planted in Suwannee County. Hay was being cut in Orange and Seminole counties. Sugarcane harvesting was underway in Hendry and Glades counties.

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Nov. 19, 2013**



Intensity:

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

**Fruits & Vegetables:** Vegetable harvest in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties continued to increase as the Thanksgiving market approached. Cabbage continued to be planted in Putnam County. Avocados were being harvested in Miami-Dade County. Vegetables and fruits marketed included tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, green beans, herbs, cucumbers, eggplant, squash, and some specialty items.

**Livestock and Pastures:** The cattle condition across the State was good. The pasture condition ranged from poor in north Florida with the remainder of the State in good condition. Pasture condition declined seasonally due to cooler temperatures and dryer weather.

**Cattle and Pasture Condition**

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	1	0
Poor.....	1	2	5	9
Fair.....	25	23	45	38
Good.....	69	68	48	52
Excellent.....	5	7	1	1

**Citrus:** Rain was widespread but highly variable this week in the citrus growing region. Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) and Balm (Hillsborough County) recorded no rain. Nineteen stations recorded less than a half inch of rainfall for the week, ten of those stations received less than a tenth of an inch. St. Lucie West (St. Lucie County) recorded the most precipitation with 2.56 inches and was one of six stations which recorded more than an inch and a half. Temperatures were in the low to mid 80's through most of the citrus growing area. Trees still look good due to rainfall early in the season and irrigation being applied by growers and caretakers. As per the U. S. Drought Monitor, last updated November 19, 2013, abnormally dry conditions cover the entire Indian River growing area, most of the northern and southern areas, and a small portion of the central area. The western growing area remains drought free.

Harvest of Early and midseason oranges increased significantly. Field workers are reporting small sizes on early and midseason oranges and Sunburst tangerines. The Fallglo tangerine harvest is winding to a close. Grove activity included resetting of new trees, pushing of dead groves and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing and psyllid control. Thirty-two of 44 packinghouses have opened and begun shipping small quantities of fruit. Only seven of nineteen processing plants are open so far this season.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**  
[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	Nov 11, 2013	Nov 17, 2013	Nov 24, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	91	98	860
Ambersweet.....	5	0	1
Navel oranges.....	94	94	138
White Grapefruit.....	78	71	32
Colored Grapefruit.....	316	228	292
Tangelos.....	4	13	24
Sunburst tangerines.....	103	100	127
Fallglo tangerines.....	39	6	0
Total.....	730	610	1,474

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