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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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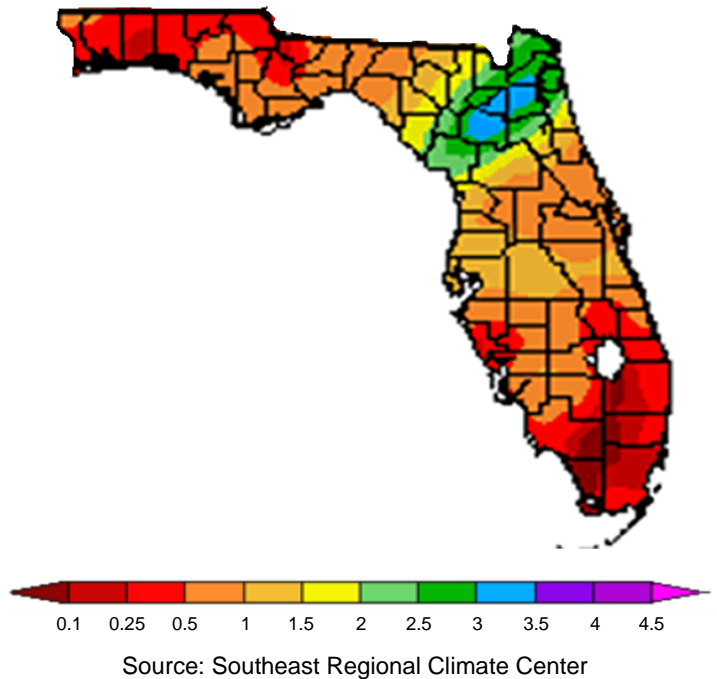
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Dry Weather for the State

Weather Summary: Most of the State reported below one inch of rain this week, with the exception of Bronson (Levy County) with 2.61 inches and Putnam Hall (Putnam County) with 2.29 inches, according to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN). Maximum temperatures ranged from the 60s to the 80s, with the highest temperature in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) at 86 degrees. The lowest temperature in the State was 24 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: 12/30/13-1/5/14

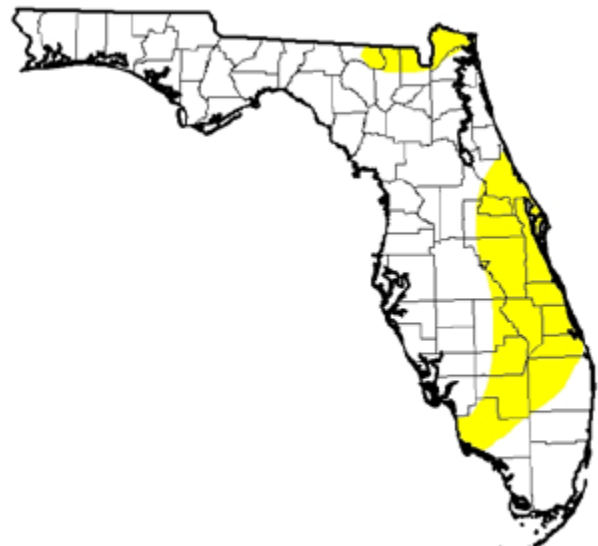


Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	14	12
Short	26	26	18
Adequate	59	60	62
Surplus	11	0	8

Field Crops: Farmers in the northern part of the State were completing the harvest of soybeans. Planting of oats, wheat, rye, and winter grazing was ongoing. Rain was beneficial to earlier plantings. Sugarcane harvest proceeded as scheduled in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: 12/31/13



Intensity:

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

Fruit and Vegetables: Some frost damage and fungal diseases were evident on strawberries, collards, and turnips in Nassau County. Farmers in Miami-Dade County continued to plant sweet corn, squash, beans, and peppers. Vegetables and fruit marketed in the State included avocados, beets, cucumbers, escarole, mustard, tomatoes, peppers, herbs, eggplant, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, snap beans, radishes, lettuce, kale, and a variety of specialty items.

Citrus: Rain was light this week in the citrus growing region. All stations recorded at least a trace of precipitation. Four stations recorded an inch or more. Putnam Hall (Putnam County) recorded the most precipitation with 2.29 inches. North Port (Sarasota County) recorded the least with 0.04 inches measured. High temperatures were in the upper 70s to lower 80s through most of the citrus growing area. Growers and caretakers continue to irrigate due to dry conditions. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated December 31, 2013, abnormally dry conditions cover most of the Indian River and southern growing areas and portions of the northern and central areas. The western growing area remains drought-free.

Field workers were reporting small sizes on all varieties. Grove activity included harvesting, hedging and topping after harvest, resetting of new trees, pushing of dead groves and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing, and psyllid control. Thirty-nine of 43 packinghouses had opened and begun shipping small quantities of fruit. Sixteen of nineteen processing plants were open so far this season.

Livestock and Pastures: The cattle condition across the State was primarily good. The majority of the pasture condition in the State ranged from fair to good, with the northern part of the State reporting pasture in very poor condition. Cattlemen were feeding hay and supplements across the State. Drought was the main contributing factor for the decline in pasture condition in the majority of the State, while cold weather in the northern part of the State contributed to pasture decline.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	1	5
Poor	1	1	16	20
Fair.....	34	30	35	30
Good	60	65	40	35
Excellent.....	4	3	8	10

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	Dec 22, 2013	Dec 29, 2013	Jan 5, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges	4,895	3,334	4,779
Valencia	0	0	14
Ambersweet	3	4	0
Navel oranges	111	20	20
White Grapefruit	146	64	69
Colored Grapefruit.....	399	227	333
Tangelos	39	11	39
Sunburst tangerines	134	39	65
Honey Tangerines.....	1	1	9
Total.....	5,728	3,700	5,328

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