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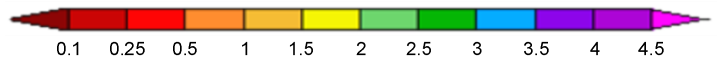
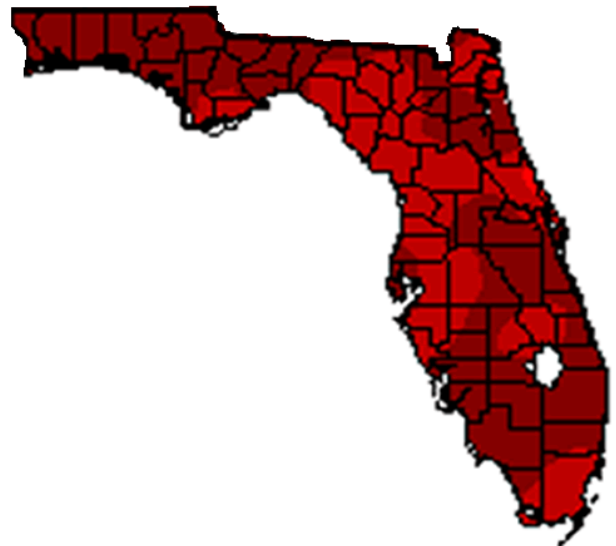
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Week Ending: January 26, 2014

**Another Cold, Dry Week**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), no location in the State received over a half inch of rain this week. North Port (Sarasota County) received the most rain with 0.34 an inch of rain. Maximum temperatures ranged from the 60s to the 80s, with the highest temperature in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) at 80 degrees. The only location in the State not in the 30s this week was Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) at 46 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State were 23 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) and 24 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County).

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Jan. 20-26, 2014**

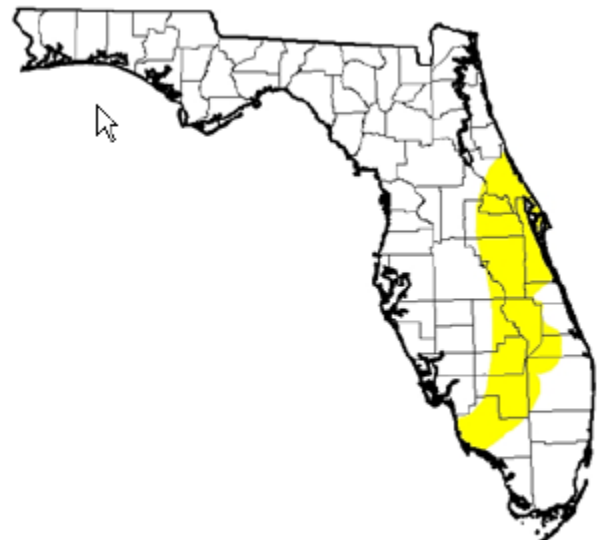


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	5	1
Short .....	13	48	21
Adequate .....	82	46	73
Surplus .....	5	1	5

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Jan. 21, 2014**



**Intensity:**

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

**Field Crops:** Farmers in Gadsden County were doing seasonal field preparation. North Florida farmers continued to plant cover crops. Sugarcane harvest proceeded as scheduled in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties.

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Potatoes were being planted in Saint Johns, Bradford, and Putnam counties. Some losses on vegetables and strawberries were reported in Bradford County due to frost and cold temperatures. Strawberries were being harvested in Bradford County. The southern part of the State reported frost and freezing temperatures but no crop damage was noted this past week. Farmers in Miami-Dade County were harvesting and planting winter vegetables. Vegetables and fruits marketed in the State included avocados, beets, cabbage, 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 in most of the citrus area this week. All but five stations recorded at least a trace of precipitation. Eight stations recorded more than a tenth on an-inch. North Port (Sarasota County) recorded the most precipitation with 0.34 inches. Indian River (Indian River County), Putnam Hall (Putnam County), Wellington (Palm Beach County), Kenansville (Osceola County), and Immokalee (Collier County) recorded the least with no rainfall measured. High temperatures were in the lower 70s to lower 80s through most of the citrus growing area. Growers and caretakers continued to irrigate due to dry conditions. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 21, 2014, abnormally dry conditions cover most of the southern growing areas and portions of the northern, central, and Indian River areas. The western growing area and the southern portion of the Indian River area remain drought free. The majority of the active commercial citrus groves in the State are drought free.

Field workers reported 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 had begun shipping small quantities of fruit. Fifteen of nineteen processing plants were opened.

**Livestock and Pastures:** The cattle condition for the State was fair to good but the pasture condition was mostly fair. Cattlemen were feeding hay and supplements across the State. Cold weather, frost, and drought throughout the State contributed to pasture decline. Cold weather was the main contributing factor for the 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	4
Poor .....	4	4	20	21
Fair.....	42	39	44	52
Good .....	51	55	33	22
Excellent.....	2	1	2	1

### Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	Jan 12, 2014	Jan 20, 2014	Jan 26, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges....	4,794	6,232	4,253
Valencia .....	11	23	23
Ambersweet .....	3	0	0
Navel oranges .....	29	32	41
White Grapefruit .....	71	105	120
Colored Grapefruit.....	430	430	432
Temples .....	3	19	14
Tangelos .....	57	93	82
Sunburst tangerines....	45	20	8
Honey Tangerines.....	26	102	68
Total.....	5,469	7,056	5,041

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