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# FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION REPORT



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## **Spotty Rainfall Received**

Weather Summary: According to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.08 of an inch to 5.57 inches this past week. Hastings (St. Johns County) received the most rain with 5.57 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) with 4.12 inches. The highest temperature was 97 degrees at Immokalee (Collier County). The lowest temperature in the State was 64 degrees at Citra (Marion County).

**Soil Moisture Ratings** 

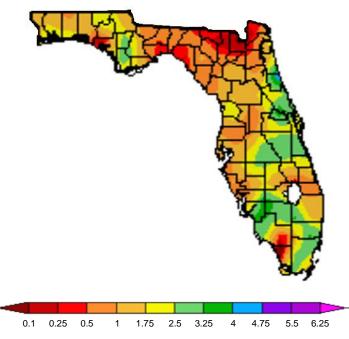
Moisture Rating	Topsoil			
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	0	0	0	
Short	7	2	9	
Adequate	79	54	80	
Surplus	14	44	11	

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 5.9 days suitable for field work that was down from 6.1 days the previous week. Hay was being cut in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida when possible due to wet conditions. Army worms were still a problem in hay and pastures. Field corn harvesting also slowed due to wet conditions. Peanut pegging was ahead of the previous year and the 5-year average. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State.

**Peanut Progress and Condition** 

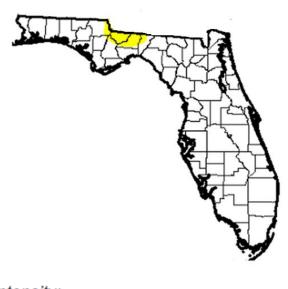
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Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week				
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)				
Pegged	77	84	89				
Condition							
Very Poor	1	1	0				
Poor	3	2	2				
Fair	21	26	14				
Good	62	54	75				
Excellent	13	17	9				

## Precipitation (in)-Florida: July 20-26, 2014



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

#### U.S. Drought Monitor-Florida: July 22, 2014



**Citrus:** Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and generally heavy. All but one station received some precipitation. Thirteen stations received more than an inch and seven received more than two inches. Lake Alfred (Polk County) received the most at 4.12 inches, followed by Ona (Hardee County) with 3.08 inches. Lecanto (Citrus County) recorded the least with no precipitation recorded. Daytime high temperatures were warm, reaching the low to mid 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated July 22, 2014, the entire citrus producing region in Florida remains drought free.

Next season's citrus crop is progressing well. Growers and caretakers are applying summer oils, fertilizing, irrigating, and in some cases resetting new trees.

**Fruit and Vegetables**: Farmers in Hendry County were beginning land preparation for fall planting. Fruits and vegetables being harvested in Miami-Dade County included: okra, boniato, malanga, mangoes. Okra, bitter melon, and boniato were also being planted in Miami-Dade County.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good. Pastures in the Panhandle have damage by army worms. Pastures throughout the State have received significant rain and were generally in good condition. Water was standing in pastures in Okeechobee County.

#### **Cattle and Pasture Condition**

	Cattle		Pasture	
Condition	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor	0	0	0	0
Poor	1	1	4	2
Fair	17	15	24	21
Good	74	75	63	67
Excellent	8	9	9	10

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