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FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION REPORT



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Scattered Rainfall Received

Weather Summary: According to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 3.47 inches this past week. St. Lucie West (St. Lucie County) received the most rain with 3.47 inches, followed by Wellington (W. Palm Beach County) with 2.91 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 82% drought free this past week. The highest temperature was 96 degrees at six locations across the State. The lowest temperature in the State was 58 degrees at Defuniak Springs (Walton County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

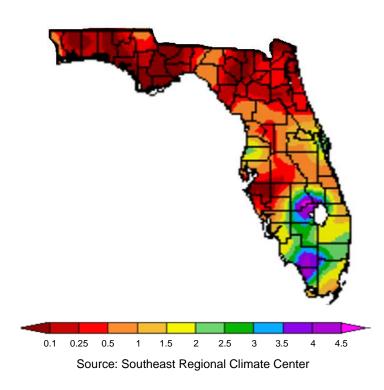
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Moisture Rating	Previous week	Previous year	Current week	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	0	0	0	
Short	9	2	12	
Adequate	80	61	76	
Surplus	11	37	12	

Field Crops: There was an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work that was up from 5.9 days the previous week. Hay continued to be cut in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida. Army worms were still a problem in hay, pastures, soybeans, and peanuts. Peanut pegging was ahead of the previous year and the 5-year average. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State.

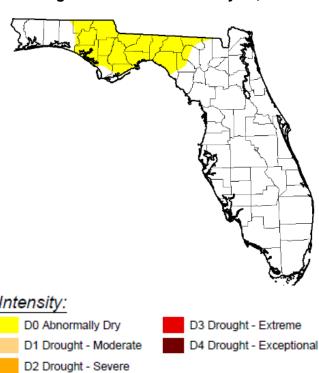
Peanut Progress and Condition

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Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week				
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)				
Pegged	86 93		95				
Condition							
Very Poor	1	1	0				
Poor	3	3	2				
Fair	18	17	16				
Good	63	59	73				
Excellent	15	20	9				

Precipitation (in)-Florida: July 27-Aug. 2, 2014



U.S. Drought Monitor-Florida: July 29, 2014



Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and generally heavy. All stations received some precipitation. Fourteen stations received more than an inch and five received more than two inches. St. Lucie West (St. Lucie County) received the most at 3.47 inches, followed by Wellington (Palm Beach County) with 2.91 inches. Avalon (Orange County) recorded the least with 0.02 inches of 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 29, 2014, the entire citrus producing region in Florida remains drought free.

Next season's 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 southwest Florida had a wet week, with scattered showers most days. They continued to prepare the land for fall planting and began to lay plastic. Fruits and vegetables being harvested and planted in Miami-Dade County included: okra, boniato, malanga.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good. Pastures in the Panhandle are showing signs of damage by army worms. Pastures throughout the State have received significant rain and were generally in good condition. In southwest Florida, water levels were beginning to rise in ponds and wetlands.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

	Cattle		Pasture	
Condition	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor	0	0	0	1
Poor	1	1	2	2
Fair	15	16	21	22
Good	75	72	67	65
Excellent	9	11	10	10

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