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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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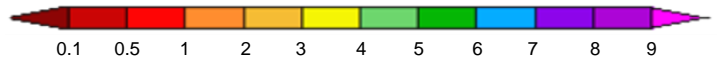
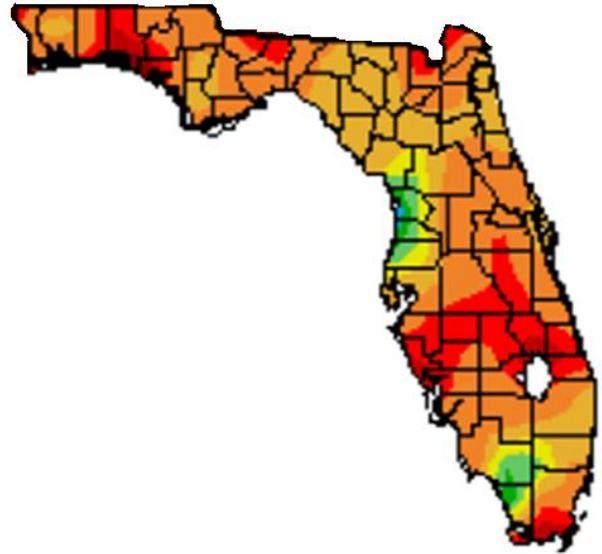
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Week Ending: August 17, 2014

High Temperatures, Scattered Rainfall

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.07 of an inch to 4.15 inches this past week. Carrabelle (Franklin County) received the most rain with 4.15 inches, followed by Alachua (Alachua County) with 3.72 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 82 percent drought free this past week. The highest temperature was 96 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County). The lowest temperature in the State was 51 degrees in Monticello (Jefferson County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Aug. 10-16, 2014



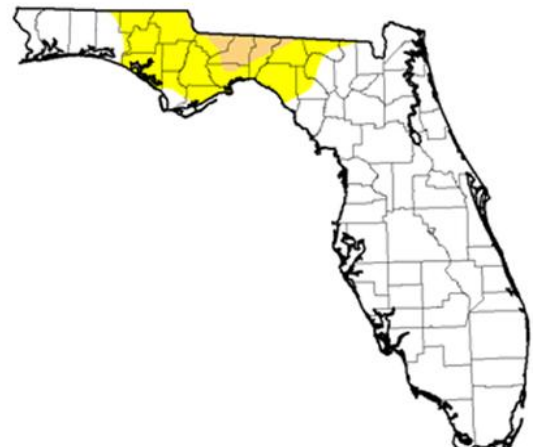
Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	0	1
Short	14	2	11
Adequate	65	70	65
Surplus	20	28	23

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: August 12, 2014

Field Crops: There were an average of 6.3 days suitable for field work, down slightly from 6.4 days the previous week. Hay continued to be cut in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida as weather permitted. Army worms were starting to come under control. In the Panhandle, seasonal production practices continued and preparation for fall harvest was underway. Cotton in Walton County was starting to bloom. Rain was scattered in the Panhandle and dry land crops are showing symptoms of drought stress. Sugarcane was 8 -10 feet tall. Peanut pegging was at 98 percent, behind the previous year but ahead of the 5-year average. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State.



Intensity:

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

Peanut Progress and Condition

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged	97	100	98
Condition			
Very Poor.....	1	0	0
Poor.....	2	2	4
Fair	18	27	16
Good.....	64	58	72
Excellent	15	13	8

Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and generally heavy. All stations received some precipitation. Twenty-one stations received more than an inch and seven received more than two inches. Indian River (Indian River County) received the most at 3.18 inches, followed by North Port (Sarasota County) with 3.15 inches. Lake Alfred (Polk County) recorded the least with 0.07 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 August 12, 2014, the entire citrus producing region in Florida remains drought free.

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

Fruit and Vegetables: Bradford County farmers were harvesting okra, squash, and field peas. Farmers in Polk County were preparing fields for strawberries. Farmers in southwest Florida experienced several days of heavy rains, raising water levels in wetlands. Preparing land for fall planting continued and the laying of plastic started in southwest Florida. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included okra, boniato, bitter melon, and malanga; harvested included okra, boniato, bitter melon, avocado, mango, longan, and malanga.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good. Pastures in Jackson and Jefferson counties were challenged by limited rainfall, some ranchers were feeding hay. In southwest Florida, water levels were beginning to rise in ponds, wetlands, and standing water was evident in low lying areas.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	1	1
Poor	1	1	3	3
Fair.....	15	14	27	25
Good	72	73	59	61
Excellent.....	12	12	10	10

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