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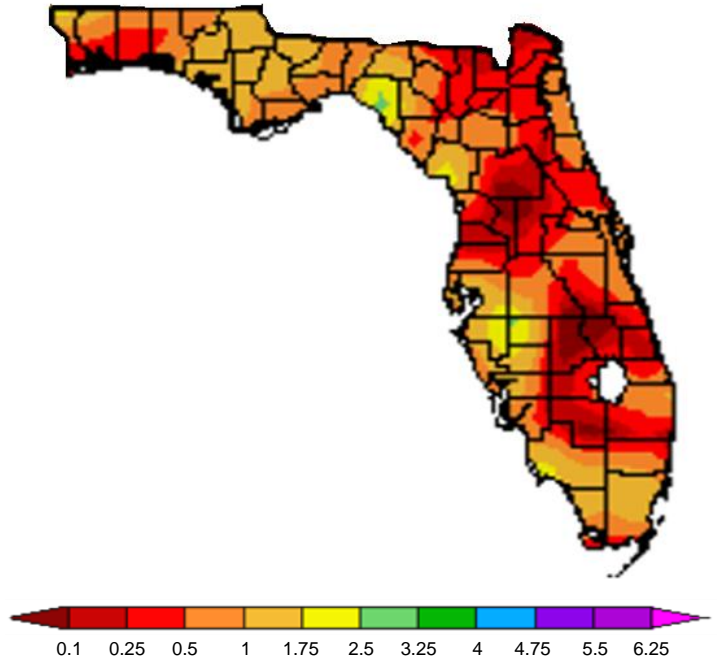
**High Temperatures, Drier Conditions**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 1.93 inches this past week. Alachua (Alachua County) received the most rain with 1.93 inches, followed by Kenansville (Osceola County) with 1.62 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 79 percent drought free this past week. The highest temperature was 101 degrees in MacClenny (Baker County). The lowest temperature in the State was 69 degrees in Quincy (Gadsden County).

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

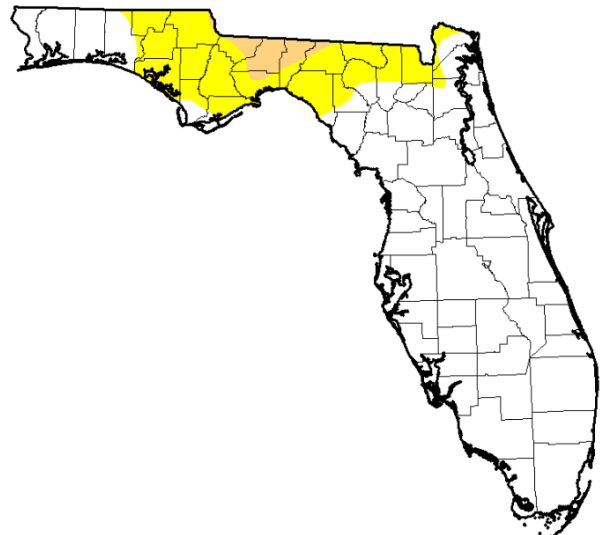
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	0	1
Short .....	11	1	15
Adequate .....	65	64	65
Surplus .....	23	35	19

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Aug. 17-23, 2014**



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: August 19, 2014**



Intensity:

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

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.7 days suitable for field work, up slightly from 6.3 days the previous week. Hay continued to be cut in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida as weather permitted. Army worm damage decreased, but is still a problem. In the Panhandle, seasonal production practices continued and fall harvest was underway. Corn harvest was completed in Jackson County, but still underway in Madison County. Scattered showers in the Panhandle gave spots of brief relief this past week. Extreme heat index warnings made for unsuitable working conditions across the State. Tobacco harvest was nearing completion in Columbia County. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State.

## Peanut Progress and Condition

Condition	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	1	1	1
Poor.....	4	11	4
Fair.....	19	25	18
Good.....	62	53	68
Excellent.....	14	10	9

**Citrus:** Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and generally heavy. All but one station received some precipitation. Twelve stations received more than a half-inch and seven received more than an inch. Kenansville (Osceola County) received the most at 1.62 inches, followed by Arcadia (De Soto County) with 1.59 inches. Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) recorded the least with no precipitation recorded. Daytime high temperatures were hot, reaching the mid to upper 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated August 19, 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 experienced a very hot, mostly dry week. Vegetable growers in southwest Florida started planting melons, tomatoes, peppers, squash, and continued to prepare land and lay plastic for fall crops. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included okra, boniato, and bitter melon; harvested included okra, boniato, bitter melon, avocado, longan, and carambola.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good. Cattle were stressed due to heat this past week.

## 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.....	14	17	25	28
Good.....	73	69	61	59
Excellent.....	12	13	10	9

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