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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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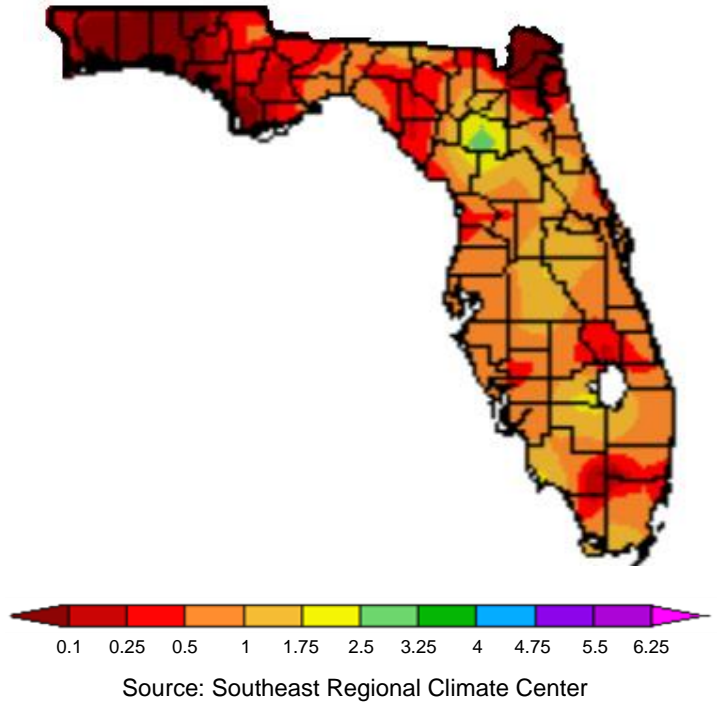
Harvesting is Underway

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 4.11 inches this past week. Pierson (Volusia County) received the most rain with 4.11 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) with 3.63 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 79 percent drought free this past week. The highest temperature was 97 degrees in Lake Alfred (Polk County), Pierson (Volusia County), and Sebring (Highlands County). The lowest temperature in the State was 63 degrees in Mayo (Lafayette County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	0	2
Short	15	2	14
Adequate	65	71	68
Surplus	19	27	16

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Aug. 26-Sept. 1, 2014

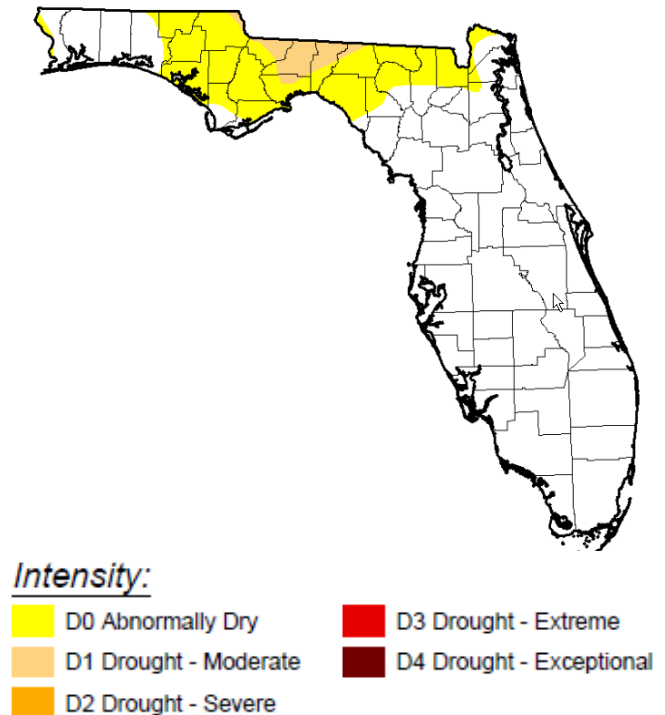


Field Crops: There was an average of 6.6 days suitable for field work, down slightly from 6.7 days the previous week. Hay, corn, soybeans, and peanuts were being harvested in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida. Isolated fields in the Panhandle have received scattered showers this past week. Lack of rain placed stress on corn, soybeans, and peanuts. Army worms were still a problem in parts of the Panhandle. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State. Sugarcane fields in Palm Beach County were being prepared for planting.

Peanut Progress and Condition

Condition	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	1	1	1
Poor.....	4	4	5
Fair	19	26	31
Good.....	60	59	56
Excellent.....	16	10	7

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: August 26, 2014



Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and generally heavy. All but one station received some precipitation. Eleven stations received more than an inch and three received more than two inches. Pierson (Volusia County) received the most at 4.11 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) with 3.63 inches. North Port (Sarasota County) recorded the least with 0.00 inches of precipitation. 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 26, 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: Southwest Florida received scattered showers throughout the week. Vegetable growers in southwest Florida continued planting melons, tomatoes, peppers, squash, preparing land and laying plastic for fall crops. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included okra, boniato, and malanga; being harvested included okra, boniato, avocado, and longan.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good. Cattle were heat stressed.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	1	0
Poor	1	1	3	3
Fair.....	17	16	28	31
Good	69	74	59	57
Excellent.....	13	9	9	9

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