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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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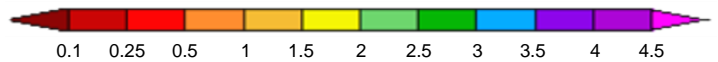
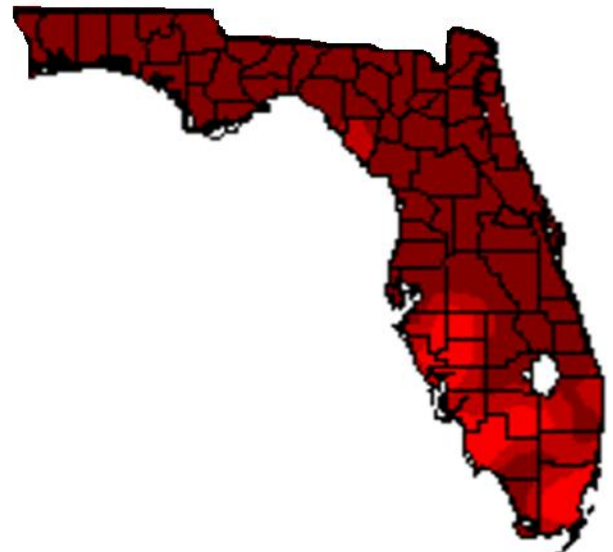
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Week Ending: October 12, 2014

**Good Week for Field Work**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 0.37 inches this past week. Frostproof (Polk County) received the most rain with 0.37 inches, followed by Immokalee (Collier County) with 0.32 inches. All of Florida received less than one inch of rain this past week. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 79 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 45 to 92 across the State. The highest temperature was 92 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County), Immokalee (Collier County), Dover (Hillsborough County), and Lake Alfred (Polk County). The lowest temperature in the State was 45 degrees in Monticello (Jefferson County).

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: October 6-12, 2014**



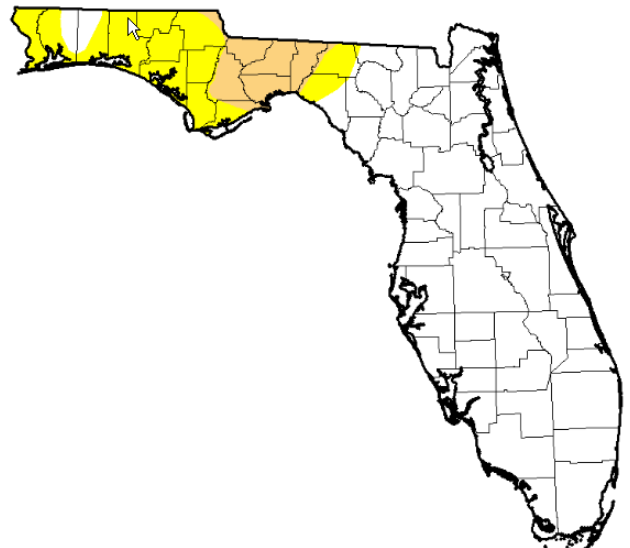
Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	0	(NA)
Short .....	7	4	(NA)
Adequate .....	78	68	(NA)
Surplus .....	14	28	(NA)

NA Not available

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: October 7, 2014**



**Intensity:**

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

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.7 days suitable for field work this past week, up from the previous week. Drier weather made for good field work conditions. Peanut harvesting continued in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida. Peanut harvesting was 50 percent complete, below the five year average. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State. Hay continued to be cut in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida but the quality was not good. Cotton was being defoliated in Escambia County and harvesting continued in Washington County. Farmers in the Panhandle were planting rye grass, oats, and winter grazing. Sugarcane harvesting started in Hendry and Glades counties.

## Peanut Progress

Condition	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	3	3	(NA)	2
Poor.....	7	7	(NA)	10
Fair.....	26	27	(NA)	30
Good.....	58	57	(NA)	43
Excellent.....	6	6	(NA)	15
Stage				
Harvested.....	50	31	(NA)	59

NA Not Available

**Citrus:** Rainfall was generally light or non-existent in citrus producing counties this week. Frostproof (Polk County) received the most precipitation with 0.37 inches. Most other counties received a tenth of an inch or less of rainfall. Daytime high temperatures continued to be warm, reaching the upper 80s to low 90s on several days. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 7, 2014, all citrus producing regions in Florida are drought free

Fruit size appears to be running smaller than normal this season on early and mid-season oranges and on white and colored grapefruit. Fallglo tangerines are also running on the small side this season, but with the lesser tangerine crop size they are still desirable for the fresh market.

## Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending:		
	Sept 28, 2014	Oct 5, 2014	Oct 12, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges ....	(NA)	2	4
Ambersweet .....	(NA)	4	14
Navel oranges .....	(NA)	2	6
White grapefruit .....	(NA)	0	2
Colored grapefruit.....	(NA)	25	71
Fallglo tangerines .....	(NA)	25	55
Total .....	(NA)	58	152

NA Not Available

Many grove owners and managers are optimistic and are resetting new trees in existing groves and are planting new groves. Harvest is slowly getting underway, with almost all harvested fruit going to the fresh market. Two processing plants will open this week for packinghouse eliminations.

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Tomato harvest continued in Gadsden County. Bradford and Hillsborough counties were planting strawberries. Vegetable growers in southwest Florida continued with fall planting as conditions transitioned to the dry season. The cabbage crop in Okeechobee County is gaining size. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included green beans, squash, peppers, tomato, herbs, eggplant, sweet corn, bitter melon, boniato, and malanga; being harvested included boniato, malanga, okra, and avocado.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Pastures in north Florida were experiencing areas of decline, while in southwest Florida pasture quality is mostly good with seasonal decline. In north Florida, calves were being weaned and cows are beginning to gain body condition to prepare for the upcoming breeding season. Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good.

## Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Current week	Previous week	Current week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	1	1
Poor .....	1	1	2	2
Fair.....	14	12	23	24
Good .....	74	79	67	65
Excellent.....	11	8	7	8

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

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