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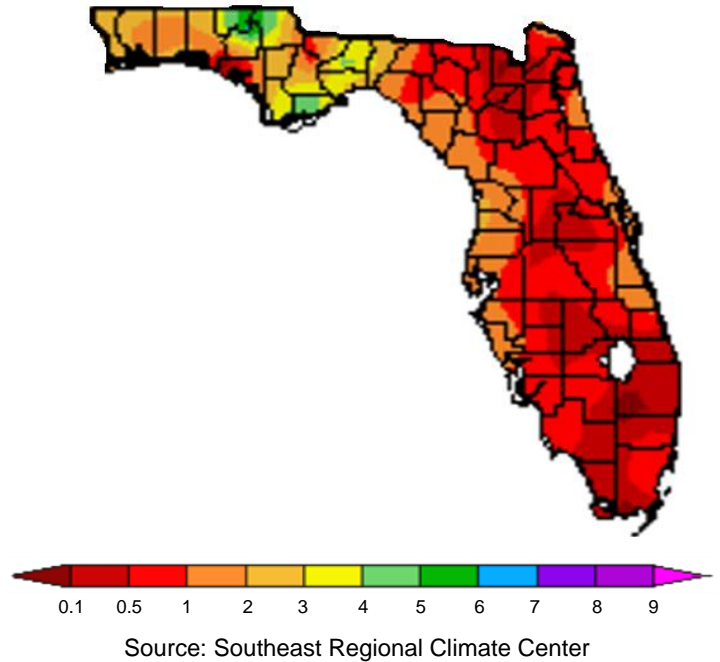
Harvesting, Planting Continued

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.12 inches in Clewiston (Hendry County) to 4.73 inches in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) this past week. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 89 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 47 degrees for night time lows to 92 degrees for day time highs, across the State. The highest temperature was 92 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County) and Dover (Hillsborough County). The lowest temperature in the State was 47 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

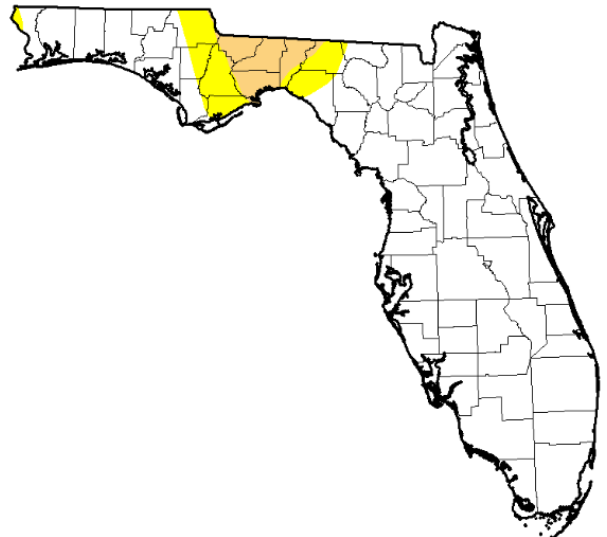
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	2
Short	6	7	25
Adequate	82	78	70
Surplus	11	14	3

Precipitation (in)–Florida: October 12-18, 2014



Field Crops: There was an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work this past week, down slightly from the previous week. Peanut harvesting continued in the Panhandle and north Florida. Peanut harvesting was 69 percent complete, slightly 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. Cotton was being harvested in Jackson and Walton counties. Jackson County farmers were also harvesting soybeans. Farmers in the Panhandle were planting rye grass, oats, and winter grazing. Sugarcane harvesting and planting continued in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: October 14, 2014



Intensity:

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

Peanut Progress

Condition	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	2	3	1	2
Poor.....	7	7	9	10
Fair.....	25	26	30	29
Good.....	58	58	50	43
Excellent.....	8	6	10	16
Stage				
Harvested.....	69	50	71	70

Citrus: Rainfall weekly totals ranged from 0.30 inches in Frostproof (Polk County) to 3.32 inches in Okeechobee (Okeechobee County). Daytime high temperatures were unseasonably warm, reaching the upper 80s to low 90s, yet cooling down significantly at night. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 14, 2014, all citrus producing regions in Florida are drought free.

Although fruit size appears to be running small on colored grapefruit, quality is good. Harvest is picking up, mostly for to the fresh market. Fallglo tangerines harvest is going well, almost all for the fresh market. Other varieties being harvest in small amounts include Ambersweet and Navel oranges, other early oranges and white grapefruit.

Grove activity included resetting new trees in existing groves, planting new groves, irrigating and spraying, and harvesting. Processing plants are beginning to open this week, mostly for packinghouse eliminations.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Oct 5, 2014	Oct 12, 2014	Oct 19, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges	2	4	17
Ambersweet	4	14	38
Navel oranges	2	6	17
White grapefruit	0	2	24
Colored grapefruit.....	25	71	183
Fallglo tangerines	25	55	95
Total	58	152	374

Fruit and Vegetables: Bradford, Flagler, and Putnam counties were planting cabbage. Bradford County was also planting strawberries, onions, and winter vegetables. Vegetable harvest was beginning across southwest Florida with light quantities of eggplant, herbs, and squash coming on line. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included green beans, cucumbers, squash, sweet potatoes, peppers, tomato, herbs, eggplant, sweet corn, bitter melon, boniato, and malanga; being harvested included boniato, malanga, okra, and avocado.

Livestock and Pastures: Pastures in part of the Panhandle had standing water this past week, while in southwest Florida pasture quality is mostly good. 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	0	1
Poor	1	1	2	2
Fair.....	14	14	26	23
Good	74	74	65	67
Excellent.....	11	11	7	7

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