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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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**Cool Fall Temperatures, Harvesting Continued**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rainfall in the majority of the State to 2.68 inches in Homestead (Miami-Dade County) this past week. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 89 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 41 degrees for night time lows to 88 degrees for day time highs, across the State. The highest temperature was 88 degrees in Immokalee (Collier County), North Port (Sarasota County), Sebring (Highlands County), Avalon (Orange County), and Belle Glade (Palm Beach County). The lowest temperature in the State was 41 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County).

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

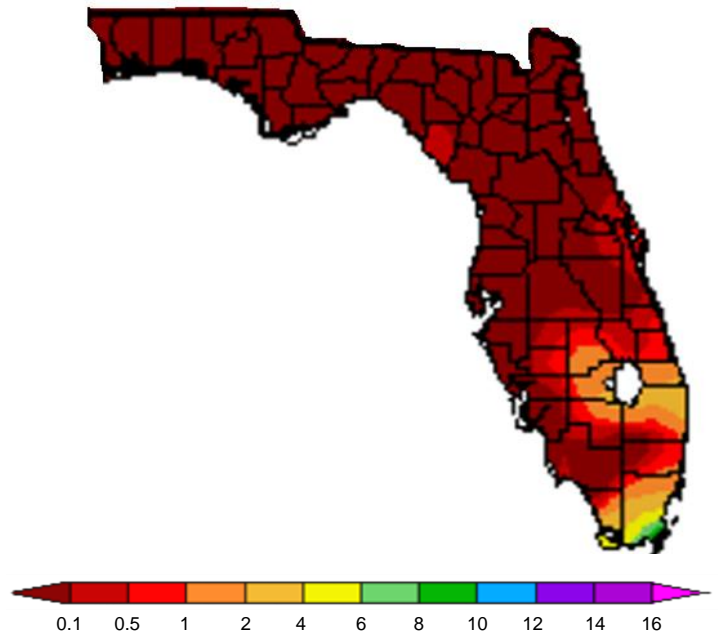
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1	1
Short .....	18	6	24
Adequate .....	74	82	74
Surplus .....	7	11	1

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.4 days suitable for field work this past week, down slightly from the previous week. Farmers across the State enjoyed a drier week. Peanut harvesting continued in the Panhandle and north Florida. Peanut harvesting was 83 percent complete, slightly above the five year average. Hay continued to be cut in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida. Cotton was being harvested in Jackson and Walton counties. Walton County farmers were also harvesting soybeans. Farmers in the Panhandle were planting rye grass, oats, and winter forage. Sugarcane harvesting continued in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties. All sugar mills are processing cane at this time.

**Peanut Progress**

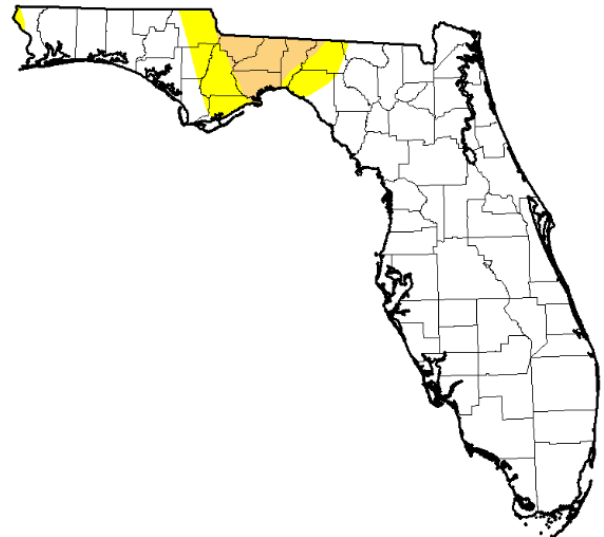
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested .....	83	69	78	79

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: October 19-25, 2014**



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: October 21, 2014**



**Intensity:**

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

**Citrus:** Rainfall weekly totals ranged from no rainfall in several counties to 1.07 inches in Arcadia (Desoto County). Daytime high temperatures were slightly cooler in the citrus growing region this week, reaching the mid to upper 80s during the day and cooling down significantly at night. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 21, 2014, all citrus producing regions in Florida are drought free.

Harvest is steadily increasing on most early varieties, primarily for the fresh market. Colored grapefruit harvest was the heaviest at over 200,000 boxes. Weekly Fallglo tangerine harvest is still about 70,000 boxes. Other varieties being harvest in small amounts include Ambersweet and Navel oranges, other early oranges, white grapefruit, and Sunburst tangerines.

Grove activity included mowing in preparation for harvest, irrigating, spraying, and harvesting. Processing plants are open primarily for packinghouse eliminations, a few are starting to open for field run.

### Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Oct 12, 2014	Oct 19, 2014	Oct 26, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges ....	1	17	48
Ambersweet .....	26	38	19
Navel oranges .....	9	17	28
White grapefruit .....	0	24	64
Colored grapefruit .....	79	183	209
Fallglo tangerines .....	69	95	68
Sunburst tangerines	0	0	3
Total .....	184	374	439

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Bradford, Flagler, and Putnam counties continued to plant cabbage. Vegetable harvest was beginning across southwest Florida with light quantities of eggplant, herbs, peppers, grape tomatoes, watermelons, and squash coming on line. Strawberries in Manatee County are established and harvesting of tomatoes, cucumber, and peppers continued. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included bush beans, pole beans, squash, peppers, tomato, herbs, eggplant, sweet corn, boniato, and malanga; being harvested included boniato, malanga, bitter melon, and avocado.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Pastures across the State are declining seasonally due to cooler weather and shorter days. 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	0
Poor .....	1	1	2	2
Fair.....	15	14	34	26
Good .....	76	74	59	65
Excellent.....	8	11	5	7

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