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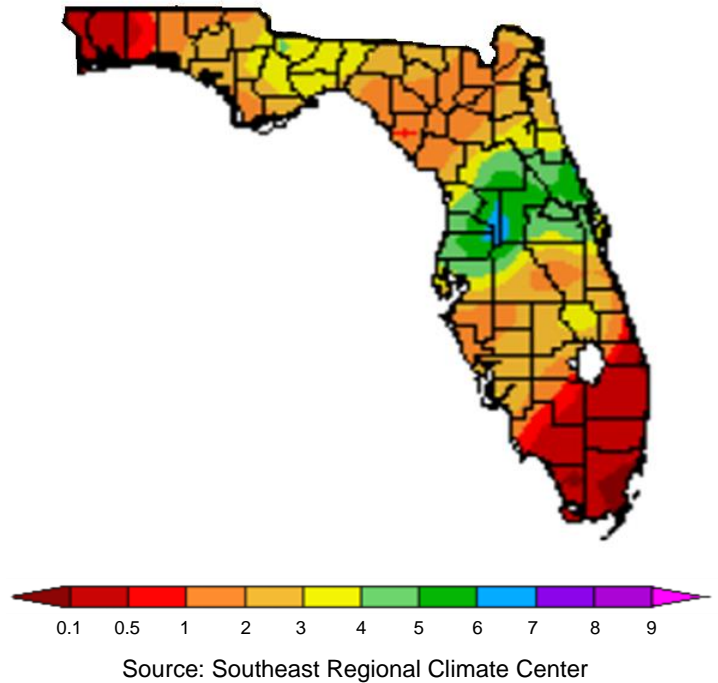
**November Ends Cold and Rainy**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall for the State ranged from no rain to 7.21 inches in Dade City (Pasco County). Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 90 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 30 degrees for night time lows to 90 degrees for day time highs, across the State. The highest temperature was 90 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County). The majority of the State recorded temperatures in the 80s this past week. The lowest temperature in the State was 30 degrees in Monticello (Jefferson County).

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1	13
Short .....	18	25	25
Adequate .....	69	69	60
Surplus .....	12	5	2

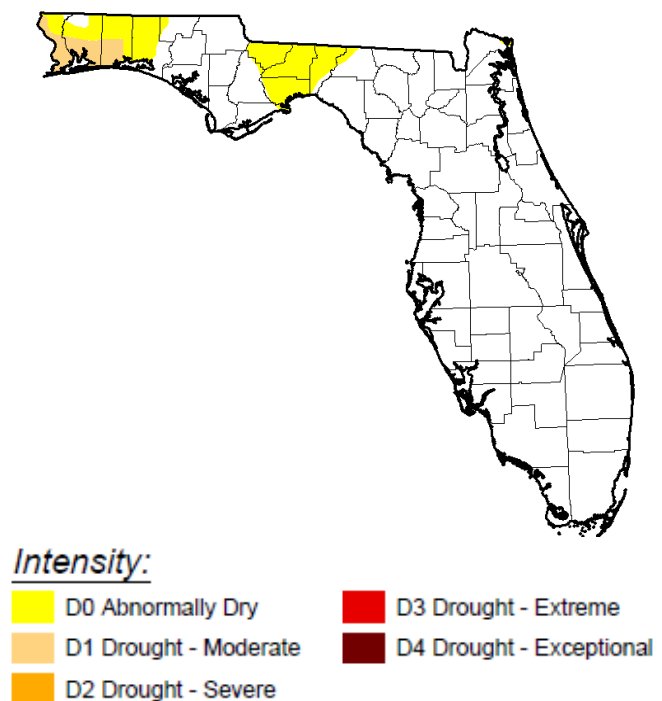
**Precipitation (in)–Florida: November 24-30, 2014**



**Field Crops:** There was an average of 5.8 days suitable for field work this past week, slightly below the previous week. Cotton and soybean harvest was nearing completion in the Panhandle and north Florida. In Glades and Hendry counties sugarcane harvest continued.

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Vegetable harvesting in southwest Florida increased. Farmers were harvesting green beans, beets, cucumbers, eggplant, herbs, kale, peppers, squash, tomatoes, and watermelon. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County include green beans, yellow squash, zucchini, peppers, tomato, eggplant, sweet corn, boniato, bitter melon, and malanga; being harvested were green beans, pole beans, yellow squash, zucchini, okra, boniato, malanga, and avocado.

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Nov. 25, 2014**



**Livestock and Pastures:** The pasture condition decreased this past week. Pasture in the Panhandle and north Florida was in poor condition due to hard frosts. Farmers were feeding hay to their cattle. Central and southwest Florida received larger amounts of rain, with standing water and localized flooding noted. Statewide, the cattle condition was mostly good while pasture condition was fair to good.

**Cattle and Pasture Condition**

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Current week	Previous week	Current week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor .....	0	0	2	3
Poor .....	1	1	9	10
Fair .....	24	24	42	37
Good .....	69	69	45	47
Excellent .....	6	6	2	3

**Citrus:** All areas of the citrus region received at least an inch of rain except the southernmost monitored stations in Immokalee (Collier County), receiving only a third of an inch and Clewiston (Hendry County), receiving about nine-tenths of an inch. Most central citrus producing counties received about two to three inches of rainfall, while northern counties received slightly more. Temperatures were warmer than average early in the week, dropping down to the low to mid 40s in all areas by Thursday morning. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated November 25, 2014, no drought or abnormally dry conditions exist in any citrus producing area.

All packinghouses closed for Thanksgiving Day observation, accounting for weekly harvest at lesser levels. Early orange harvest surpassed all other varieties, and is expected to increase significantly the first couple weeks of December. It is currently the only variety being harvested primarily for the processed market. White and colored grapefruit still has about two-thirds of its harvested fruit going fresh. Sunburst tangerines and Navel oranges are also mainly for the fresh market. Fruit quality is overall good this season, even though much of it has been on the small side.

Grove activity included irrigation, mowing, spraying and fertilizing. Field workers across the citrus growing region reported new groves and resets being planted, and old non-productive groves being pushed.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Nov 16, 2014	Nov 23, 2014	Nov 30, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges ....	98	413	298
Navel oranges .....	91	109	91
White grapefruit .....	36	18	10
Colored grapefruit .....	270	255	218
Fallglo tangerines .....	7	1	0
Sunburst tangerines ....	116	123	89
Tangelos .....	17	15	23
Total .....	635	934	729

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