



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
CONDITION REPORT**



In cooperation with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the UF/IFAS Extension Service  
2290 Lucien Way, Suite 300, Maitland, FL 32751 · (407) 648-6013 · (855) 271-9801 FAX · [www.nass.usda.gov/fl](http://www.nass.usda.gov/fl)

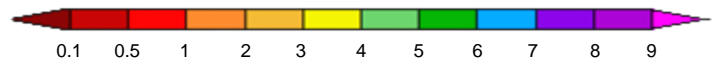
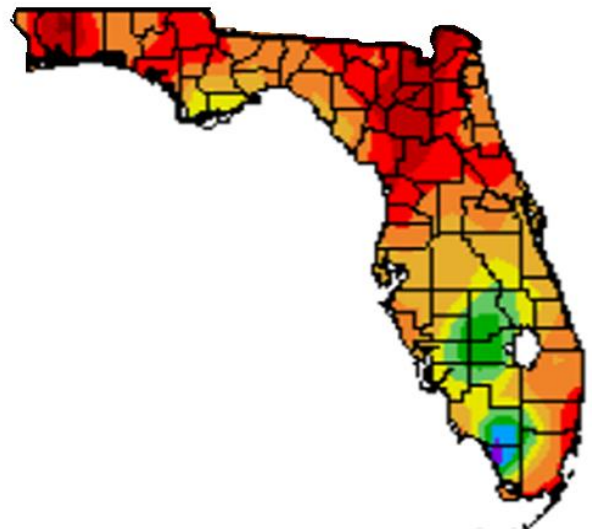
Released: June 15, 2015 (4 PM EST)

Week Ending: June 14, 2015

**Rains in Southwest Florida**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 4.6 inches at Palmdale (Glades County). Southwest Florida appears to be in a rainy season. Standing water was evident from Indian River County to Okeechobee County. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 73 percent drought free the week of June 8-14. Temperatures ranged from 65 degrees for night time lows to 97 degrees for day time highs. The highest temperature was 97 degrees in Ocklawaha (Marion County) and MacClenny (Baker County). The lowest temperature in the State was 65 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County) and Saint Lucie West (St. Lucie County).

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: June 8-14, 2015**

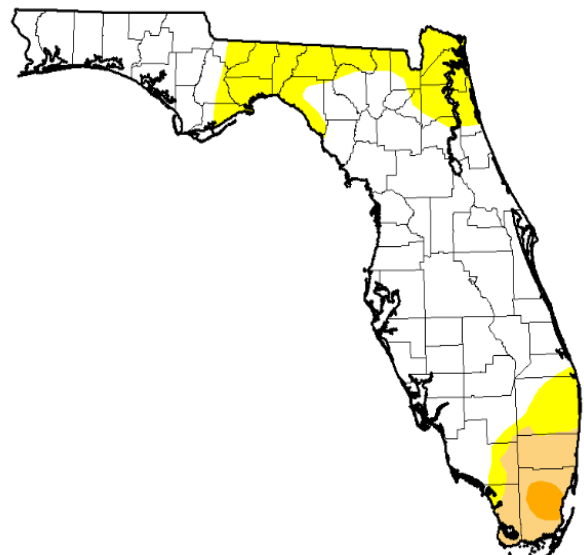


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2	0
Short .....	22	35	18
Adequate.....	72	59	74
Surplus.....	5	4	8

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: June 9, 2015**



**Intensity:**

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

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.3 days suitable for field work this past week, down slightly from 6.4 in the previous week. Soil moisture conditions vary widely across the Panhandle, north, and central Florida. Spotty rains made haying in Orange and Seminole counties impossible this past week. Haying continued in Jackson, Dixie, and Bradford counties. Planting of peanuts was almost complete across the Panhandle and the northern part of the State. Cotton planting continued in Jackson County.

## Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted .....	95	96	98
Pegging .....	4	8	3
Condition			
Very Poor.....	4	0	0
Poor.....	6	1	1
Fair .....	25	15	21
Good.....	61	82	64
Excellent.....	4	2	14

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Watermelons were being harvested in Dixie, Putnam, Flagler, Levy, and Suwannee counties. Tomato harvest was in full swing in Gadsden County. Bradford County farmers continued harvesting squash, okra, and green peppers. Flagler and Putnam county farmers were completing harvest of potatoes. Southwest Florida farmers had a wet week, with most locations receiving four inches or more across the region. Crops harvested in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, mango, lychees and avocados. In Palm Beach County, they were not receiving regular afternoon rains, therefore, drought stress was evident.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Pasture quality improved dramatically this past week in southwest Florida due to much needed rain. Statewide, the cattle condition was mostly good, while the 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	2
Poor.....	2	2	11	11
Fair .....	24	25	30	38
Good.....	66	65	49	43
Excellent.....	8	8	8	6

**Citrus:** Daily temperatures were about average this past week in citrus producing counties. Highs ranged from lower to mid-90s, which was typical for this time of year. Rain fell several days across the citrus region. The Southern citrus growing area had the highest amounts. Stations in Hendry, Charlotte, and Glades counties all had three inches or more. Of the monitored stations, only Umatilla (Lake County) and Frostproof (Polk County) had less than an inch of rainfall. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated June 9, 2015, abnormally dry conditions cover only the southern tips of Collier, Hendry, and Martin counties. The remainder of the citrus area was drought free.

Harvest was winding down for the season on Valencia oranges. Only one or two processing plants remain open. The fresh fruit harvest was relatively over. Almost all houses finished packing oranges last week.

Field workers reported seeing some irrigation running. Growers were still mowing; some were fertilizing. Most were focusing on assuring trees are healthy for next season's crop. The new crop was progressing well with oranges about golf ball size and grapefruit slightly larger.

## Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	May 31, 2015	June 7, 2015	June 14, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia .....	3,546	2,769	1,013
White grapefruit .....	4	4	0
Colored grapefruit.....	10	0	0
Temples.....	0	5	0
Total .....	3,560	2,778	1,013

This report is available, at no cost, on the NASS web site: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Florida/Subscribe\\_to\\_FL\\_Reports/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Florida/Subscribe_to_FL_Reports/index.asp). To set-up this free subscription, send e-mail message to [listserv@newsbox.usda.gov](mailto:listserv@newsbox.usda.gov) and in the body, type "subscribe to Florida crop weather." The drought monitor index used in this report originates from the U.S. Drought Monitor website. Visit <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu> maintained by the National Drought Mitigation Center. The precipitation and temperature data used in this report originates from the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN). Visit <http://fawn.ifas.ufl.edu> maintained by UF/IFAS Information Technologies.