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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
CONDITION REPORT**



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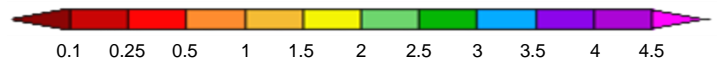
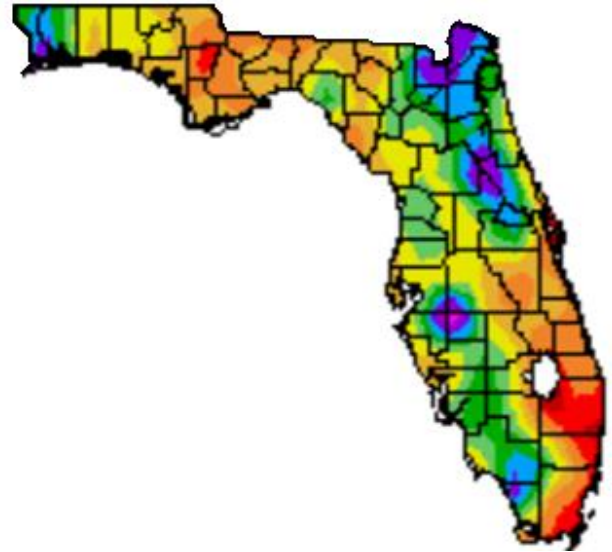
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Week Ending: August 23, 2015

Scattered Rainfall, Localized Flooding

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.04 of an inch in Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) to 3.35 inches at North Port (Sarasota County). Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 60 percent drought free the week of August 17-23, 2015. Temperatures ranged from 70 degrees for night time lows to 98 degrees for daytime highs. The daytime high temperatures ranged from 93 in Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 98 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County) and Bronson (Levy County). The lowest temperature in the State was 70 degrees in Hastings (St. Johns County), Jay (Santa Rosa County), Putnam Hall (Putnam County), and Live Oak (Suwannee County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: August 17-23, 2015

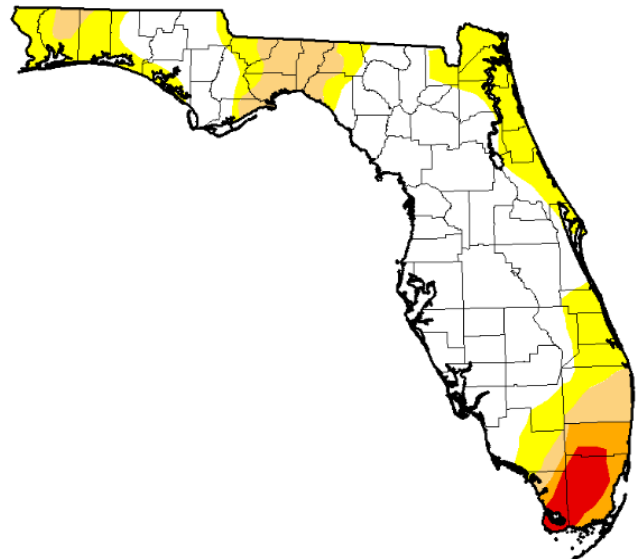


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	1
Short.....	11	10	14
Adequate	69	78	65
Surplus	20	12	20

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: August 18, 2015



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: There was an average of 5.8 days suitable for field work this past week, slightly below the previous week. The peanut pegging report has concluded for this year. Peanuts digging began in Dixie, Levy, and Alachua counties. Due to excessive rain, peanuts were not harvested in some locations. Corn was harvested in Flagler and Putnam counties and Jackson County farmers finished harvesting corn. Haying was delayed in Gulf County again this past week due to wet conditions, but Jackson and Taylor county farmers were able to put up hay. Producers were harvesting rice in Palm Beach County.

Peanut Progress

Condition	Current week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	0	1	1
Poor.....	0	4	4
Fair.....	15	18	22
Good.....	66	68	61
Excellent.....	19	9	12

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.....	16	16	25	20
Good.....	64	63	52	57
Excellent.....	19	20	20	20

Fruit and Vegetables: Heavy rains resulted in localized flooding in some vegetable and fruit production areas this past week. Rain, early in the week, disrupted land preparation for vegetable growers in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties. Farmers in these counties were using throw out pumps to lower water tables in fields. By the end of the week, vegetable growers were able to continue land preparation and planting. Crops being harvested in Palm Beach County included bananas, mango, star fruit, longans, avocado, jackfruit, and papaya. Miami-Dade County farmers were preparing land for fall vegetable crops. Crops being planted in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, and bitter melon. Miami-Dade County farmers were harvesting okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, mango, avocado, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures: Much needed rain helped to revive pastures in Jefferson County. Low lying areas in Hardee County were under water but pastures in general looked good. Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good.

Citrus: Typical summer evening showers brought ample amounts of rainfall to most areas for the week. Eleven of seventeen monitored stations had an inch and a half or more of rainfall. St. Lucie West (St. Lucie County) had the most rainfall at 3.05 inches, followed by Umatilla (Lake County) at 2.91 inches. Central area State averages were mostly between one to two inches. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated August 18, 2015, dry conditions cover the eastern coastal counties of Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin, and partially cover Volusia, Okeechobee, Hendry and Collier counties. The remainder of the citrus producing region is drought free.

Daily temperatures were seasonably warm for the week. Most citrus producing areas had daily highs in the mid-90s all week.

In some western area counties groves are still very wet due to large volumes of rainfall over the past several weeks. Early oranges are now approaching baseball size, while grapefruit are slightly larger. Fallglo tangerines have begun to break color in the Southern area. Grove activity included spraying for greening, fertilizing, chemical mowing and general grove maintenance as weather permitted.

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