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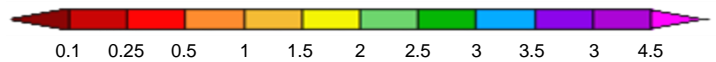
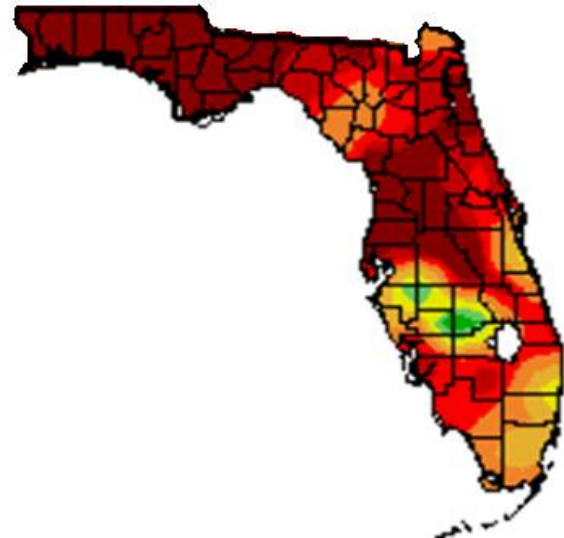
Most of Florida Drier

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.01 of an inch in De Funiak Springs (Walton County) to 1.57 inches in Arcadia (De Soto County), with several locations reporting no precipitation. . As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 6, 2015, Florida was 80 percent drought free.

Temperatures ranged from 55 degrees for night time lows to 92 degrees for daytime highs. The daytime high temperatures ranged from 86 degrees in Putnam Hall (Putnam County) to 92 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County), Ocklawaha (Marion County), and Bronson (Levy County). The lowest temperature in the State was 55 degrees in Monticello (Jefferson County).

Water levels in ponds and ditches was down in the southeast counties.

Precipitation (in)–Florida: 10/6-10/12, 2015

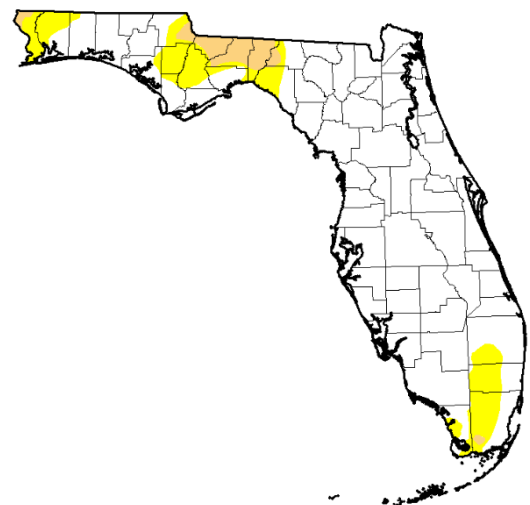


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current Week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	1
Short	8	5	7
Adequate	78	78	76
Surplus	14	17	16

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Oct. 6, 2015



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: There was an average of 6.2 days suitable for field work this past week, up slightly from the previous week. Peanut harvesting continued with completion at 73 percent, ahead of the five-year average. Harvesting in some locations was delayed by rain or cloudy weather. Cotton harvesting continues in Walton and Washington counties. Haying was active in Dixie, Pasco and St. Lucie Counties.

Peanut Progress

	Current week	Previous year	5-year average
Harvested	(percent) 73	(percent) 47	(percent) 58
Condition	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	2	3	2
Poor.....	6	7	10
Fair.....	29	26	30
Good.....	55	58	45
Excellent.....	8	6	13

Fruit and Vegetables: Cabbage and leafy greens planting was active in Flagler County. Strawberry plant setting continued in Hillsborough County. Vegetable growers in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties were planting and conducting cultural operations like staking, tying, spaying. Vegetable and fruit crops being planted in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, and bitter melon. Crops maturing in good condition and being harvested in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, mango, avocado, and other tropical fruits. Producers started harvesting green beans.

Livestock and Pastures: Winter forage was being planted in Taylor County. Summer pasture declined seasonally. Some pastures in Lee County had standing water. 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	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	3
Fair.....	13	12	28	26
Good.....	68	68	53	53
Excellent.....	18	19	16	17

Citrus: Temperatures were average, with most days in the mid to upper 80s, and a few days in the lower 90s. Rainfall was far less than has been over the past several weeks, which is typical for this time of the year. Only Arcadia (De Soto County) and Palmdale (Glades County) had over an inch of rainfall. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 6, 2015, the complete citrus producing region was drought free.

Growing conditions have been ideal this season, with above average rainfall and lots of sunshine. Growers and grove managers are optimistic about the health of trees in well cared for groves. Trees and fruit look good as the harvest season is upon us. Harvest has begun in very limited quantities on early oranges, red grapefruit and Fallglo tangerines. All harvested fruit to this point has been for the fresh market. Grove activity including mowing, spraying, and treating for greening.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Sept 27, 2015	Oct 4, 2015	Oct 11, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid Oranges	0	0	14
Ambersweet	2	5	4
Navel oranges	1	5	5
Red Grapefruit	5	19	38
Fallglo Tangerines	18	23	29
Total	26	52	90

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