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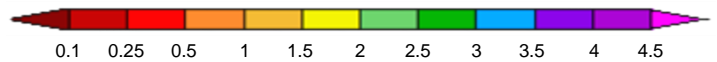
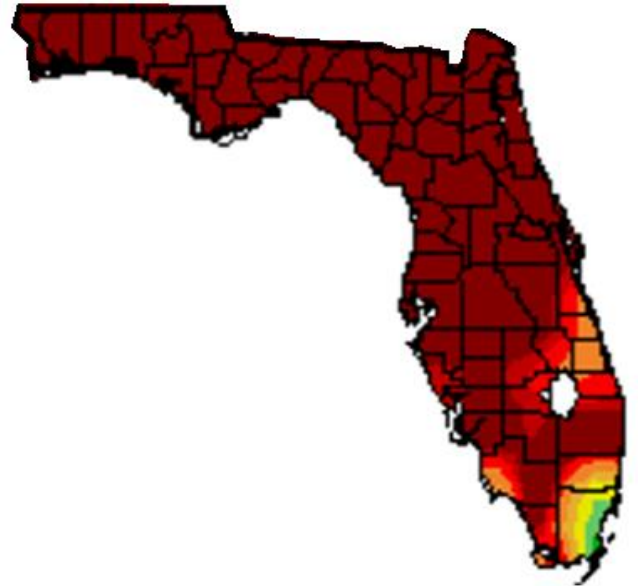
**Another Dry Week**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain in twenty-five locations to 1.45 inches of rain in Wellington (W. Palm Beach County). As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 13, 2015, Florida was 83 percent drought free.

Temperatures ranged from 46 degrees for night time lows to 93 degrees for daytime highs. The daytime high temperatures ranged from 86 degrees in Putnam Hall (Putnam County) to 93 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County). The lowest temperature in the State was 46 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County).

Dryer weather has helped harvesting.

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: October 12-18, 2015**

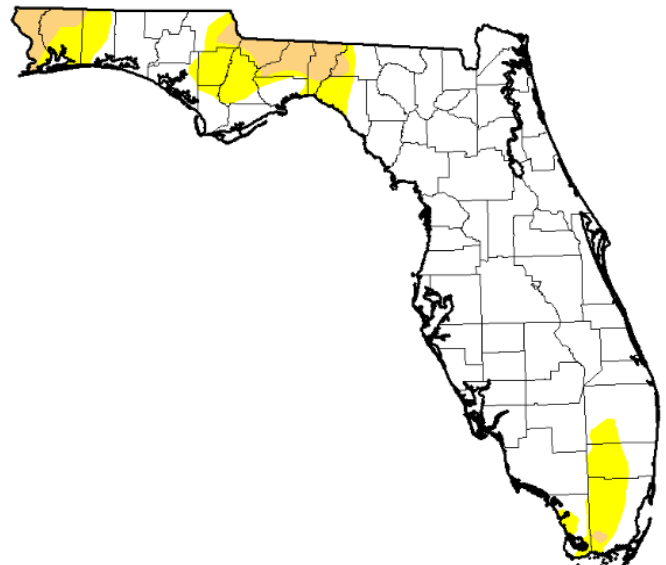


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current Week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0	1
Short .....	13	8	6
Adequate .....	76	78	82
Surplus .....	11	14	11

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Oct. 13, 2015**



Intensity:

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

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.4 days suitable for field work this past week, up slightly from the previous week. Peanut harvesting continued with completion at 82 percent, ahead of last year and the five-year average. Cotton harvesting continued in Walton, Jackson, and Washington counties. Hay harvest was active in Columbia, Dixie, Pasco, Orange, and Seminole counties weather permitting. Some farmers obtained only one cutting of hay and quality was poor due to previous rainfall. Planting of winter grazing crops continued in Jackson, Taylor, Walton, and Levy counties. Sugarcane harvesting continued.

## Peanut Progress

	Current week	Previous year	5-year average
Harvested	(percent) 82	(percent) 66	(percent) 72
Condition	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	2	2	2
Poor.....	6	7	10
Fair.....	30	25	29
Good.....	54	58	46
Excellent.....	8	8	13

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Fall planting of sweet corn and beans was complete in Palm Beach County. Planting continued for lettuce, celery, and radishes. Vegetable and fruit crops being planted in Miami-Dade County were summer squash, cucumbers, green beans, pole beans, tomatoes, okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, and strawberries. Crops maturing in good condition and being harvested in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, avocado, and other tropical fruits. All crops were irrigated.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Winter pastures in Jefferson County need rain. Pastures and cows in Hardee County were looking good. 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	3	2
Fair.....	13	13	29	28
Good.....	67	68	51	53
Excellent.....	19	18	16	16

**Citrus:** Temperatures continued to be on the warm side with daily highs in the upper 80s in all citrus producing counties. Rainfall was very light across the citrus region. Eleven of seventeen monitored stations did not record any rainfall. Only Arcadia (Desoto County) had more than a quarter of an inch of rainfall. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 13, 2015, the complete citrus producing region is drought free.

Growing conditions continued to be favorable with warm weather and lots of sunshine. Growers and grove managers were optimistic about the health of trees in well cared for groves. Trees and fruit looked good for this harvest season. Harvest has begun in very limited quantities on early oranges, red grapefruit, and Fallglo tangerines. All harvested fruit to this point in the season has been for the fresh market. Grove activity included irrigation, mowing in preparation for harvest, fertilizing, and treating for greening.

## Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Oct 4, 2015	Oct 11, 2015	Oct 18, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid Oranges	0	14	36
Ambersweet	5	4	8
Navel oranges	5	5	10
White Grapefruit	0	0	2
Red Grapefruit	19	38	97
Fallglo Tangerines	23	29	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>200</b>

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