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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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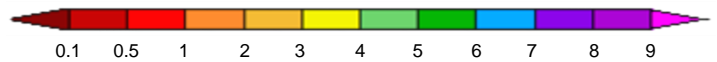
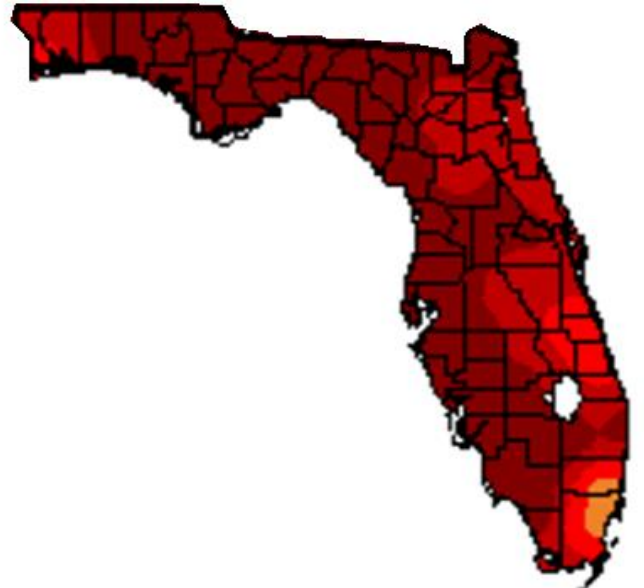
Week Ending: October 25, 2015

**A Generally Dry Week**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 1.29 inches of rain in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). All FAWN locations received under one inch of rain except for Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 20, 2015, Florida was 84 percent drought free.

Temperatures ranged from 43 degrees for night time lows to 89 degrees for daytime highs. The daytime high temperatures ranged from 83 degrees in Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 89 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County). The lowest temperature in the State was 43 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County).

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: October 19-25, 2015**

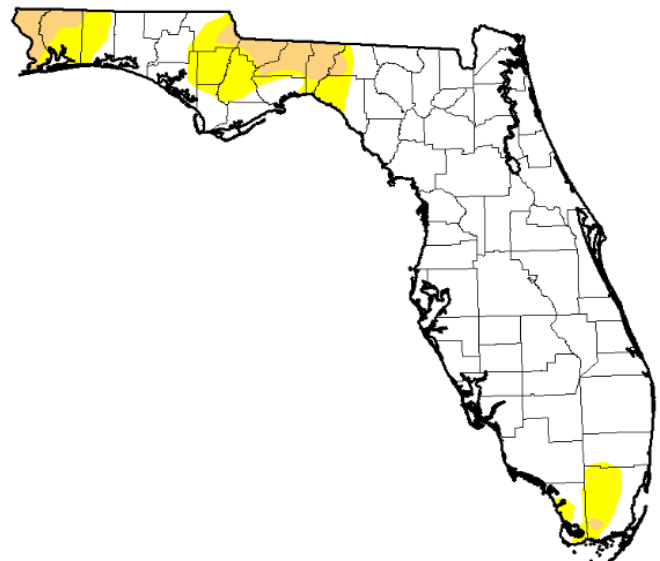


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current Week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	1
Short .....	19	13	16
Adequate.....	75	76	75
Surplus.....	6	11	8

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Oct. 20, 2015**



**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.7 days suitable for field work this past week, up from the previous week. Peanut harvesting continued with completion at 89 percent, ahead of last year and the five-year average. Levy County farmers completed peanut harvesting. Cotton harvesting continued in Walton and Washington counties. Winter forage suffered from lack of rain. Rye planting started in Flagler and Putnam counties. Sugarcane harvesting continued.

**Intensity:**

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

**Peanut Progress**

Progress	Current week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested .....	89	81	81

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Planting of cabbage and leafy vegetables continued in Flagler and Putnam counties. Strawberry planting was almost complete in Hillsborough County. Vegetable growers in Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties continued planting. Glades and Hendry counties were harvesting sweet corn and green beans. Lee County farmers were harvesting cucumbers, herbs, and squash. Vegetable and fruit crops planted in Miami-Dade County were; tomatoes, squash, zucchini, green beans, pole beans, peppers, eggplant, boniato, malanga, and bitter melon. Crops maturing in good condition and being harvested in Miami-Dade County were; green beans, okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, avocado, and other tropical fruits. All crops were being irrigated.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Permanent pastures across the State declined seasonally. 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.....	2	1	4	3
Fair.....	15	13	33	29
Good.....	66	67	48	51
Excellent.....	17	19	14	16

**Citrus:** All areas in the citrus region had average or above average temperatures and below average rainfall. Daily highs were in the mid to upper 80s on most days. Only stations in the Indian River District had more than a quarter of an inch of rainfall. Vero Beach (Indian River) had the most rainfall at 0.49 inches, while St. Lucie West (St. Lucie County) had the second most rainfall with 0.35 inches. Even with the lesser rainfall over the past couple weeks, the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 20, 2015, reports the citrus producing region was drought free.

Growing conditions continue 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 look good for this harvest season. Harvest has begun in limited quantities on early oranges (including Ambersweet, Hamlin and Navels), red grapefruit and Fallglo tangerines. All harvested fruit to this point in the season has been for the fresh market. A couple of processing plants have opened to take eliminations. Grove activity included irrigation in all areas, mowing in preparation for harvest, herbiciding, and treating for greening.

### Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Oct 11, 2015	Oct 18, 2015	Oct 25, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid Oranges.....	20	36	61
Ambersweet.....	4	8	11
Navel oranges.....	6	10	27
White Grapefruit.....	0	2	22
Red Grapefruit.....	45	97	205
Fallglo Tangerines.....	32	47	63
Sunburst Tangerines.....	0	0	5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>394</b>

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