



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

Released: January 4, 2016 (4 PM EST)

Week Ending: January 3, 2016

Unseasonably Warm Weather

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no measurable rainfall to 4.89 inches in Jay (Santa Rosa County) with FAWN stations in District 10 averaging 3.30 inches while the other districts averaged 0.70 inch. Average rainfall statewide was 1.08 inch of rain. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated December 29, 2015, Florida was 88 percent drought free.

Temperatures ranged from 20 degrees Fahrenheit for nighttime lows to 90 degrees for daytime highs. The daytime high temperatures ranged from 76 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 90 degrees in Lake Alfred (Polk County). The lowest temperature in the State was 20 degrees in Citra (Marion County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current Week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	0
Short	11	17	19
Adequate.....	81	77	76
Surplus.....	8	6	5

Field Crops: There was an average of 6.0 days suitable for field work this past week, down slightly from the previous week. Some cotton files have not been picked with 80 percent of the Walton County fields harvested. Some peanut and soybeans fields could not be harvested due to wet fields. Sugarcane harvest activities continued which benefited from cooler temperatures as sucrose levels rose.

Fruit and Vegetables: Bradford County strawberries were harvested during the week. Potato fields were planted in Flagler and Putnam counties along with cabbage and leafy greens being planted and harvested. Vegetable growers in south Florida planted spring crops and harvested a wide variety of vegetables including cabbage, collards, cucumbers, green beans, herbs, kale, peppers, squash, Swiss chard, tomatoes, watermelons, and a variety of specialty items.

Citrus: Above average temperatures early in the week turned much cooler over the weekend. Lows dropped to the 50s in a citrus producing counties. Rainfall amounts were higher than they have been over the last few weeks. Of the 17 monitored rain stations, all but three had more than a half-an-inch of rainfall. The most was in Okahumpka (Lake County) at 1.93 inch, followed by Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 1.08 inch. The U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated December 29, 2015 changed very little over the past month. It showed the eastern edges of Orange and Volusia counties, most of Osceola County, and all Brevard County as abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus region was rated drought free.

Harvesting took place in all citrus counties on early variety oranges and white and red grapefruit. Primarily fruit was going to the processed markets. Navels and early tangerine fresh shipments were about complete for the season. Honey tangerines were still not ready for harvest. Other grove activity was relatively slow this time of year. Growers irrigated groves, as needed, and spraying for psyllids. Mowing activities was reduced to an as needed basis, mostly before harvest.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Dec 20, 2015	Dec 27, 2015	Jan 3, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid Oranges.....	3,243	1,960	3,257
Temples	5	1	1
Ambersweet	1	0	6
Navel oranges	76	8	12
White Grapefruit	83	28	71
Red Grapefruit.....	317	144	206
Sunburst Tangerines	46	7	7
Tangelos	35	10	9
Total	3,806	2,158	3,569

Livestock and Pastures: Standing water was observed in some Washington County pastures. Soaking rains totaling 1.02 inch between December 31 and January 3 in Marion County benefited cool season pastures. The arriving New Year's weekend cool front dropped temperatures to more seasonal norms after a mostly hot week which resulted in ponding in ditches and low lying areas.

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	4	4	11	10
Fair.....	20	20	35	34
Good.....	68	68	46	48
Excellent	8	8	6	6

Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall by station

		Monday, December 28, 2015 to Sunday, January 3, 2016			
FAWN Station	County	District	Minimum Temp.	Maximum Temp.	Rainfall (inches)
Carrabelle	Franklin	10	43.79	77.58	1.08
De Funiak	Walton	10	39.09	77.43	3.43
Jay	Santa Rosa	10	38.71	75.60	4.89
Marianna	Jackson	10	42.85	78.12	4.48
Monticello	Jefferson	10	44.39	81.16	1.15
Quincy	Gadsden	10	43.85	76.95	4.79
Live Oak	Suwannee	30	46.08	82.98	0.72
MacClenny	Baker	30	46.17	84.07	0.77
Mayo	Lafayette	30	45.00	82.09	0.73
Alachua	Alachua	50	47.05	84.31	0.70
Apopka	Orange	50	48.25	86.52	0.51
Avalon	Orange	50	48.42	86.58	0.29
Balm	Hillsborough	50	51.22	86.59	0.17
Bronson	Levy	50	47.61	85.64	0.68
Citra	Marion	50	20.04	85.82	0.78
Dade City	Pasco	50	47.34	85.57	0.22
Dover	Hillsborough	50	47.46	88.32	0.21
Frostproof	Polk	50	54.75	87.30	0.24
Hastings	St. Johns	50	49.57	85.57	0.90
Kenansville	Osceola	50	53.65	86.70	0.49
Lake Alfred	Polk	50	50.23	89.67	0.11
Lecanto	Citrus	50	48.87	85.89	1.05
Ocklawaha	Marion	50	49.28	87.17	1.19
Okahumpka	Lake	50	49.60	85.77	1.93
Pierson	Volusia	50	48.27	86.34	0.87
Putnam Hall	Putnam	50	47.25	84.11	0.78
Umatilla	Lake	50	49.21	86.05	0.57
Arcadia	De Soto	80	57.61	87.31	0.83
Belle Glade	Palm Beach	80	60.53	85.91	0.52
Clewiston	Hendry	80	59.76	86.47	0.88
Fort Lauderdale	Broward	80	64.09	84.97	0.69
Homestead	Miami-Dade	80	65.71	84.24	0.44
Immokalee	Collier	80	59.86	87.89	0.78
Indian River	Indian River	80	57.61	87.39	1.08
Joshua	De Soto	80	56.19	85.91	1.06
North Port	Sarasota	80	57.13	85.96	0.72
Okeechobee	Okeechobee	80	57.83	85.53	0.93
Ona	Hardee	80	55.08	86.05	0.71
Palmdale	Glades	80	59.36	88.11	0.52
Sebring	Highlands	80	57.20	88.81	1.07
St. Lucie West	St Lucie	80	57.72	86.40	0.83
Wellington	W.Palm Beach	80	60.33	84.74	0.36

This report is available, at no cost, on the NASS web site: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Florida/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/. To set-up this free subscription, send e-mail message to 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.