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Crops Stressed by High Winds, Cold Conditions

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.02 inch in Ona (Hardee County), to 2.73 inches in De Funiak (Walton County). Average rainfall for all reporting stations was 0.78 inch of rain. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 19, 2016, Florida was 88 percent drought free, up five percentage points from the previous week.

Temperatures ranged from 24 degrees in Mayo (Lafayette County) for a State nighttime low, to 74 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) for a State daytime high. Frost and a few snow flurries fell in Jackson County. Ice and some snow flurries were reported in Dixie County. Two hard freezes were reported in Gilchrist County.

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current Week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	0
Short	5	6	17
Adequate.....	68	71	78
Surplus.....	27	23	5

Field Crops: There was an average of 5.4 days suitable for field work this past week, unchanged from the previous week. Heavy winds caused lodging in some sugarcane fields and disrupted harvest activities in some areas. Heavy rains caused flooding in low lying fields.

Fruit and Vegetables: Strawberries, greens, and broccoli were harvested in Bradford County. Flagler and Putnam county Irish potato fields were planted along with cabbage and leafy greens fields harvested. Heavy rains disrupted vegetable planting and harvesting activities. Light volumes of collards, cucumber, eggplant, herbs, kale, lettuce, peppers, squash, and tomatoes came to market. Low volumes led to higher prices for many vegetable crops. Rains in south Florida exacerbated disease problems in vegetables.

Citrus: This week, temperatures were the coldest of the citrus harvesting season. Minimums were in the mid to upper 30s in all areas. Cold pockets in Pasco and Lake counties had temperatures just under 30 degrees Fahrenheit. Rainfall amounts were variable, ranging from less than one-tenth of an inch in Ona (Hardee County) to just over one and one-half inches in Immokalee (Collier County). According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 19, 2016, rainfall drought conditions have subsided and abnormally dry conditions only cover Seminole and Volusia counties, and portions of Lake and Orange counties. The remainder of the citrus region is drought free.

All processing plants were open and running at full capacity. Packinghouses were accepting small quantities of early and midseason oranges. Grapefruit were harvested mostly for the fresh market, but pack-out rates have been low, causing a large percentage to go to the processing plants. Spotty bloom was reported in several citrus growing counties. Caretakers were hedging and topping trees after harvest. Some growers were fertilizing and spraying their groves. Limited mowing, mostly before harvest, was being done on an as needed basis.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Jan 10, 2016	Jan 18, 2016	Jan 24, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-Oranges	4,010	4,734	2,969
Navel Oranges	9	9	13
Valencia Oranges.....	0	2	13
Red Grapefruit.....	316	392	299
White Grapefruit.....	86	119	76
Honey Tangerines.....	4	30	34
Sunburst Tangerines	7	2	2
Ambersweet.....	1	0	0
Tangelos	22	41	24
Temples	1	3	6
Total	4,456	5,332	3,436

Livestock and Pastures: Gadsden and Holmes counties pastures grew quite slowly due to extremely wet conditions as pastures were water saturated. Cool season forages in Washington County showed stress and damage from persistently saturated soils. Prevailing warm conditions into winter has reduced the need for supplemental livestock feeding in Marion County. Disease in rye grass fields which was previously expected to be of high volume were reported in Orange and Seminole counties.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture/Range	
	Current week	Previous week	Current week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor	0	0	3	2
Poor	6	5	16	16
Fair.....	23	22	35	34
Good.....	64	65	42	43
Excellent	7	8	4	5

Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Rainfall by Station

Monday, January 18, 2016 to Sunday, January 24, 2016					
FAWN Station	County	District	Minimum Temp.	Maximum Temp.	Rainfall (inches)
Carrabelle	Franklin	10	28.03	64.92	1.22
De Funiak	Walton	10	25.94	64.24	2.73
Jay	Santa Rosa	10	25.20	67.24	2.67
Marianna	Jackson	10	27.15	62.92	0.66
Monticello	Jefferson	10	25.92	68.31	1.10
Quincy	Gadsden	10	26.91	63.00	1.01
Live Oak	Suwannee	30	26.69	68.49	0.41
MacClenny	Baker	30	25.07	70.32	0.13
Mayo	Lafayette	30	24.14	67.14	0.47
Alachua	Alachua	50	26.58	69.69	0.13
Apopka	Orange	50	32.83	70.21	0.48
Avalon	Orange	50	32.57	71.02	0.36
Balm	Hillsborough	50	35.01	70.59	0.45
Bronson	Levy	50	26.93	72.57	0.34
Citra	Marion	50	27.80	71.04	0.58
Dade City	Pasco	50	29.96	69.89	1.04
Dover	Hillsborough	50	32.73	72.64	0.38
Frostproof	Polk	50	34.43	69.93	0.19
Hastings	St. Johns	50	30.92	70.43	0.84
Kenansville	Osceola	50	31.09	70.23	0.17
Lake Alfred	Polk	50	37.88	71.42	0.23
Lecanto	Citrus	50	24.30	71.51	0.81
Ocklawaha	Marion	50	28.97	72.21	0.72
Okahumpka	Lake	50	29.85	70.05	1.33
Pierson	Volusia	50	31.22	70.66	0.89
Putnam Hall	Putnam	50	28.41	69.76	0.36
Umatilla	Lake	50	31.44	69.60	0.82
Arcadia	De Soto	80	36.94	71.74	0.31
Belle Glade	Palm Beach	80	38.99	71.53	1.60
Clewiston	Hendry	80	38.35	71.06	1.20
Fort Lauderdale	Broward	80	45.16	73.92	0.99
Homestead	Miami-Dade	80	41.70	73.67	1.29
Immokalee	Collier	80	37.47	71.78	1.51
Indian River	Indian River	80	35.53	70.88	0.70
Joshua	De Soto	80	32.34	70.39	0.56
North Port	Sarasota	80	39.12	72.54	0.12
Okeechobee	Okeechobee	80	35.14	73.27	0.75
Ona	Hardee	80	36.46	70.57	0.02
Palmdale	Glades	80	37.49	72.36	0.57
Sebring	Highlands	80	36.19	73.20	0.32
St. Lucie West	St Lucie	80	35.55	73.24	0.78
Wellington	W.Palm Beach	80	39.29	72.27	1.50

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