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**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 26, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations to 3.03 inches in Palmdale (Glades County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78.4°F in Putnam Hall (Putnam County) to 83.9°F in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). It was a dryer week with only some rainfall paired with warmer temperatures across most of the state. This put slight heat stress on some fields, and allowed others to dry out. Reporter comments indicated that the weather was ideal for growing and harvesting in many parts of the state.

Citrus

Rainfall was below average for this time of the year in most citrus producing counties. Only two stations, Immokalee (Collier County) and Palmdale (Glades County) had more than an inch of rainfall. Canals and ditches are still at acceptable levels due to the rainfall over the past several weeks. Temperatures were above average on several days, reaching the mid to high 90s in all areas. The highest temperature was in Lake Alfred (Polk County) at 97.97 degrees. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated June 21, 2016, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Cultural practices include fertilizing, applications of summer oils, copper spraying, and resetting of young trees. Some grower have observed postbloom fruit drop (PFD) in their groves. Regarding PFD, Florida Citrus Mutual COE Mike Sparks reported, "as we talk to growers and do more of a review around the state, we got hit, but maybe not as severely as we originally thought." Generally speaking, growers who are taking care of their groves are positive about the outlook of their trees and the crop for next season. Field workers have reported seeing several groves with resets, and blocks of newly planted citrus. Some growers are planting new varieties of tangerines in place of oranges. Irrigation is being run in most areas two to three times a week.

Fruits and Vegetables

Melons were harvested this week in Dixie and Jackson Counties. Squash and tomatoes were also harvested in Jackson County. The watermelon harvest has finished in Levy County. Crops coming to market this week included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, lychee, malanga, mango, okra, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

A much dryer week allowed many pastures to dry out. Pastures were generally reported to be in mostly good condition this week throughout the state. Warmer temperatures did not seem to have a negative impact on cattle. Reports from St. Lucie County were that all cattle seen were in the shade under trees, but continuing to look good.

Field Crops

Cotton and soybeans are reported to be in fair to good condition in Walton and Jackson Counties. Hay was cut this week throughout Columbia, Dixie, Flagler, Jackson, Pasco, Putnam, and Washington Counties. Corn silage harvest started this week in Columbia County, and corn seed and silage harvest started in Dixie County. Reporters noted silage cutting and Bahia seed gathering activities in Gilchrist County.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/26/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	3	5
Short	17	15	17
Adequate	61	66	70
Surplus.....	15	16	8

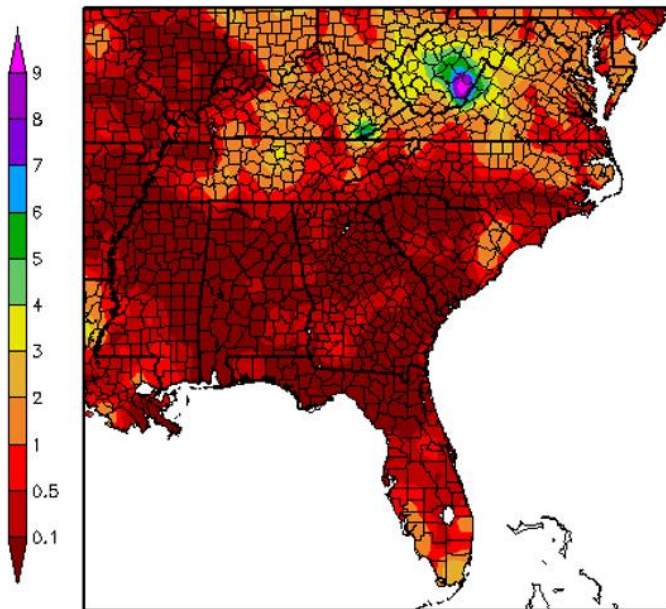
Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/26/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Pegging.....	44	22	31	28

Condition for week ending 06/26/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	29	61	7
Pasture & Range...	3	9	30	45	13
Peanuts.....	0	1	35	56	8

Precipitation (in)
6/20/2016 - 6/26/2016



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<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



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