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National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 3, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Lecanto (Citrus County) and Marianna (Jackson County) to 4.50 inches in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78.8°F in Quincy (Gadsden County) to 83.4°F in Ocklawaha (Marion County). Although there were some areas with no rainfall, most of the state received amounts typical for this time of year. Many reports spoke of daily afternoon showers providing adequate moisture for crops and pastures. The high temperatures, however, did cause some pasture deterioration and heat stress on some crops.

Citrus

All stations recorded rainfall, with only three of seventeen showing less than an inch. The most rainfall in the citrus region was in Sebring (Highlands County) at 3.31 inches. Canals and ditches are at acceptable levels due adequate rainfall over the past several weeks. Temperatures were above average on most days, reaching the mid to high 90s in all areas. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated June 28, 2016, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Cultural practices include fertilizing, applications of summer oils, nutritional sprays, and resetting of young trees. Some growers have observed postbloom fruit drop (PFD) in their groves. Fruit sizes vary due to multiple blooms during the bloom period. Field workers have reported seeing several groves with resets, and blocks of newly planted citrus. Irrigation is being run in some areas two to three times a week.

Fruits and Vegetables

Melon harvest was completed this week in Dixie County. In Okaloosa County, there was some hail damaged vegetable farms reported. The rainfall and high heat limited vegetable growing in Broward County, where insect pressures were also reported. Vegetable growers in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties reported pumping water off fallow fields in order to begin land preparation for fall crops. Lychee harvest has begun in Palm Beach County. Crops coming to market this week included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, lychee, malanga, mango, okra, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Many pastures throughout the state received some rainfall. There were some reports of flooding in low lying pastures in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties. In the panhandle region, some counties reported stress to the livestock due to the high temperatures. In general, the livestock and pastures were reported to be in fair to good condition.

Field Crops

Cotton is reported to be in mostly good condition in Walton County. Corn harvesting activities were reported in Dixie, Gilchrist, and Lafayette Counties. Dixie, Flagler, and Putnam Counties all reported continued hay cutting.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/03/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	7	3
Short	19	17	16
Adequate	60	61	72
Surplus	15	15	9

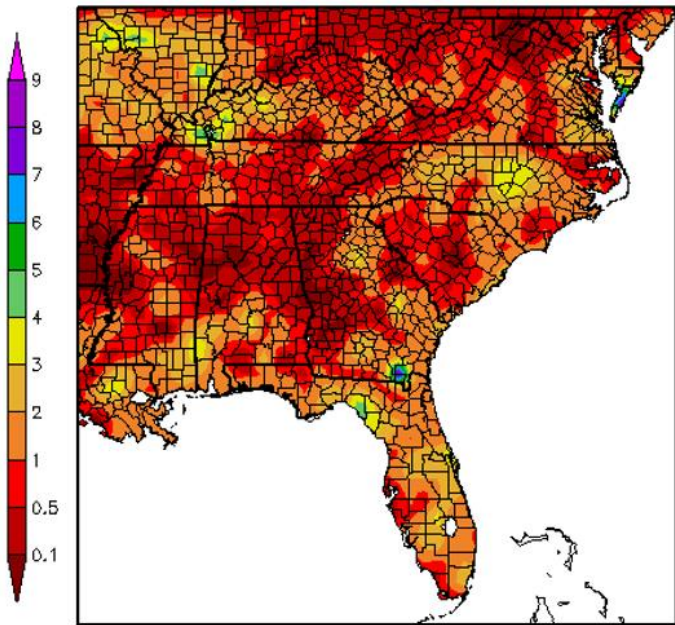
Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/03/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Pegging	61	44	50	43

Condition for week ending 07/03/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	4	24	63	9
Pasture & Range	3	7	29	45	16
Peanuts	0	1	28	63	8

Precipitation (in)
6/28/2016 - 7/4/2016



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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