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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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 14, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.1 inches in Clewiston (Hendry County) to 8.93 inches in Live Oak (Suwannee County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78.1°F in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 83.4°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Rain fell throughout most of the state this week, benefitting many areas that had previously been dealing with drought like conditions. Some farmers in the Panhandle, where the moisture levels had been adequate, are now dealing with fields that are too wet to work in.

Citrus

Temperatures remained warm in the citrus producing counties, reaching the low to mid 90s in all areas. The highest temperature was in Sebring (Highlands County) at 94.62 degrees. Various amounts of rainfall were reported in all eighteen monitored stations. Only two stations had less than an inch. The most was in Vero (Indian River County) at 5.44 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated August 9, 2016, the complete Indian River District and portions of Lake, Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties are abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus region is drought free.

Field work consisted mostly of spraying and treating greening infected trees. Field workers reported seeing a lot of groves with irrigation running. Growers also continue to push dead and dying trees and resetting new trees as they become available.

Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetable growers continue to prepare the land for the upcoming season. Fall vegetable planting is ongoing in Collier County, and is expected to begin this week in Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties. Tomatoes are being planted in Manatee County. Crops coming to market include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, peas, sweet potatoes, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality remains in mostly good condition throughout the state. The rainfall this week has dry pastures turning green. There is standing water in low lying pastures in multiple counties. Reports of cattle standing in water were received from St. Lucie County. Cattle continue to look good.

Field Crops

Corn is being harvested in Dixie, Escambia, Hamilton, and Jackson Counties. Wet conditions prevented corn harvesting in Jackson and Okaloosa Counties, and hay cutting activities for part of the week in Jackson County. Hay was cut this week in Bradford and Dixie Counties. There are some hay fields in Washington County dealing with armyworm and bermudagrass stem maggot pressures. The cotton in Jackson County is mostly looking good, but there are some fields that were stunted due to the lack of rain during the early growing stages. Peanuts are nearly ready for harvesting in Gilchrist and Levy Counties. Sugarcane is looking good, aided by favorable weather and rains in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

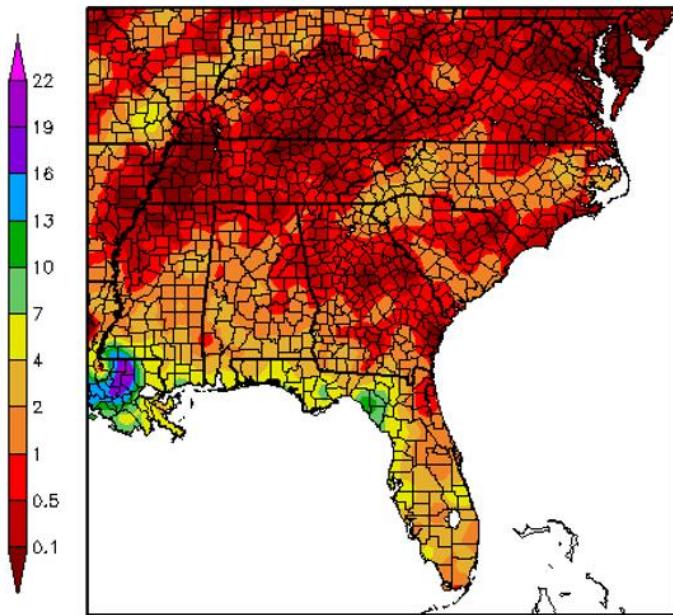
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/14/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	3	1
Short	11	20	11
Adequate	66	60	71
Surplus.....	21	17	17

Condition for week ending 08/14/16

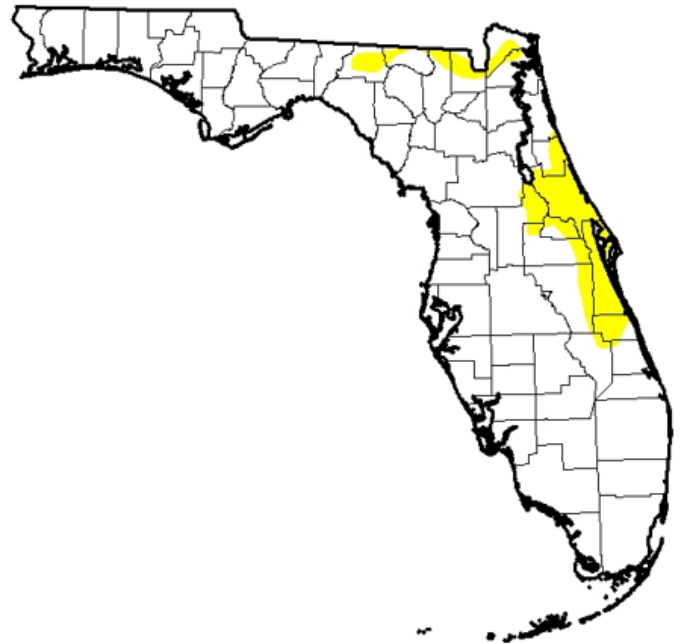
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	24	61	13
Pasture & Range...	2	3	25	56	14
Peanuts.....	0	3	19	69	9

Precipitation (in)
8/8/2016 – 8/14/2016



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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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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>