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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 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 9, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations, including Carrabelle (Franklin County), DeFuniak Springs (Walton County), and Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 9.46 inches in Hastings (St. Johns County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 73.7°F in Macclenny (Baker County) to 82.9°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Many counties experienced damages to crops and pastures due to Hurricane Matthew. In general, the western and Panhandle parts of the state fared better than did the counties along the Atlantic coast.

Citrus

Daily high temperatures were slightly above average for this time of year. Several areas across the citrus region had daily highs in the lower 90s. Early Friday morning, Hurricane Matthew skirted along the east coast of Florida bringing several inches of rainfall. The heaviest affected areas were the Indian River District and northern area. Apopka (Orange County) received 6.08 inches for the week; Vero Beach (Indian River County) recorded over 4.35 inches of rainfall. Of the eighteen stations monitored, nine had more than two inches of rainfall. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated October 4, 2016, only a portion of Orange, Seminole, Brevard, and Volusia Counties were showing abnormally dry conditions. The remainder of the citrus region was drought free.

Growers along the Atlantic Coast were assessing damage to groves and trees due to Hurricane Matthew. Harvesting has begun on Fallglo tangerines, Ambersweet and Navel oranges, and Red Grapefruit. Growers are mowing, spraying, and applying herbicides as part of normal routine grove care. Pushing of dead and dying trees continues, with some resetting of new trees reported.

Fruits and Vegetables

Several counties along the Atlantic Coast, as well as in the southern and central parts of the state reported flooding and damages to different fruit and vegetable crops. Reports over the next few weeks will more accurately reflect crop specific information. Strawberries were being planted in Citrus, Hernando, and Sumter Counties. Leafy greens and cabbage planting was delayed in Flagler and Putnam Counties, and some early planted crops were lost due to wind and rain. Crops coming to market include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, okra, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remain in mostly good condition this week, despite several pastures flooded by Hurricane Matthew. There were reports of cattle shading structures damaged or lost completely, and cattle pen damages in Volusia County. Pasture quality continues to decline seasonally across the state. Cattle were seen in standing water in St. Lucie County.

Field Crops

Conditions are very dry in Washington County, but still generally favorable for peanut harvest. In Jefferson and Walton Counties however, the dry soil is becoming a barrier to digging peanuts. Peanut harvesting activities in Lafayette County were delayed due to the hurricane. Hay cutting activities were reported in Dixie County. Hay harvesting in Pasco County was further delayed by the hurricane, and there are some reported hay loses from flooding in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Concerns about Hurricane Matthew halted sugarcane milling operations, but harvesting and milling are scheduled to resume this week.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/09/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	1	2
Short	10	13	15
Adequate	54	67	70
Surplus.....	34	19	13

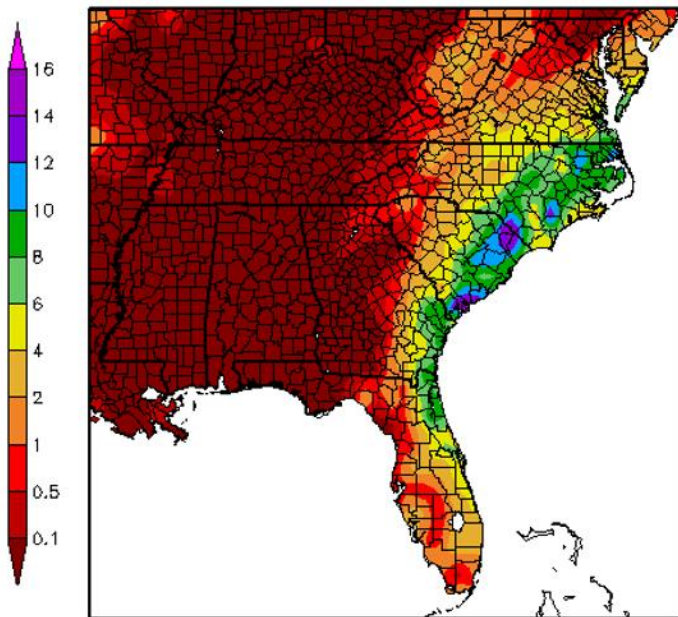
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/09/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	68	58	68	55

Condition for week ending 10/09/16

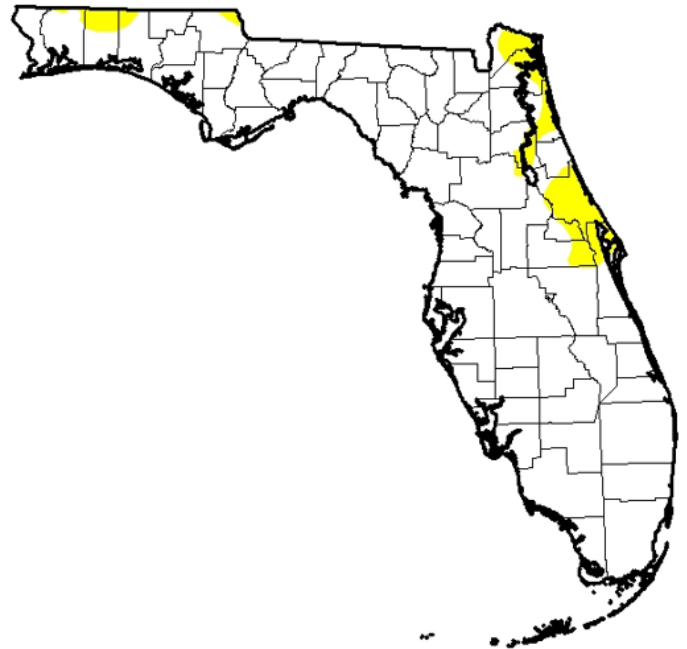
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	25	62	12
Pasture & Range...	3	7	30	50	10

Precipitation (in)
10/4/2016 - 10/10/2016



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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>