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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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 16, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations, including Balm (Hillsborough County), DeFuniak Springs (Walton County), and Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 0.71 inches in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 68.37°F in Monticello (Jefferson County) to 80.01°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Severe damage to ferns and other cultivated greens, saran, and natural hammock have been reported in Volusia and Putnam Counties and damages to nurseries in Martin County.

Citrus

Temperatures in the citrus growing region were slightly cooler this week, but still about average. Highs were in the upper 80s; early morning temperatures ranged from the mid-60s to upper 70s. Of the nineteen monitored rain stations, only one had more than a half of an inch of rainfall. Seven had less than a tenth of an inch. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated October 11, 2016, the complete citrus region was drought free.

Fruit harvested for the fresh market includes early oranges, Fallglo tangerines, Ambersweet and Navel oranges, and red grapefruit. Fruit is not yet being harvested for the processing plants. Growers are mowing in preparation for harvesting. Most caretakers are spraying and applying herbicide as part of normal routine grove care. Spraying for psyllids is becoming common in most areas. Re-entry times are as long as 10-20 days. Irrigation is being run in many groves due to the dry weather over the past week. Pushing of dead and dying trees continues, with resetting of new trees being reported.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending		
	Oct 2, 2016	Oct 9, 2016	Oct 16, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and mid-oranges ...	0	1	6
Ambersweet	3	0	1
Navel oranges	2	2	4
White grapefruit.....	0	0	0
Red grapefruit	14	25	34
Fallglo tangerines.....	15	13	27
Total	34	41	66

Fruits and Vegetables

Producers are planting leafy greens and fall vegetables in Flagler, Orange, and Putnam Counties. Putnam County reports losses of green beans, cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower due to Hurricane Matthew. Growers are continuing to prepare land and lay plastic in south Florida.

Livestock and Pastures

Dry conditions in Jefferson, Walton, and Escambia Counties have prevented winter grazing plantings. Pasture growth has slowed down in south Florida due to shorter days.

Field Crops

Conditions are very dry in Washington County, but good yields reported for cotton and peanuts. Issues with peanut yield and grade were reported in Walton and Gilchrist Counties. Jackson County reported dry conditions hampering peanut harvest. Sugarcane harvest has started in Glades, Henry, and Palm Beach Counties, with some of the crop reported to be knocked down in Palm Beach County.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/16/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	2	1
Short	16	10	14
Adequate	58	54	71
Surplus.....	23	34	14

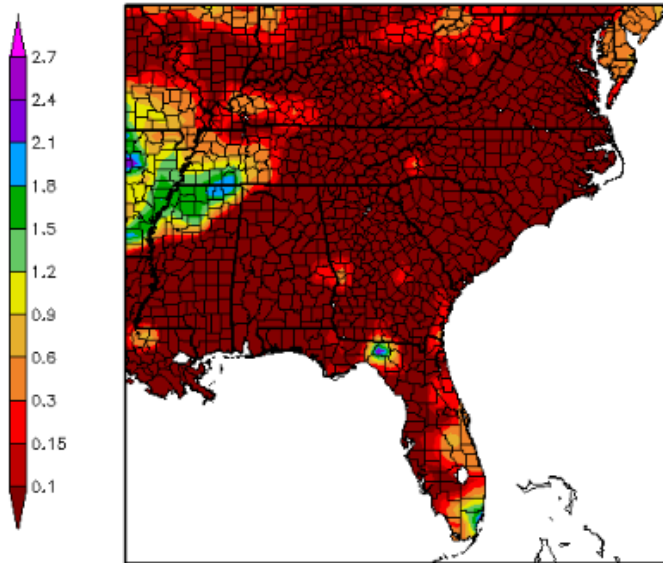
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/16/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	82	68	79	70

Condition for week ending 10/16/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	22	66	12
Pasture & Range...	2	6	31	52	9

Precipitation (in)
10/10/2016 - 10/16/2016



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:
■ D0 Abnormally Dry ■ D3 Extreme Drought
■ D1 Moderate Drought ■ D4 Exceptional Drought
■ D2 Severe Drought

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