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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, October 30, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations, including Alachua (Alachua County), Balm (Hillsborough County), and Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 2.02 inches in Homestead (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 66.3°F in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 77.7°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). The Panhandle remains in a moderate drought and in need of rain. Weather conditions in the central and southern areas of the state were favorable for vegetable planting and harvesting this week.

Citrus

Temperatures were about average this week in the citrus belt. Highs were in the low to mid 80s; temperatures at night were mostly in the 50s and 60s. Rainfall was relatively non-existent all week. Only three of eighteen stations recorded traces of rainfall for the week, all at .02 inches or less. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated October 25, 2016, the complete citrus region was drought free.

Harvesting is lagging well behind last season on all varieties. Some fruit is being harvested for the fresh market and includes early oranges, Fallglo tangerines, Ambersweet and Navel oranges, white and red grapefruit. Only one or two have processing plants have opened thus far to except packinghouse eliminations, with many more planning on opening in December. There have been several reports of spraying, both aerial and ground. Irrigation is being run in most well cared for groves due to the dry weather over the past few weeks. 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			Previous Year
	Oct 16, 2016	Oct 23, 2016	Oct 30, 2016	Nov 2, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	5	17	40	86
Amber sweet	1	3	1	7
Navel oranges.....	4	6	19	27
White grapefruit.....	0	0	24	34
Red grapefruit	31	66	115	191
Sunburst tangerines	0	0	0	21
Fallglo tangerines...	21	33	33	27
Total	62	125	232	393

Fruits and Vegetables

Cabbage and leafy greens were planted this week in Bradford, Flagler, and Putnam Counties. Sweet corn harvest activities were reported this week in Citrus, Hernando, and Orange Counties. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumber, eggplant, malanga, okra, pepper, star fruit, squash, tomato, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

The pasture quality continues to decline seasonally. Cattle remain in mostly good condition throughout the state. Comments from St. Lucie County indicate that the cattle continue to find adequate greens to eat and supplemental feeding has not yet been needed.

Field Crops

Dry conditions continue to impact many field crop farmers, most notably in the Panhandle. Cotton harvest continues in Lafayette, Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington Counties. Peanut harvesting activities were reported in Columbia, Lafayette, Walton, and Washington Counties. Hay cutting also continues in Columbia, Dixie, Flagler, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, and Orange Counties. Sugarcane harvest and planting continues, and mills are grinding in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/30/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	6	2
Short	20	18	29
Adequate	59	57	62
Surplus.....	8	19	7

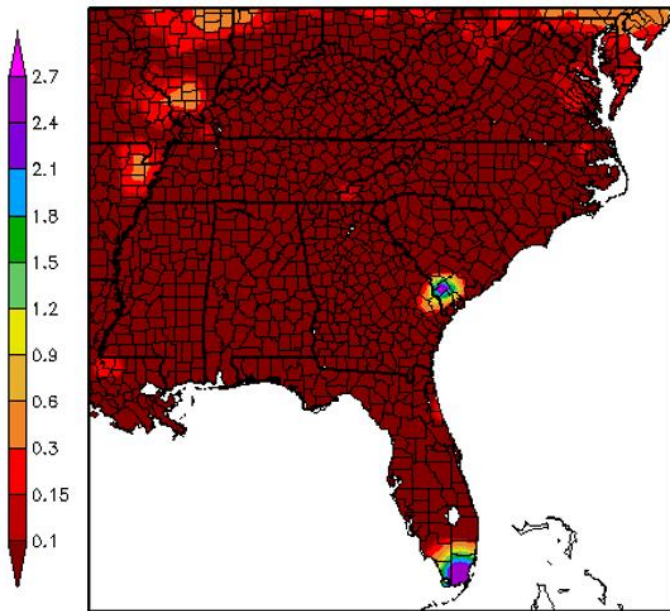
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/30/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	94	89	91	88

Condition for week ending 10/30/16

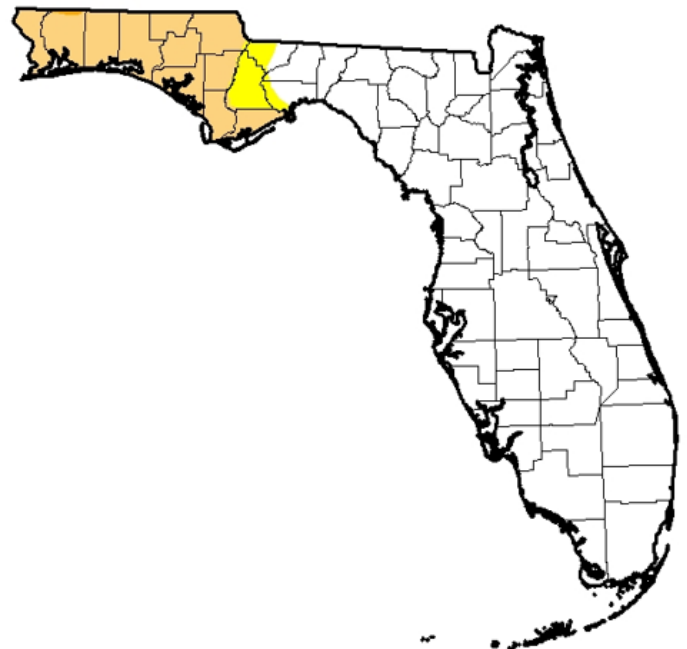
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	25	65	8
Pasture & Range...	3	9	31	52	5

Precipitation (in)
10/24/2016 - 10/30/2016



Generated 10/31/16 at HPRCC using provisional data. Regional Climate Centers.
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



October 25, 2016 (Released Thursday Oct. 27, 2016)
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>