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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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 1, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations including Apopka (Orange County), Dade City (Pasco County), and Sebring (Highlands County) to 7.74 inches in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 60.6°F in Macclenny (Baker County) to 73.2°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Although rain fell this week across many parts of the state, most farms remain in drought or abnormally dry conditions.

Citrus

Temperatures were warmer than average for the first part of the week. Daily highs were in the mid to upper 80s on most afternoons. A front passing through the center of the State late Thursday dropped temperature about 20 degrees, but did not bring much rainfall. The most rainfall for the week was in Umatilla (Lake County), recording only 0.14 inches. Canals and ditches remain at low levels due of the lack of widespread rainfall over the past couple of months. Growers are irrigating frequently to keep moisture in the ground and on the trees. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated December 27th, 2016, abnormally dry conditions are present in the complete citrus growing region.

Early tangerine harvest (Fallglo and Sunburst) is about over for the season. Early and mid-season oranges are still being harvested for the fresh market. Grapefruit harvest is in full swing, with internal quality holding well. All processing plants are now open and accepting field-run fruit.

Growers continue to spray in order to lower the psyllid population. Mowing is mostly before harvest. Primarily, growers are performing general grove maintenance in well-kept groves.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending		
	Dec 18, 2016	Dec 25, 2016	Jan 01, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	2,729	2,467	*
Ambersweet	1	0	*
Navel oranges.....	90	52	*
White grapefruit.....	38	43	*
Red grapefruit.....	218	217	*
Tangelos.....	31	16	*
Sunburst tangerines.....	75	37	*
Fallglo tangerines.....	0	0	*
Total	3,182	2,832	*

*Current numbers not available at time of publication. Check <http://www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org/bulletins/reports.html> for the most recent report.

Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry harvesting activities were reported this week in Hillsborough County. Greens, cabbage, and broccoli are being planted in Bradford County. Spring watermelons continue to be planted in several counties. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, beets, bitter melon, boniato, collards, eggplant, green beans, kale, malanga, pepper, squash, sweet corn, tomato, zucchini, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle condition remains mostly fair to good despite the persisting dry conditions and deteriorating pasture quality. Many cattle operators are using supplemental feeding. The moisture this week helped to boost winter grazing crops in Jefferson County. Although cool season forages were planted in Washington County, grazing is still a considerable time away.

Field Crops

The dry conditions persisted this week, despite more rainfall, which was immediately absorbed in multiple counties. Due to a large amount of rainfall over a short period of time, erosion issues were reported in Okaloosa County. Winter rye was reported to be doing well this week in Suwannee County. Sugarcane harvest is ongoing in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

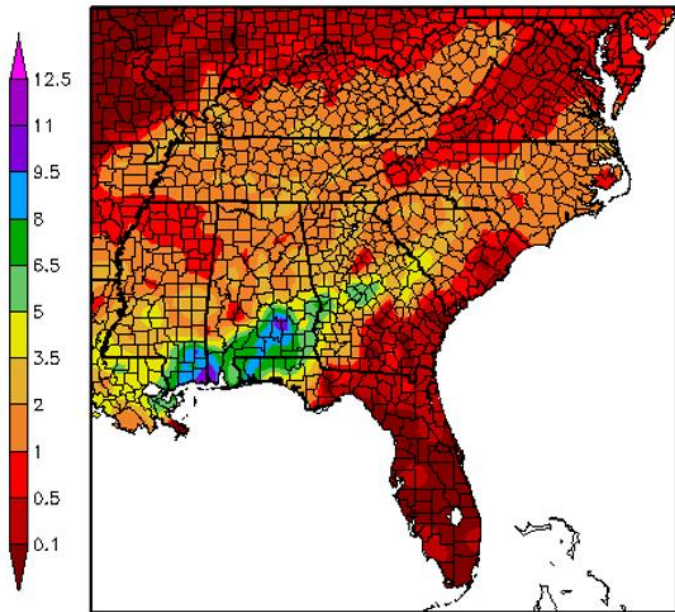
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/1/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	15	6
Short	34	33	21
Adequate.....	45	47	68
Surplus.....	7	5	5

Condition for week ending 1/1/17

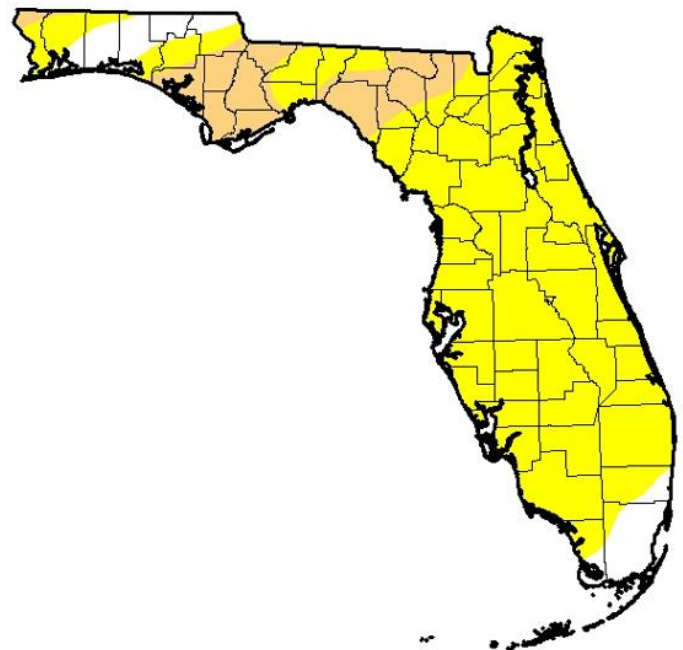
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	45	47	3
Pasture & Range...	7	25	41	24	3

Precipitation (in)
12/27/2016 - 1/2/2017



Generated 1/3/17 at HPRCC using provisional data. Regional Climate Centers.
<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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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>