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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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 5, 2017. Precipitation estimates showed no rain in most locations. Of the 41 monitored weather stations, only 6 reported any rainfall for the week, with the most received in Balm (Hillsborough County) at 0.02 inches. The average mean temperatures ranged from 54.1°F in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 67.8°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). A significant portion of the state remains in abnormally dry conditions. Temperatures in the central and southern parts of the state dipped at the beginning of the week, with a few areas experiencing frost. As the week progressed, however, it warmed up, with daytime highs in the 80s by the weekend.

Citrus

Daily high temperatures in the citrus region ranged from the high 70s to low 80s. Nighttime temperatures were mostly in the 40s and 50s; only one morning had temperatures in the upper 30s. No significant rainfall fell in any of the citrus producing counties during the week. The most rainfall was in Balm (Hillsborough County) at 0.02 inches of rainfall. Three stations recorded 0.01 inches of rainfall. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated January 31st, 2017, abnormally dry conditions continued throughout the citrus growing region.

Honey and Royal tangerines were harvested for the fresh market, but supplies are still on the low side. Valencia orange harvest for the fresh market is slowly increasing. Both white and red grapefruit harvest continued at a normal pace. Growers who had previously spot picked grapefruit are cleaning off the trees for a final harvest.

Bloom had begun across the citrus region and is full in some areas. Other areas are holding off and showing only a light and scattered bloom. Ditches and canals are getting low and in need of more rainfall. Growers continued to battle greening by replacing dead and dying trees. Spraying groves with newly approved antibiotics was also widespread. Other grove activity included hedging,

fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Frequent irrigation continued due to the prolonged dry conditions.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 22, 2017	Jan 29, 2017	Feb 5, 2017	Feb 7, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	2,906	2,891	3,004	2,979
Valencias	12	37	53	83
Navel oranges.....	9	5	5	1
White grapefruit.....	89	81	78	156
Red grapefruit	289	355	375	509
Temples.....	0	7	5	0
Tangelos.....	15	13	9	14
Sunburst tangerines	22	5	5	7
Honey tangerines.	22	23	26	43
Total	3,364	3,417	3,560	3,792

Fruits and Vegetables

Plastic is being laid in Jackson and Dixie Counties in preparation for melon plantings. Cabbage harvesting continues in Orange County. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, celery, collards, eggplant, green beans, kale, malanga, mustard, pepper, radishes, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, Swiss chard, tomato, zucchini, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality continues its seasonal decline. Dry conditions throughout much of the state are keeping pastures brown and causing producers to continue supplemental feeding. Cattle remain in mostly fair to good condition.

Field Crops

Farmers in Suwannee County reported getting fields ready for spring plantings. Potato planting activities were also reported in Suwannee County. Sugarcane fields continue to be harvested on schedule in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

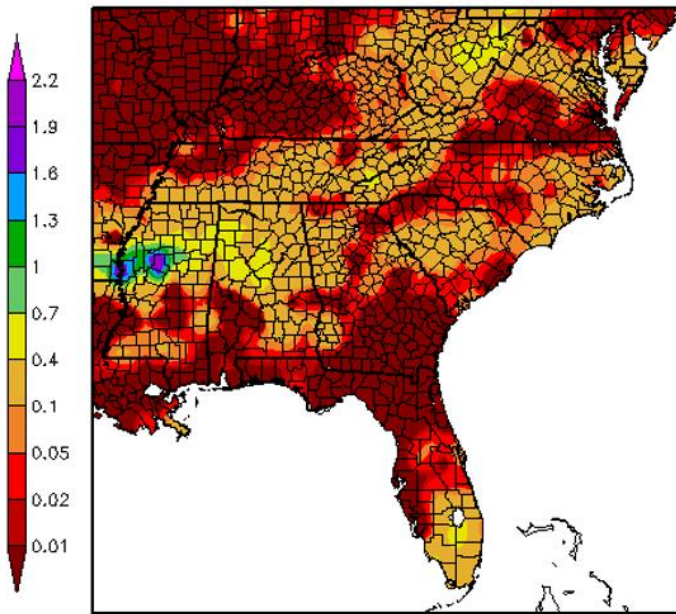
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/5/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	6	3
Short	39	35	29
Adequate.....	46	51	57
Surplus.....	5	8	11

Condition for week ending 2/5/17

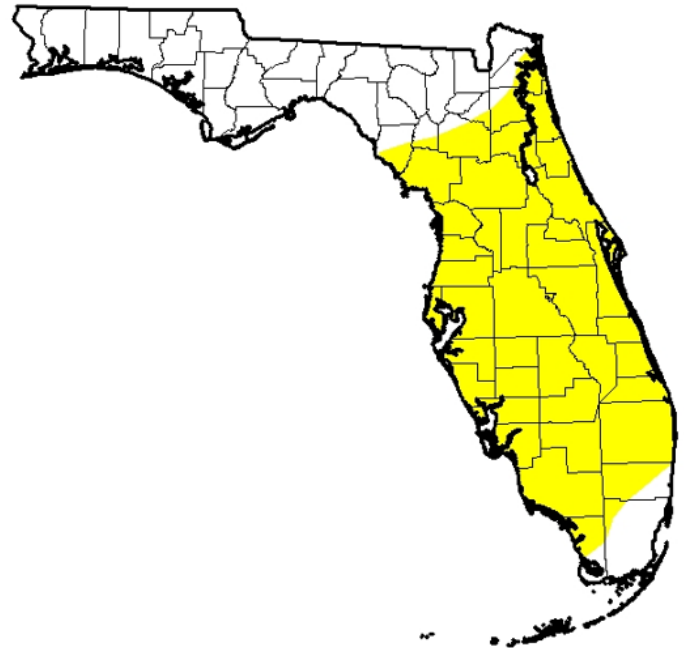
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	11	42	42	4
Pasture & Range...	9	28	37	23	3

Precipitation (in)
1/30/2017 - 2/5/2017



Generated 2/6/17 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
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>