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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 12, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in some locations including Belle Glade (Palm Beach County), Fort Lauderdale (Broward County), and Homestead (Miami-Dade County), to 2.07 inches in Carrabelle (Franklin County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 60.7°F in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 73.2°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Although there was some rainfall this week across much of the state, dry conditions and warm temperatures remain prevalent.

Citrus

Daily high temperatures in the citrus region were above average, reaching the low to mid 80s in all counties multiple days during the week. Nighttime temperatures were in the 40s and 50s. Rainfall fell primarily in the Northern and Western areas of the citrus region. The most rainfall was in Dover (Hillsborough County) at 0.93 inches, followed by Okahumpka (Lake County) at 0.77 inches of rainfall. In the Central, Southern and Indian River areas, only one of ten monitored station had more than a half of an inch of rainfall. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated February 7th, 2017, abnormally dry conditions continued throughout the citrus growing region.

Honey and Royal tangerines were picked for the fresh market, but are not up to maximum harvest levels yet. Valencia orange harvest for the fresh market is slowly increasing. Field run on Valencia oranges has not yet started in noticeable quantities. 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 is wide spread across the citrus region. Some areas are already in full bloom, other areas are showing a moderate and scattered bloom. Ditches and canals are low and in need of more rainfall. Growers continued to battle greening by replacing dead and dying trees. Other grove

activity included spraying, hedging, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation is becoming very frequent due to prolonged dry conditions.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 29, 2017	Feb 5, 2017	Feb 12, 2017	Feb 14, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	2,891	3,004	2,185	1,720
Valencias	37	53	74	474
Navel oranges	5	5	2	4
White grapefruit.....	81	78	72	267
Red grapefruit	355	375	414	559
Temples.....	7	5	10	8
Tangelos.....	13	9	7	10
Sunburst tangerines	5	5	6	19
Honey tangerines.	23	26	33	34
Total	3,417	3,560	2,803	3,095

Fruits and Vegetables

Plastic has been laid in Jackson and Dixie Counties in preparation for melon and tomato plantings. Broccoli and cabbage harvesting activities continue in Flagler, Putnam, and Orange Counties. Unseasonably high temperatures are causing cool weather crops like lettuce to bolt prematurely in Palm Beach County. Crops coming to market this week include bitter melon, boniato, celery, eggplant, green beans, malanga, pepper, radishes, squash, sweet corn, tomato, zucchini, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality continues its seasonal decline throughout much of the state. Persistent dry conditions are keeping pastures brown, and producers continue with supplemental feeding. The warm weather in Jefferson County helped winter grazing to catch up after a later start. Cattle remain in mostly fair to good condition.

Field Crops

Producers in Lafayette County reported harvesting haylage this week. Sugarcane fields continue to be harvested in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

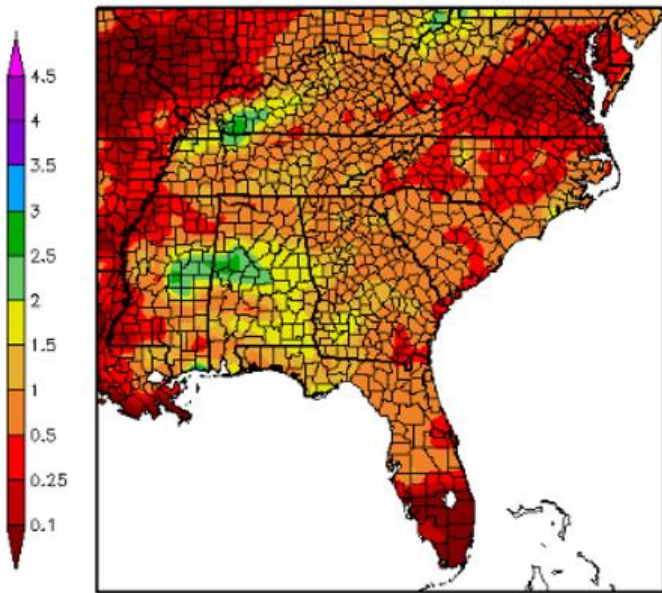
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/12/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	10	4
Short	39	39	25
Adequate.....	44	46	60
Surplus.....	6	5	11

Condition for week ending 2/12/17

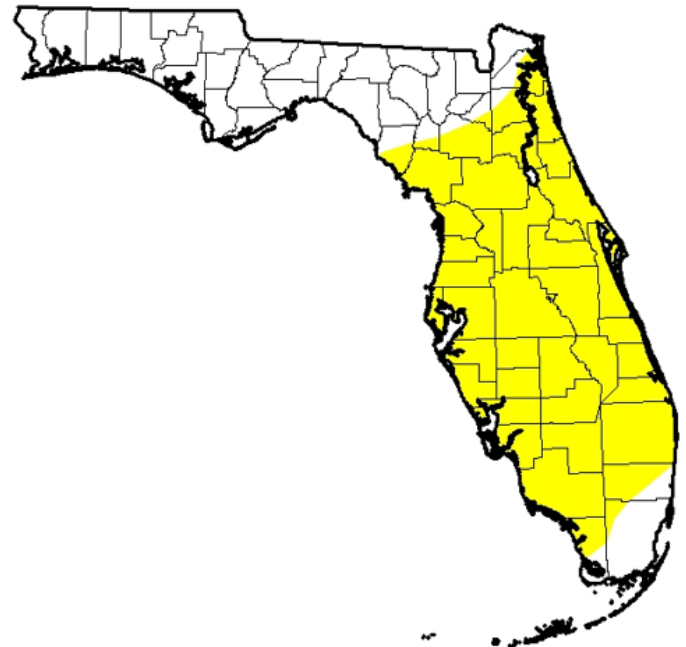
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	10	43	42	4
Pasture & Range...	8	27	39	22	4

Precipitation (in)
2/6/2017 - 2/12/2017



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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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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>