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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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 25, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 10.7 inches in Navarre (Santa Rosa County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78.6°F in Whiting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 86.3°F in Plant City (Hillsborough County). Tropical Storm Cindy brought significant rainfall to most of the Panhandle and northern counties. Central and southern counties received only slightly less rainfall in general, but still enough to continue the improved soil moisture conditions.

Citrus

Daily temperatures in the citrus region were mostly average or above for the week. All citrus growing counties had highs in the lower to mid-90s at least once during the last seven days, with several counties reaching the 90s consistently during the week. Rainfall was well received in the citrus growing region. Several counties had two to three inches; most counties had at least an inch of rainfall. According to the June 20, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the recent rainfall has been very beneficial to the citrus growing region. Only Osceola, Polk and portions of Manatee, Lake, Orange and Brevard counties are showing abnormally dry conditions. The remainder of the citrus growing region is drought free.

Harvest is over for the season. Packinghouses and processing plants are closed, with the exception of a couple fresh squeeze juice plants. Owners are now concentrating on next season's crop. Post bloom fruit drop has not been as much of a problem this season due to the dry weather earlier in the year. Overall, the rainfall has been beneficial to the citrus groves. The fruit and trees are responding well to the moisture, showing signs of growth and new leaves on the trees. Many ditches and canals have sufficient water for irrigation if needed.

Many caretakers are spraying as weather permits, fertilizing, applying summer oils, resetting young trees, and

performing general grove maintenance. Bactericides for many growers are still in the early stage. Some growers are claiming success in improving the health of HLB-infected trees.

Fruits and Vegetables

Melon harvesting has finished in Gilchrist and Levy Counties. Bradford County reported harvesting cucumbers, okra, squash, and sweet corn. A variety of crops continue coming to market.

Livestock and Pastures

Multiple counties in the southern part of the state noted a dryer week compared to the rest of the state, which allowed pastures that had previously been too wet to dry out. Pastures remain in mostly good condition throughout the state. The cattle are also in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

The wet weather has prevented hay cutting and crop spraying in multiple counties. Some baleage was harvested in Jackson County, and silage was harvested in Gilchrist County. There were reports of wheat damage in Jackson County due to the excessive rainfall. Sugarcane continues to grow nicely.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/25/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short Short Adequate Surplus	0 7 75 18	0 6 69 25	2 13 75 10	

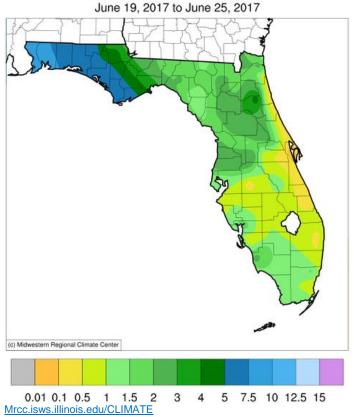
Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/25/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted Cotton - Squaring	92 26	91 17	NA NA	NA NA
Peanuts - Pegging	42	13	44	32

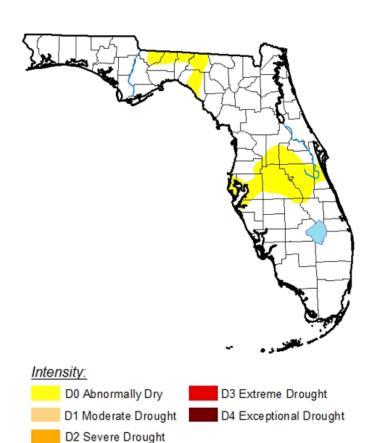
Condition for week ending 06/25/17

Crop	Very poor Poor		Fair	Good	Excellent			
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)			
Cattle Cotton Pasture & range Peanuts	1 0 2 0	5 5 7 3	27 18 23 14	61 61 61 71	6 16 7 12			

Accumulated Precipitation (in)



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