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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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 6, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged .63 inches in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) to 7.23 inches in Cross City (Dixie County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 75.2°F in Bell (Gilchrist County) to 86.4°F in Bahia Honda (Monroe County). Although the moisture this week prevented several hay producers in central Florida from cutting and baling, it proved beneficial to pastures and field crops.

Citrus

Daily temperatures across the citrus region were about average all week. Temperatures were mostly in the upper 80s to the lower 90s. Lake, Osceola, Polk and Hendry Counties all had at least one day where temperatures reached 96°F degrees. Abundant rainfall fell in the complete citrus region. Totals were between just under two inches to over seven inches for the week. The most rainfall was in Valrico (Hillsborough County) at 7.23 inches. According to the August 1, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

With the harvest season over, growers are busy with spray programs, replanting and fertilizing, herbiciding, tree removal and young tree care. Several groves have been recently reset, and owners are busy taking care of young trees. Mowing is being conducted in some areas heavier than others, especially with the excessive rain and growth over the past couple weeks. Next season crop looks good in well cared for groves.

Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetable growers in Southern Florida are beginning to prepare fields for fall plantings but were delayed by heavy rains. Crops being planted include okra, boniato, malanga, and bitter melon. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, and tropical fruit.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures in Brevard and Indian River Counties are green from daily rainfall and the cattle are seeking shade in the afternoons. Hernando County reported wet but not saturated pastures.

Field Crops

Hay cutting was delayed or made difficult due to wet weather again this week in Bradford, Dixie, Levy, and Taylor Counties. Hay fields were cut this week in Jackson Counties. Sweet potato harvest has begun in Madison County and field corn harvest in Jackson County. Sugarcane continues to progress and is described to be in good condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/06/17

| Topsoil | This week | Previous week | 5 year avg |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Short | 6 | 11 | 15 |
| Adequate | 73 | 71 | 69 |
| Surplus..... | 21 | 18 | 14 |

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/06/17

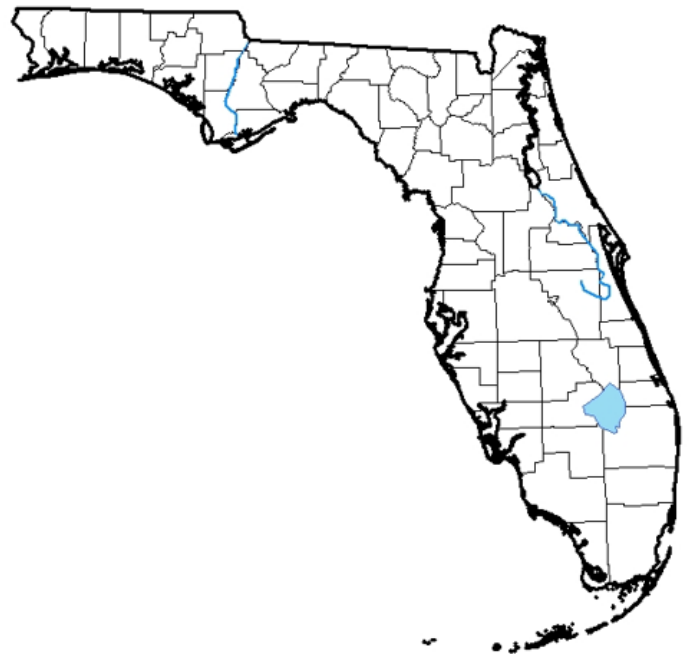
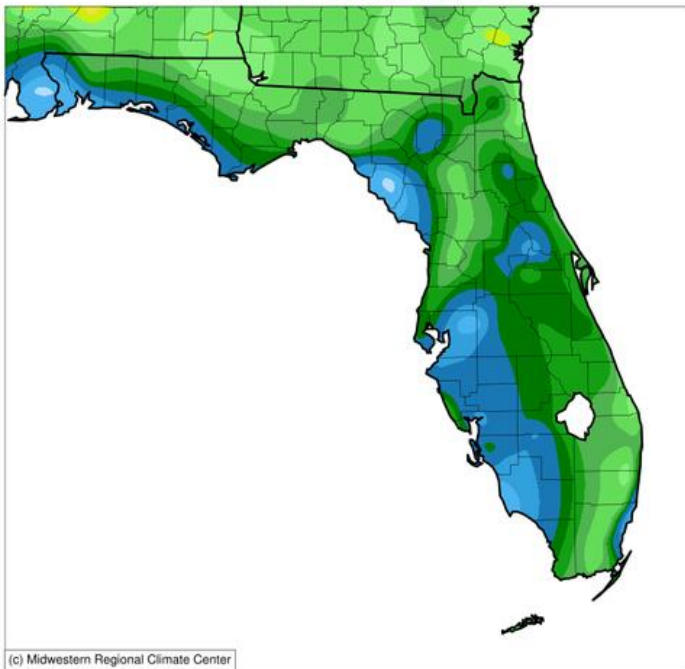
| Crop stage | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton - Squaring..... | 96 | 93 | NA | NA |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls..... | 85 | 84 | NA | NA |
| Peanuts - Pegging..... | 96 | 91 | 98 | 95 |

Condition for week ending 08/06/17

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle..... | 0 | 3 | 20 | 67 | 10 |
| Cotton..... | 1 | 9 | 21 | 39 | 30 |
| Pasture & range.... | 0 | 5 | 15 | 67 | 13 |
| Peanuts..... | 1 | 3 | 13 | 47 | 36 |

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 31, 2017 to August 06, 2017



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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