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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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 13, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Kenansville (Osceola County) to 4.19 inches in Vero Beach (Indian River County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 79.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 88°F in Bahia Honda (Monroe County). Rainfall this week presented difficulties for farmers needing to harvest corn and hay.

Citrus

Daily temperatures across the citrus region were seasonally warm all week. Most areas had highs in the lower to mid-90s on all days. Both Kenansville (Osceola County) and Lake Alfred (Polk County) reached 98°F on at least one day. Quick afternoon and evening showers brought small amounts of rainfall on multiple days to the citrus area. Most stations had less an inch of rainfall for the week. The heaviest rainfall was in the western and southern areas. Ruskin (Hillsborough County) had 2.42 inches of rainfall, and Palmdale (Glades County) had 2.40 inches of rainfall. According to the August 8, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Growers are continuing 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 in most areas. Regular mowing is being conducted in some groves, and not as often in others. Some growers are irrigating where rain has not been as heavy in the past couple of weeks. Next season's crop looks good in well cared for groves. Oranges are about golf ball size to baseball size. Grapefruits are baseball to softball size.

Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetable growers in southern Florida continue to prepare fields for fall plantings. A few early tomatoes were planted in Collier County. Crops planted include bitter melon, boniato, malanga, and okra. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, and tropical fruit.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality continues to be in mostly good condition throughout the state. The adequate moisture levels and warm temperatures are beneficial. Cattle have been seen grazing in the mornings and seeking shade in the afternoons. Cattle are also in mostly good to excellent condition.

Field Crops

Corn harvesting activities in Escambia and Jackson Counties were hampered or delayed due to wet weather. It has also been too wet for hay harvesting in Lafayette, Suwannee, Taylor, and Volusia Counties. Peanut harvesting is expected to begin soon in Gilchrist County. The tobacco quality has been poor at the market in Suwannee County. Some producers in Lafayette County have planted field peas behind the corn that has been harvested. Sugarcane continues to develop well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/13/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	1
Short	4	6	9
Adequate	78	73	70
Surplus.....	18	21	20

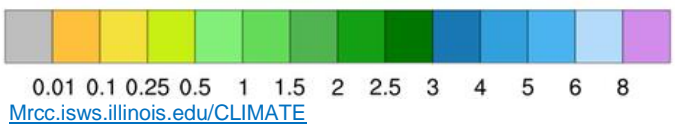
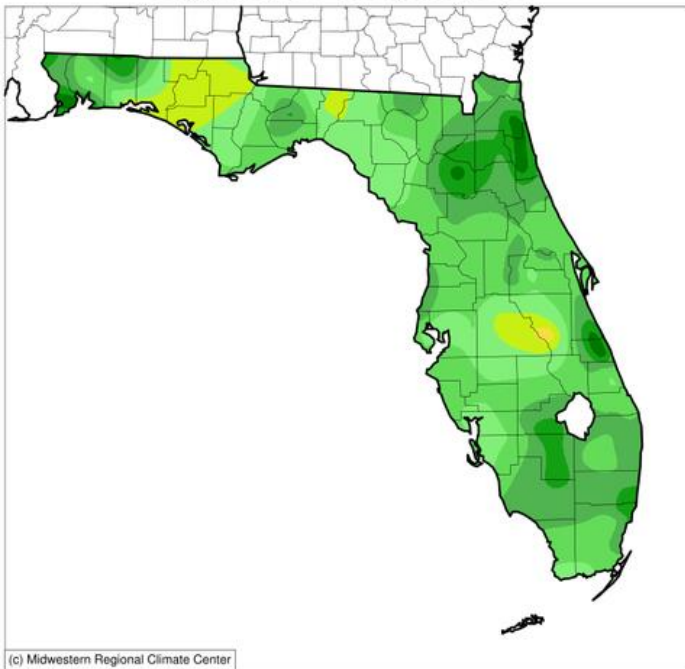
Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/13/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	97	96	NA	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	87	85	NA	NA
Cotton - Bolls Opening....	1	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	97	96	100	98

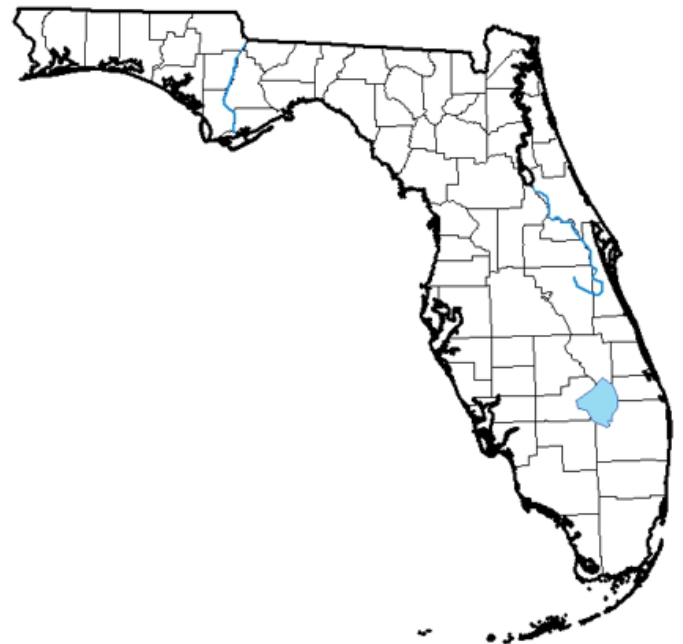
Condition for week ending 08/13/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	16	70	12
Cotton.....	1	8	18	36	37
Pasture & range....	0	5	16	52	27
Peanuts.....	1	4	12	48	35

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 07, 2017 to August 13, 2017



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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