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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 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 20, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.2 inches in Miramar Beach (Walton County) to 12.9 inches in Juno Beach (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 60.5 °F in Jacksonville (Duval County) to 84.5 °F in Marianna (Jackson County).

Citrus

Several consecutive days of rainfall were beneficial to citrus growing counties. Canals and ditches were being refilled, and soil moisture was being replenished. All citrus growing counties had stations recording two or more inches of rainfall. Counties in the central and western portions of the citrus region received the most rainfall. Lakeland (Polk County) had 8.31 inches, while Joshua and Arcadia (DeSoto County) had 8.22 and 8.13 inches of rainfall, respectively. Temperatures were about average in the citrus growing region, with highs in the 80's. According to the May 17, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, rainfall deficits moderated in several areas of the citrus growing region. Areas of moderate drought shrank in the northern citrus area and the Indian River district (portions of Brevard, Orange, and Osceola Counties), and also in the southwestern region (sections of Collier, Hendry, and Lee Counties). Abnormally dry conditions also receded across the entire citrus belt.

Valencia harvest was winding down. Only two processing plants remained open. The Valencia crop is expected to finish by the end of May.

Next season's fruit continued to size well. Trees held an abundance of fruit from a good bloom earlier this year. Oranges, on average, were as large as golf ball size, with grapefruit slightly larger. Grove owners halted most operations due to daily rainfall. Caretakers did accomplish some limited mowing, spraying, and resetting new trees.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	May 6, 2018	May 13, 2018	May 20, 2018	May 21, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	1,635	1,882	617	1,954
White Grapefruit	1	0	3	1
Tangerines and Tangelos……..….	0	1	1	10
Total	**1,636**	**1,883**	**621**	**1,965**

www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org

Fruits and Vegetables

Rainy conditions across most the state hurt the remaining vegetable crops and has made harvest difficult as the season closes down. Watermelon is nearing harvest in Levy County.

Livestock and Pastures

Most of the state reported pastures receiving some rain with the Panhandle the only area reporting spotty rainfall and hay still being fed to cattle.

Field Crops

Walton County reports some Peanuts will need to be replanted due to drought while in other areas of the Panhandle recent rains have allowed planting to continue. In Flagler and Putnam counties potato harvest is still in progress but difficult due to wet conditions. Sugarcane harvest is running late in Glades and Hendry Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 5/20/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	18	11
Short	14	28	40
Adequate	63	53	46
Surplus	21	1	3

Crop Progress for Week Ending 5/20/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	37	25	57	NA
Peanuts - Planted	68	51	64	61

Condition for Week Ending 5/20/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	30	60	6
Pasture & range	3	10	39	44	4
Peanuts	0	2	39	58	1