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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, June 16, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 10.3 inches in Lacoochee (Pasco County). The average mean temperature ranged from 75.1°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 85.1°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the mid 80s to low 90s. Seasonal rainfall patterns continued across the citrus region. La Belle (Hendry County) had the most rainfall with one station reporting 6.25 inches. According to the June 13, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remained drought free.

Weekly Valencia harvest is winding down and most processing plants have closed for the season. Primary utilization from this point forward will be fresh squeezed fruit.

Grove activities included spraying and young tree care. Caretakers also reported pushing old groves not viable for next season. Early oranges are approximately golf ball size, grapefruit are as large as baseballs, and Valencias are approximately ping pong ball size. Irrigation was scaled back in areas where there has been much rainfall. The east coast is still reporting regular irrigation.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	F	Previous Year		
	May 26, 2019 (Final)	June 2, 2019 (Preliminary)	June 9, 2019 (Preliminary)	June 10, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)		(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges Red grapefruit Total	2,535 1 2,536	1,940 0 1,940	1,320 0 1,320	58 0 58

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

Fruits and Vegetables

Melon harvesting continued in Lafayette and Levy counties. Growers in Levy County reported that the abundance of rainfall created some harvesting difficulties and concerns about fruit quality. Fungal and bacterial diseases were observed on bean plants in Bradford County. A variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted and brought to market this week.

Livestock and Pastures

Plentiful rainfall throughout much of the state improved pasture quality markedly. Standing water in DeSoto County had producers continuing to check for parasites in cattle. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Some growers in Santa Rosa County were replanting cotton and peanuts due to dry weather, as well as hog and deer damage. Soybean planting activities were reported in Walton County. Plentiful rainfall in the southern peninsula was beneficial to sugarcane and rice crops.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/16/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	
	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	18	7 27 59 7	

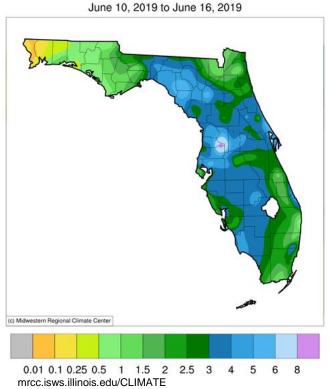
Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/16/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	94	89	97	95
Cotton - Squaring	17	10	12	11
Peanuts - Planted	99	95	96	97
Peanuts - Pegging	18	1	7	10

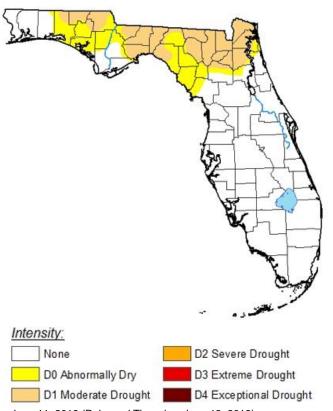
Condition for Week Ending 06/16/19

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Crop	Very poor Poor		Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Cattle Cotton Pasture & range Peanut	0 2 2 1	4 30 7 14	22 53 27 25	57 15 50 59	17 0 14 1	

Accumulated Precipitation (in)



U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



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