

February 22, 2022

FLORIDA: February temperatures were on average 5.5 degrees cooler to 4.0 degrees warmer than historical values depending on location. Total rainfall for the month ranged from little rain in multiple locations to 4.9 inches in Fort Lauderdale in Broward County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 53 percent of the state was experiencing moderately dry conditions near months end, compared to 17 percent at the beginning of the month. Early month frosts continued to show damage in crops and pasture. Pasture conditions degraded to mostly poor and fair condition. Cattle remained in mostly good condition because of supplemental feedings. The sugarcane crop exhibited signs of leaf burn. Field preparations continued for spring plantings. Strawberry harvest continued. Crops marketed included tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, sweet corn, green beans, yellow squash, zucchini, bitter melons, herbs, and avocados. Grove activities included mowing, fertilizing, maintenance hedging, spraying and general grove maintenance. Citrus fruit harvested included white and red grapefruit, early and midseason oranges, tangerines, and tangelos.