

January 25, 2022

FLORIDA: January temperatures were on average 3.4 degrees cooler to 6.5 degrees warmer than historical values depending on location. Total rainfall for the month ranged from little rain in multiple locations to 9.3 inches at the Lake Linder Regional Airport in Polk County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 15 percent of the state was moderately dry in January and no areas experienced drought conditions. Cattle and pasture conditions remained mostly fair to good. Substantial frost was reported in January which caused some damage to cover crops, fruits, and vegetables. Sugarcane planting and harvest progressed well with few complications. Some producers began field preparations for spring planting. 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.