

January 30, 2023

FLORIDA: January temperatures were on par with historical averages, although some parts of the state experienced significant daily fluctuations in temperature. Total rainfall for the month ranged from trace amounts in Miami-Dade County to over 7 inches in Leon County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 40 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 41 percent at the month's beginning. The southern half of the state received little to no rain throughout the month, while the northern half of the state received a significant amount of precipitation. Pasture conditions remained mostly fair to good, although the lack of rain and spells of cold weather hurt some pastures across the state. There were reports of bleaching and frost on some pastures. Livestock remained in mostly fair to good condition. Sugarcane planting and harvest progressed well throughout January. Citrus grove activities throughout the month included mowing, fertilizing, spraying pesticides, removal of dead trees, and general grove maintenance. Vegetables that were planted and harvested during January include green beans, yellow squash, potatoes, zucchini, sweet corn, pepper, and avocados. Preparation for rice planting began in the second half of the month.