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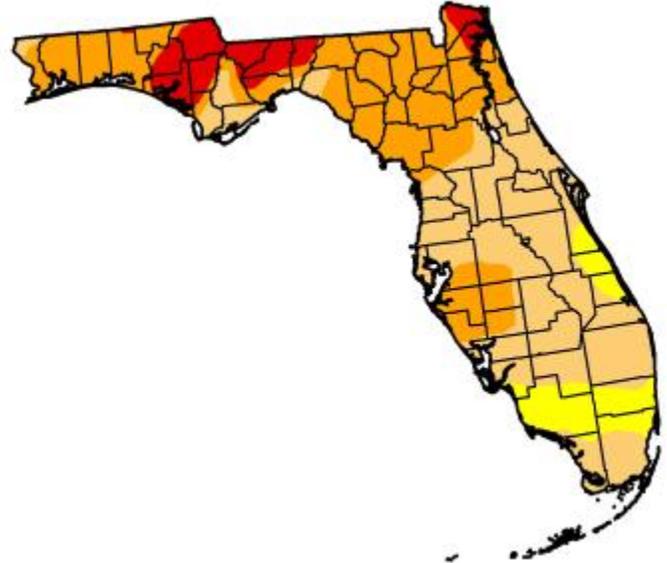
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Week Ending: February 5, 2012

**Warm with Occasional Freezing Temperatures**

**Weather Summary:** Overall, warm temperatures were present in Florida during the week with occasional nightly freezing temperatures in the northern region. Temperatures averaged four to eight degrees above normal. Lows ranged between the mid-20s to the 60s. Highs were in the 70s and 80s. Rainfall was minimal with half of the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) Stations reporting no rain. Of the remaining stations, only one station in Carrabelle reported over an inch of rain. Drought conditions did not change significantly from the previous week with all parts of the State showing some form of drought. Severe to extreme drought conditions were present in the north and around the Plant City area.

**U.S. Drought Monitor: January 31, 2012**



**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	2	9
Short.....	43	19	58
Adequate.....	53	74	32
Surplus.....	1	5	1

**Fruits & Vegetables:** Vegetable planting continued in St. Lucie County. Market movement included snap beans, cabbage, celery, sweet corn, eggplant, endive, escarole, bell peppers, radishes, squash, strawberries, and tomatoes.

**Field Crops:** Land preparation for field crops took place in Gadsden County. Harvesting of sugarcane continued for some growers.

**Livestock and Pastures: Statewide**, the pasture condition was mostly poor throughout the State and down slightly from the previous week. Drought was the first limiting factor to forage growth. The cattle condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most in fair condition. Hay and supplements were being fed but warmer weather reduced feeding requirements for some growers. In the **Panhandle** and **northern** areas, most pasture was in poor condition. In Jackson and Gulf counties, winter pasture grew well because of mild temperatures and scattered rainfall. Small grain winter forage was almost at grazing height. Most cattle were in fair to good condition. In the **central** areas, the pasture condition was very poor to good. Forage grass came back from earlier frosts and freezes. Drought limited forage growth. Grass greened up slightly with the warmer than normal temperatures. In the **southwestern** areas, most pasture was in poor to good condition with drought limiting growth. The condition of the cattle ranged from poor to excellent with most in fair condition.

**Cattle and Pasture Condition**

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week (percent)	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Current week (percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	5	4
Poor.....	5	12	50	60
Fair.....	40	55	37	30
Good.....	53	30	7	5
Excellent.....	1	2	1	1

**Citrus:** Temperatures remained above seasonal norms, reaching over 80 degrees in most citrus growing localities. Rainfall was slight across the region. Umatilla received the most, with 0.88 inch and sixteen stations received none at all. Drought conditions existed across the entire citrus region, ranging from abnormally dry on the eastern coast to severe on the west coast. Drought conditions were per the U.S. Drought Monitor; last updated January 31, 2012. Seventeen processors and 45 (out of 47 expected) packinghouses have opened this season. Cultural practices included irrigation, young tree care, and limited hedging and topping.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	Jan 16-22, 2012 (boxes)	Jan 23-29, 2012 (boxes)	Jan 30-Feb 5, 2012 (boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	4,556	5,192	5,184
Valencia.....	148	357	346
Navel oranges.....	43	17	8
Temples.....	79	14	35
Grapefruit.....	692	822	842
Tangelos.....	66	41	27
Tangerines.....	141	146	152
Total.....	5,725	6,589	6,594

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