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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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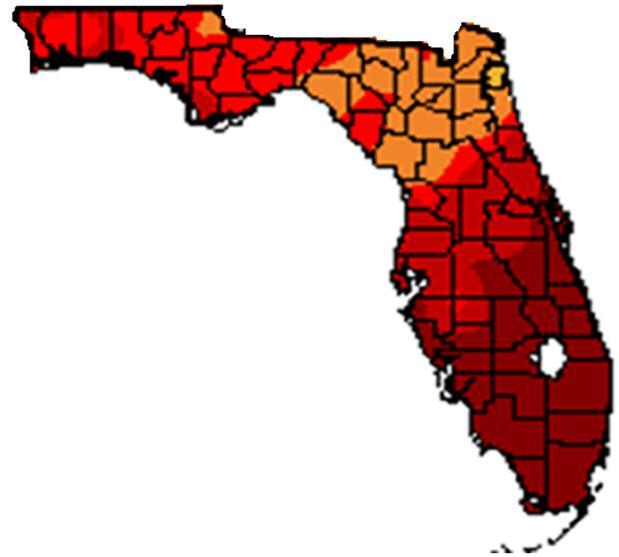
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More Dry Weather

Weather Summary: Small amounts of rain were received in various locations of the State this past week. Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN) showed Citra in Marion County received the most rain with 2.70 inches, Bronson (Levy County) received 2.62 inches, and Live Oak (Suwannee County) received 1.59 inches. Most other locations received a trace of rain or no rain at all. The highest temperature was reported in Sebring (Highlands County) at 90.59 degrees and the next highest reading was in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) at 89.58 degrees. The lowest temperature was 43.87 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County).

Precipitation (in)—Florida: Oct. 28-Nov. 3, 2013



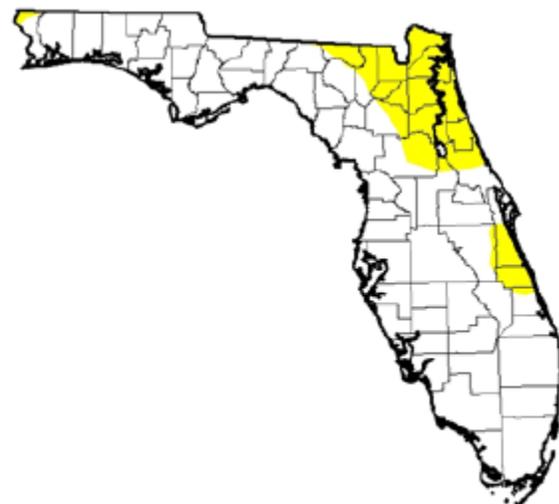
Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	3	1
Short	24	29	43
Adequate	74	58	55
Surplus	1	10	1

Field Crops: Peanut harvest was 91 percent complete, ahead of the 5-year average of 90 percent but behind last year's progress of 93 percent. Rain on Friday slowed the peanut and cotton harvest in Escambia County but peanut harvest was almost complete in Washington County. Winter grazing continued to be planted in Gulf and Jackson counties. Hay was being cut in Orange, Seminole, Pasco, and Manatee counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor—Florida: Oct 29, 2013



Intensity:



Peanut Crop Harvest Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested	90	93	91

Fruits & Vegetables: Vegetable farmers in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties were harvesting cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, herbs, and fall watermelons while also preparing land and planting. In Miami-Dade County harvesting and replanting of winter vegetables continued. Cabbage and leafy greens were being planted in Flagler and Putnam counties. Vegetables and fruits being marketed included eggplant, cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, fall watermelons and some specialty items.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the cattle condition was mostly good. Pasture condition across the State ranged from fair to good condition. Disease/pests was the first limiting factor for the decline of pasture condition in the State. Pasture condition also declined seasonally due to cooler temperatures and dryer weather.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	0	0
Poor.....	2	1	5	1
Fair.....	23	19	30	30
Good.....	65	70	60	65
Excellent.....	10	10	5	4

Citrus: Rain, light and scattered, this week in the citrus growing region. Only Citra (Marion County) and Dover (Hillsborough County) recorded more than an inch of rain. Nineteen stations reported less than a half inch of rainfall for the week, seven of those stations received no precipitation at all. Temperatures were cooler this week, mid to upper 80's through most of the citrus growing area. Trees still look good due to rainfall early in the season and irrigation being run by growers and caretakers. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 29, 2013, abnormally dry conditions had returned to portions of all citrus growing areas, except for the western area, which was still drought free.

Fruit size appears to be inconsistent, some areas reporting oranges slightly larger than golf balls and other areas closer to baseball size. Grapefruit was typically running larger than oranges. Grove activity included resetting of new trees in active groves, pushing of dead groves and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing and psyllid control. Thirty-one of 44 packinghouses were open and began shipping small quantities of fruit. Only seven of nineteen processing plants were open so far this season.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	Oct 20, 2013	Oct 27, 2013	Nov 3, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	41	39	71
Ambersweet.....	29	28	21
Navel oranges.....	37	51	71
White Grapefruit.....	8	26	30
Colored Grapefruit	188	237	266
Sunburst Tangerines	0	0	38
Fallglo tangerines.....	88	95	72
Total.....	391	476	569

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