FIELD CROPS: Topsoil moisture throughout the State is very short to short with scattered areas of adequate moisture. Cold temperatures and drought continue to limit growth of small grains and all cool season forages. The Peninsula winter pastures are under drought stress. The freezing temperatures and the drought are increasing the wild fire hazard throughout the State. Sugarcane is harvest in need and good progress. East Coast—Crop condition is fair. Plant growth and development are normal. Growers are actively harvesting and processing as needed. East Coast—Crop condition is good. Plant growth and bean development are slow. Picking of a small acreage is active. Supply is very light. Southwest—Crop condition is fair. Plant growth is slow. Planting continues. Producers continue to make salvage picks from plants damaged by the recent freeze.

VEGETABLES: Warmer temperatures are helping crops to recover from the recent freeze. Vegetables available include snap beans, cabbage, tomatoes, squash, eggplant, sweet corn, peppers, endive, escarole, lettuce, and radishes.

SNAP BEANS: Dade—The crop is in mostly good condition. Plants singed by the recent freeze are recovering well. Planting is active. Picking continues with a good supply available. Workers are irrigating as needed. East Coast—Plant growth and bean development are slow. Picking of a small acreage is active. Supply is very light. Southwest—Crop condition is fair. Plant growth is slow. Planting continues. Producers continue to make salvage picks from plants damaged by the recent freeze.

CABBAGE: Dade—Cabbage harvest is underway with average yield and good quality. Planting is complete. West Central—Crop condition is good. Planting is complete. Growth and development are normal. Harvest is starting. Hastings—The crop is in good condition. Growth and development are normal. Growers are actively harvesting cabbage. Zellwood—Harvest is active. The crop is in good condition.

SWEET CORN: Everglades—The recent freeze killed most of the older crop. Some younger fields are recovering from the cold damage. Producers continue to replant spring crop acreage lost to the freeze. Dade—Young plants are in good condition. Picking is active. Quality is good. East Coast—Crop condition is improving. Some older plants are rapidly moving any damaged fruit to the processors. Most processors are running around the clock and some are limiting the loads from the field so that the fruit will not be left on their yards over night. Most fresh fruit packing houses are not having any problems finding fruit suitable for shipments.

Presented below are the results of a fruit cutting survey conducted January 18, 2001 with comparisons to the last major freeze in the 1989-90 season. Data users are cautioned that evidence of damage does not necessarily mean loss of fruit. Weather conditions over the next several weeks and harvesting and processing practices will affect any potential loss. Presented below are the results of a fruit cutting survey conducted January 18, 2001 with comparisons to the last major freeze in the 1989-90 season. Data users are cautioned that evidence of damage does not necessarily mean loss of fruit. Weather conditions over the next several weeks and harvesting and processing practices will affect any potential loss.
are slowly recovering from the recent freeze damage. Workers are cultivating and fertilizing younger fields.

**CUCUMBERS, Fresh Market:** West Central–Harvest is complete for the fall season. East Coast–Crop is in fair to good condition. Germination is fair to good. Growers are slowly planting the spring crop. Older acreage is being cleaned up. Moisture is needed. Southwest–Crop condition is fair. Covered acreage is all that survived the freeze. A small acreage of cukes are being planted. Growth and development are slow. Harvest is slow. Fruit quality is fair.

**PICKLES:** West Central–Harvest is complete. Zellwood–Harvest is complete. Dade–Pickles not recovering will be replanted in February.

**EGGPLANT:** Dade–The crop is in good condition. Harvesting continues with good quality available. Southwest–Condition remains poor to fair. Plants are starting to recover from the recent freeze damage. Salvage harvesting is nearing the end. Quality is fair. East Coast–Condition is rated fair to good. Warmer temperatures are aiding fruit sizing. Harvesting of very light supplies continues. Quality and color are mostly good. Some scarred fruit is not meeting grade standards. Palmetto–Ruskin–Planting of spring crop acreage is expected to begin in February.

**ENDIVE/ESCAROLE:** Everglades–Harvesting is slowly increasing with growers allowing plants to recover from the recent freeze damage. Outer leaves received heavy freeze damage with growers pulling damaged leaves prior to marketing. Yield prospects are below normal.

**LETTUCE:** Everglades–Outer leaves sustained heavy damage from the recent freeze. Growers are pulling outer leaves prior to marketing. Yield prospects are below normal.

**OKRA:** Dade–Harvesting ended. Planting is expected to begin in late February.

**BELL PEPPERS:** Southwest–Young plants and acreage protected from the recent freeze are in good condition. Plants with freeze damage are in fair condition. Planting is slowing. Picking is steady. Supply is light. Quality is fair to good. East Coast–The crop is in mostly good condition. Young plant growth is slow. Older plants show some bloom and small fruit drop. Harvesting is active. First picks are yielding good quality and sizes. Supplies are light to moderate. Transplanting of spring crop acreage continues. Other field work includes laying of plastic and mowing of acreage completely harvested. West Central–Planting is expected to start in February.

**HOT PEPPERS:** Southwest–Crop condition is fair. Planting is steady. Picking continues with a light supply available. Quality is fair to good.

**POTATOES:** Southwest–Plants are recovering well from the recent freeze damage. Planting is finished. West Central–The crop is in fair to good condition. Harvesting is expected to start in February. Dade–Growers are killing vines but will not dig due to the early December rain damage.

**RADISHES:** Everglades, Lake Placid–Digging is active with increasing supplies available. Quality is good. Planting continues. Some acreage was not dug because machines could not harvest the plants that lost leaves in the recent freeze.

**SQUASH:** Dade–Most acreage is in good condition. Plants hurt by the recent freeze are recovering well. Planting continues. Harvesting is active. Fuggy mornings are causing some stem rot but yield is still fair. Quality is good. Southwest–The crop is in fair condition. Planting of a limited acreage is steady. Picking is steady but slow. Quality is fair to good. East Coast–Warmer temperatures are helping to improve plant growth and development. Fruit setting and sizing are slow. Harvesting is active with fancy and medium grades of good quality and color available. Supply is light.

**STRAWBERRIES:** Plant City, Floral City–A few fields in colder localities were irrigated to avoid freeze damage on Sunday, January 21. However, temperatures for most of the acreage did not get cold enough to run the sprinklers. Harvesting continues. Quality is fair to mostly good. Supplies are increasing. Palmetto–Ruskin–The crop is in good condition. Picking is mostly steady. Quality is good. Sizes and color are improving. Supplies are increasing slowly. Dade–U-Pick acreage is in good condition. Picking is active with good quality available.

**TOMATOES:** Dade–The crop is in good condition. Fruit sizing is good. Plants hurt by the recent freeze are recovering well. Planting is increasing slowly. Quality is fair to mostly good. Supplies are increasing. Germination is fair to good.质量 is good. Sizes are running 6x6 and larger with growers getting a good packout. Supplies are increasing slowly with good volume expected throughout February. Southwest–Most acreage is in fair to poor condition. A small acreage is in fair to good condition. Planting is slow. Spotty planting of freeze damaged plants is nearly complete. The sun is blistering some fruit on plants that lost foliage to the freeze. Picking is slow. Producers have salvaged most of the mature marketable fruit. East Coast–The crop is in fair to mostly good condition. Harvesting is active with good quality available. Quality is fair to mostly good. Recent cool temperatures slowed fruit maturation with some picking delayed. Palmetto–Ruskin–The crop is in fair to good condition. Planting is slow. Staking of the younger acreage started.

**CHERRY TOMATOES:** Southwest–The crop is in fair condition. Harvesting remains steady. Quality is good. Picking of fruit not damaged by the recent freeze is steady. Quality is fair to mostly good. Palmetto–Ruskin–The crop is in fair to good condition. Planting is gaining momentum.

**PLUM TOMATOES:** Southwest–Crop condition is fair. Planting is steady. Harvesting of fruit not damaged by the recent freeze is steady. Quality is fair to mostly good. Palmetto–Ruskin–The crop is in fair to good condition. Planting is increasing slowly.

**WATERMELONS:** Palmetto–Ruskin–Producers are getting land ready for spring crop planting.

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