WEATHER SUMMARY: Afternoon and evening thunderstorms brought heavy rains to many localities during the week of June 10 through 16. However, some spots remain dry, especially along the Gulf coast. Tallahassee received over ten inches of rain and Jacksonville reported almost two inches falling as the remains of Tropical Storm Allison passed over northern counties. The clash of the sea breezes produced daily storms which dropped from traces to almost four inches of rain over many Peninsula localities. Immokalee and Hastings reported almost two and a half inches falling while Alachua received over three inches. Ft. Pierce recorded almost an inch while Dover reported almost three fourths inch of rain for the week. Temperatures at the major stations averaged from normal to four degrees above. Daytime highs were in the 80s and 90s while nighttime lows were in the 60s and 70s.

FIELD CROPS: Topsoil moisture in the Panhandle and northern Peninsula is adequate to surplus. Topsoil moisture in the rest of the State is very short to short with scattered areas of adequate moisture. Remnants of Tropical Storm Allison brought rain to the Panhandle and northern Peninsula during the week. Some washing was reported in fields due to the heavy rains. Farmers are planting the last of the peanut crops in the Panhandle and northern Peninsula. The fields are responding with rapid growth following ample rains. In the central counties, the drought continues in some areas where cattlemen are focusing on enhancing grazing practices. In the southwest area, grass growth picked up but rains brought the pastures back somewhat but pastures and hayfields must continue to provide supplemental hay for the cattle. Localized pegging. Peanut condition was reported as 2% poor, 57% fair, and 41% good.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: In the Panhandle, pasture and hay fields are responding with rapid growth following ample rains. In the central counties, the drought continues in some areas where cattlemen must continue to provide supplemental hay for the cattle. Localized rains brought the pastures back somewhat but pastures and hayfields have not recovered. In the southwest area, grass growth picked up but more rain is needed to continue the growth. Water holes are still much below normal. Cattle are looking much better. Statewide, the condition of cattle continues mostly fair.

WEATHER CROP NEWS

Week ending June 17, 2001 Released 4:00 P.M. June 18, 2001

Estimated boxes harvested week ended

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VEGETABLES: Rains interrupted field activities in many areas. Growers are harvesting to meet the July 4th demand. Major vegetables available include potatoes, watermelons, tomatoes, cantaloupes, peppers, eggplant and okra.

CUCUMBERS, Fresh Market: West Central, East Coast, Southwest-Harvest is complete. North--Picking of a light volume is active but slowing seasonally. Quality is mostly good.

PICKLES: West Central, Dade, Southwest, Zellwood--Harvest is complete.

EGGPLANT: East Coast--Crop condition is rated good, Harvesting of fancy grades is active with good quality and color available. Cutting is expected to continue for about two more weeks. Southwest--Harvesting is nearly finished.

OKRA: Dade--Crop condition remains very good. Recent showers are aiding crop development. Harvesting remains active with good quality available. Volume is good with supplies available through mid-to-late July.

BELL PEPPERS: West Central--The crop is in fair condition. Harvesting is nearing the end with most activity to finish over the next five to seven days. Quality is fair to good. East Coast--Picking is complete. Growers continued to clean acreage entirely harvested, level land for fall crop planting and clean irrigation and drainage ditches. Fall crop planting is expected to begin about mid-July.

HOT PEPPERS: Southwest--Picking is virtually done.

POTATOES: Hastings--Digging remains active with recent rains delaying some activity. Quality is mostly good. Supplies are light.

TOMATOES: Quincy--Picking is increasing seasonally with recent showers delaying some field work. Quality is mostly good. Palmetto-Rusk--Crop condition is rated fair. Harvesting is nearly complete. Quality is fair to good. Sizes are variable. East Coast--Growers finished harvesting.

CHERRY TOMATOES: Palmetto-Ruskin--Producers completed harvesting for the season.

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PLUM TOMATOES: Quincy--Harvesting continues with volume increasing seasonally. Recent rains delayed some field work. Palmetto-Ruskin--Condition is fair to good. Harvesting is nearing the end. Quality is fair to good. Supplies are very light. Southwest--Harvesting is virtually finished.

WATERMELONS: North--Picking continues with showers curtailing some harvesting. Quality is mostly good. Palmetto-Ruskin--The crop is in fair to good condition. Picking is winding down with some acreage open to U-Pic harvesting. Quality is fair to good. Sizes are small to medium. Color is fair to good. Southwest--Picking is virtually finished.

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