In the southeast, some pastures have standing water from recent heavy rains. In the west, pasture is in poor to good condition as grass growth is slowing dramatically due to dry weather. In the central area, pasture condition is fair. Hay is being fed to supplement poor pasture condition and good cattle condition. Winter forage is being harvested.

FIELD CROPS: Topsoil moisture supplies are mostly short to adequate with mainly southern areas reporting surplus supplies and several northern Peninsula and Panhandle areas reporting very short supplies. Subsoil moisture is mostly short to adequate with some northern Peninsula and western Panhandle areas reporting short to very short supplies and a few southern Peninsula localities reporting surplus supplies. Planting of small grains remains active with many Panhandle and northern localities needing rain to boost germination and growth. Peanut digging is 98 percent finished. Last year growers dug 95 percent of peanuts by this date. The five-year progress for digging peanuts in Florida is 96 percent done by this date. Picking of cotton made rapid progress with some harvesting finished. Sugarcane condition remains good. Sugarcane harvesting started about mid-October with both planting and harvesting interrupted by rains from Hurricane Michelle. Haying is active in southern Peninsula areas.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: The Panhandle is dry, with fair pasture condition and good cattle condition. Winter forage is being planted. Pasture in some locations is in very poor condition and the condition of the cattle is fair. Hay is being fed to supplement poor pasture. In the north, permanent pasture grass stopped growing due to seasonal cool temperatures and cool season forage growth slowed dramatically due to dry weather. In the central area, pasture condition is poor to fair due to continued drought. The planting of small grains for winter forage is held up due to dry soil conditions. In the south-west, pasture is in poor to good condition as grass growth is slowing. In the southeast, some pastures have standing water from recent heavy rains.

CITRUS: Most areas of Florida’s citrus belt received light, scattered showers with a good amount of variable winds. There were a few isolated thunderstorms associated with Hurricane Michelle that deposited up to an inch of rain in a few of the southern-most citrus groves. Some caretakers are irrigating to maintain good tree condition, primarily in the high sand hill groves. Cool night time temperatures greatly slowed the new growth patterns. Most of the early fruit has good on-tree coloring, with Sunburst tangerines and young tree Navel oranges currently showing some of the best color. Fresh fruit packing houses are shipping Navel, Hamlin, and a few Ambersweet oranges along with white and colored grapefruit, tangerines and a few tangelos. Most processors are taking packing house eliminations and a few are now accepting field-run early oranges.

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VEGETABLES: Rain bands from Hurricane Michelle interrupted some planting and harvesting as it passed to the south at the end of the week. Crops available include tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, pickles, eggplant, squash, okra and watermelons.

SNAP BEANS: Dade—Young acreage is in good condition. Growers disced some of the oldest acreage due to mold. Planting remains active. Picking is getting underway with a fair volume available. Southwest—The crop is in fair to good condition. Planting is steady. East Coast—Plant growth and bean development are fair to mostly good. Strong winds caused some bloom losses. West Central—Crop condition is rated fair to good.

SWEET CORN: Zellwood—Picking is nearing the end. Everglades—Harvesting is expected to begin in late November. East Coast—Strong winds laid over some of the oldest plants with recovery expected. Producers are preparing ground for winter crop planting. Southwest—Condition is fair to good.

CABBAGE: Dade—The crop is in good condition. Older acreage is beginning to form heads. Planting is active.

CUCUMBERS, fresh market: Palmetto-Ruskin, Plant City—Crop condition is fair to good. Picking is steady. Quality is fair to good. Color is good. Sizes are variable. Southwest—The crop is in fair to good condition. Planting continues at a steady pace. Picking of a light volume is active with good quality available. East Coast—Crop condition is fair to mostly good. Planting is winding down. Picking began with good quality and color available. Strong winds damaged some foliage with recovery expected.
CUCUMBERS, pickles: West Central--Condition is rated fair to good. Harvesting is gaining momentum. Quality is fair to good. Zellwood--Harvesting is virtually done. Dade--Picking continues. Quality is good. Southwest--The crop is in fair to good condition. Planting of a small acreage continues. Harvesting started with good quality available.

Eggplant: East Coast--The crop is in mostly good condition. Young plant growth is good. Strong winds tossed plants and caused some bloom loss. Planting of a small acreage is active. Harvesting of Italian and regular types continues with good quality and color available. Southwest--The crop is in good condition. Planting of a small acreage is active. Harvesting started with fair to good quality available with some fruit showing sand scars. Dade--The crop is in very good condition. Planting is steady.

Endive/escarole: Everglades--Planting is active.

LETTUCE: Everglades--Planting remains active.

OKRA: Dade--Harvesting of a light volume is active. Quality is good.

Bell and other sweet peppers: Southwest--Condition is fair to good. Planting remains steady. Harvesting of Bell varieties is underway with fair quality available. Picking of other sweet varieties is steady with fair to good quality available. East Coast--Harvesting of green Bells and cubanelles continued with mostly good quality available. Growers increased picking near the end of the week to avoid possible losses due to Hurricane Michelle. Harvesting of Bell varieties is underway with fair quality available. Picking of other sweet varieties is steady with fair to good quality available. East Coast--Young plants are in good condition. Planting continues. Picking started to increase early in the week but slowed as Hurricane Michelle passed to the south at week’s end. Workers continue to make beds, lay plastic, spray and stake as needed.

Cherry tomatoes: West Central--The crop is in fair to good condition. Picking is steady. Color and quality are good. Sizes are normal. Volume is fair to good. Southwest--The crop is in fair to good condition. Planting continues.

Plum tomatoes: West Central--Condition is fair to good. Picking is gaining momentum. Quality is fair to good. Southwest--Crop condition is fair to good. Planting is steady.

Watermelons: West Central--The crop is in fair to good condition. Picking remains steady. Quality is fair to good. Color is good. Sizes are mostly medium with some large sizes available. Southwest--Harvesting is finished.