WEATHER SUMMARY: Cold fronts sweeping the State during the week of November 22 through 28 brought rainy weather to many localities, statewide, and caused temperatures to dip to near freezing in several northern Peninsula and Panhandle areas. Rainfall totaled from traces in several central Peninsula and a few southern Peninsula localities to three inches or more in Jay, Pensacola, Providence in Union County and some areas of Baker County. Elsewhere, precipitation totaled from one half inch to two and a half inches. Temperatures averaged one to five degrees above normal in the major cities. Most daytime highs were in the 70s and 80s while most nighttime lows were in the 50s, 60s and 70s. Several Panhandle and northern Peninsula locations recorded at least one low in the 30s.

FIELD CROPS: Cotton and soybean harvesting is nearing the end in Jackson County. Sugarcane harvesting is active in the Everglades region. Peanut digging is virtually done. Rains during the week replenished soil moisture supplies in many localities. However, short soil moisture supplies still remain in a few spots of Suwannee, Marion, Citrus, Hernando, Brevard, Okeechobee, Broward and Dade counties. Surplus moisture supplies also were reported for parts of Jackson, Baker, Union, Marion, Hernando, Brevard and Okeechobee counties.

VEGETABLES: Harvesting continued to increase although most growers paused for the Thanksgiving Day observance. Vegetables available include snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, radishes, squash and tomatoes. Strawberry supplies are very light with picking to gain momentum over the next two weeks. Celery, endive and escarole harvesting is expected to begin around early December.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: In the Panhandle and northern areas, most of the pasture is in good condition. Grass growth is slow due to low nighttime temperatures. In the central areas, the condition of cattle and range is fair to good. In the southwest, the condition of the range is mostly good. Statewide, the condition of cattle is fair to good.

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