WEATHER & CROP NEWS  
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WEATHER SUMMARY: Daily showers dropped from one to six inches of rain across the central inland Peninsula, northern Peninsula and southeastern coast during the week of June 13 through 19. The southwestern Peninsula remained mostly dry while spotty showers missed many areas of the Panhandle during the week. Rainfall totaled from traces in Balm to about six inches in Orlando. Most precipitation totaled one to three inches in the rainy areas while drier parts got from traces to about a half inch. Temperatures for the week averaged normal to three degrees above in the major cities. Daytime highs were in the 80s and 90s while nighttime lows were mostly in the 70s.

FIELD CROPS: Some hay growers are behind schedule due to frequent rains hampering hay cutting, curing and baling. Saturated fields in some Panhandle locations slowed the timely applications of pesticides to peanuts with drier weather in some localities this past week allowing treatments. Producers report that recent cool nights slowed the maturity and development of peanuts. Peanut condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 50 percent good and 23 percent excellent versus last week’s revised condition of 2 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 48 percent good and 20 percent excellent. Cotton and soybeans in Jackson County are in good condition. The scattered rains elevated soil moisture supplies in most areas while continued dry and soybeans in Jackson County are in good condition. The scattered rains elevated soil moisture supplies in most areas while continued dry.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: In the Panhandle, the pasture is in good shape and most cattle are in good to excellent condition. In the northern areas, cattle and pasture are mostly in good condition. However, excessive rain saturated the ground and flooded out low-lying pastures. In the southwest, most pasture is in good condition. However, some of the pasture is saturated from recent rains and Tropical Storm Arlene. Most cattle in the area are in poor to good condition. Statewide, cattle are in good condition.

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