



WEATHER CROP

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RAINS CONTINUE TO AID CROP GROWTH

WEATHER SUMMARY: Continuous scattered storms helped soil moisture supplies across the State during the week of July 16 through 22. Rainfall for the week ranged from less than an tenth of an inch at West Palm Beach to over four inches at Monticello. Dover and Okahumpka recorded over four inches of precipitation for the week. Over three inches of rain fell in Jacksonville, Frostproof, and Putnam Hall. Several areas across the State received over one to two inches of rainfall. Temperatures in the major cities averaged from one degree to three degrees above normal. Pensacola's temperature averaged one degree below normal. Daytime highs were in the 90s with the heat index increasing temperatures above 100 degrees in several areas at least one day. Pleasant evening lows were in the 60s and 70s.

FIELD CROPS: Recent rains helped peanuts fields in the Panhandle as well as northern Peninsula areas. Continuous rains are still needed to help aid the growth of cotton and peanuts across the State. Rains helped hay fields in the Panhandle. Peanut condition was rated one percent very poor, six percent poor, fifty-three percent fair, thirty-two percent good, and eight percent excellent. Rains helped elevate soil moisture supplies across the State but areas receiving no rain still remain dry. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated mostly short to adequate across the central and southern Peninsula. Soil moisture supplies were mostly very short to adequate in the Panhandle and northern Peninsula localities. Hendry County reported adequate to surplus soil moisture supplies.

Percentage of peanuts pegged to date:		
This year	Last year	5-year average.
75	86	87

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	7	7	21	13	16	25
Short	18	27	42	40	36	49
Adequate	72	65	35	47	47	24
Surplus	3	1	2	0	1	2

VEGETABLES: Dade County growers continue to cut okra.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: In the Panhandle, pasture condition was mostly fair. Fairly frequent afternoon rains have improved pastures and hay fields. Rainfall earlier in the month helped pastures and hay recover somewhat. In the northern areas, pasture condition was mostly fair with grass growth limited by drought. In the central and southwest areas, pasture condition were fair to good. Statewide, cattle condition was fair to good.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
	<i>Percent</i>			
Very poor	5	5	5	5
Poor	5	5	5	15
Fair	55	50	60	55
Good	30	35	25	20
Excellent	5	5	5	5

CITRUS: Early afternoon rainstorm patterns have set in, assisting growers in keeping soils moist and trees watered. All citrus producing areas received between one and two inches of rainfall for the week. High temperatures reached the mid to high 90s, with the highest recording in the center of the State at 98 degrees, followed by the west coast at 96 degrees. Growers are fertilizing, spraying, pulling out dead trees, and cleaning ditches. Crews are scouting for greening and canker on a continual basis. Observations of varying fruit sizes in some groves have been noted due to multiple blooms. Overall, trees continue to make good progress with some new growth due to the recent tropical weather. The new fruit is sizing well across the State and growers have a positive outlook for next year's crop.

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