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WEATHER CROP



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Week ending July 13, 2008

BENEFICIAL RAINS IN MOST AREAS

WEATHER SUMMARY: High temperatures for the week ending July 13 ranged from the upper 80s to mid-90s. Nighttime lows were in the upper 60s to low 70s. Most counties throughout the State reported at least one inch of rain. Alachua and Collier counties reported 5.12 and 4.66 inches respectively. Levy, Orange, and Highlands counties all reported about 3.50 inches of rain. Most locations reported that drought conditions were eliminated or almost quenched.

FIELD CROPS: Peanut pegging was 60 percent completed, compared to 51 percent last year. Peanut condition was rated 18% fair, 68% good, and 14% excellent. Pasco County reported relatively large amounts of hay being baled. Growers in the Panhandle applied fungicides and herbicides last week. Soil moisture levels in the Panhandle and central Peninsula were adequate. The Big Bend and southern Peninsula had short to adequate soil moisture.

Peanut Progress – Week Ending June 13, 2008			
Stage	2008	2007	5-yr Average
	<i>Percent</i>		
Pegged	60	51	68

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	2	1	8	9	7	19
Short	24	20	24	41	37	34
Adequate	69	69	67	44	55	46
Surplus	5	10	2	6	1	1

VEGETABLES: Vegetable harvesting was nearly finished for most crops. Producers marketed avocados, okra, watermelon, and tomatoes last week.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: Pasture condition was fair to good in the Panhandle and northern areas. Stockpond water levels are coming up following recent rains. Grass and cattle were doing better in Suwannee County. Most cattle were in fair to good condition. Pasture in the central area was poor to excellent. Rains have done wonders for pastures in Holmes County. The cattle condition improved with enhanced forage. Hay making was active. The condition of the cattle was poor to excellent. In the southwestern area, pasture and cattle condition was in fair to excellent condition, with most in good condition. Statewide, cattle condition was poor to excellent, with most in good condition.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
	<i>Percent</i>			
Very poor	0	0	0	0
Poor	5	20	15	5
Fair	40	45	20	40
Good	50	35	55	50
Excellent	5	0	10	5

CITRUS: Temperatures were normal for this time of year, reaching the mid 90s in all citrus producing areas at least one day of the week. Scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms brought various amounts of rainfall. Areas in the southern citrus growing region received the most rainfall at over four and one half inches followed by the central growing region at three and one half inches. The east coast received the least rainfall at about one half inch. The daily showers have been beneficial to the growth of both the foliage and the new fruit. Trees look good in all areas, due to the favorable weather over the past several weeks. Valencia harvest is relatively over for the season. Growers are now focusing on grove maintenance, scheduled management practices, canker and psyllid control. Next season's fruit is sizing well across the State and growers have a positive outlook for the crop.

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