



WEATHER CROP

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Week ending June 21, 2009

HOT, HUMID CONDITIONS

WEATHER SUMMARY: Daytime highs were in the 90s last week; a few locations reported a high temperature of 100 degrees. In major cities, high temperatures were two to seven degrees above normal. Lows at night ranged from the upper 60s to mid-70s. Rainfall came mostly to the central and southern Peninsulas, with most locations collecting between one and three inches. Rain was accompanied by strong winds. Lake, Orange, and Polk counties received the most precipitation; 3.5, 3.9, and 4.8 inches, respectively. Most northern areas reported less than an inch of rain.

FIELD CROPS: Peanut planting was 99 percent complete and 12 percent pegged. The condition of peanuts was rated 18% fair, 63% good, and 19% excellent. Growers applied herbicide and fungicide. Non-irrigated peanuts and corn suffered from hot, dry conditions. Growers in Santa Rosa County reported that early planted cotton had begun squaring. Hay baling took place in Pasco and Columbia counties. Hay growth in Holmes County slowed due to dry soil. Potatoes moved through the market last week, but harvests declined for the spring season. Soil moisture was adequate in the southern Peninsula and short to adequate in all other areas.

Peanut Progress – Week Ending June 21, 2009			
Stage	2009	2008	5-yr Average
	<i>Percent</i>		
Planted	99	100	99
Pegged	12	23	25

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	1	0	26	1	2	39
Short	23	16	29	21	19	17
Adequate	72	74	42	72	73	43
Surplus	4	10	4	6	6	1

VEGETABLES: Okra, cucumbers, lychees, and mangoes moved through the market. In the Suwannee Valley, producers harvested organic peppers and eggplants. Harvesting of tomatoes was mostly complete in central and southern Florida. In the Panhandle, tomatoes looked good and picking increased. Some blueberry rot was reported in Duval County. Light watermelon harvest took place as the crop seasonally decreased. Lake County watermelon growers reported some losses due to rain. Sweet corn was harvested in Columbia County. Avocado harvest began to pick up as the season got underway. Some growers in Lee County prepared land for late summer planting. Heavy rains in Miami-Dade County caused some crop damage and many fields remain saturated.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: The pasture condition improved slightly. In the Panhandle and northern areas, pasture condition was poor to excellent with most fair to good. Drought has slowed grass growth. Pasture condition was mostly good. Cattle condition was mostly good; however, temperatures in the upper 90s to 102 degrees stressed pastures and livestock. Pastures produced enough to keep up with the grazing pressure. In the central areas, pasture was poor to good with most fair to good. Pasture, where poor, was suffering from drought. Cattle condition was poor to excellent with most fair to good. Pasture condition in the southwest was poor to excellent with most in good condition; some locations were in poor condition due to drought. Stock pond water levels were low, with some being kept up by pumping from wells. 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	1	0	1
Poor	10	5	10	5
Fair	25	40	30	35
Good	55	49	55	50
Excellent	10	5	5	9

CITRUS: For most citrus producers across the State, it was an extremely hot and humid week. The heat coupled with the high humidity produced indexes in excess of 100 degrees. Temperatures ranged from the high 60s at night to the high 90s during the afternoon. During the middle of the week, violent afternoon thunder and lightening storms moved south through central and southeast Florida and dropped excessive amounts of rain that caused wind damage and fires. Frostproof received almost five inches of precipitation and Kenansville reported some minor flooding. The seasonal, tropical weather contributed to excellent fruit growth and tree foliage. In well-cared-for groves, the majority of next year's citrus crop was in excellent condition. Production practices continued in all areas with the primary focus on psyllid control through aerial spraying techniques in efforts to control the spread of greening. Valencia harvest dropped due to decreased availability of fruit. A few processing plants plan to run Valencia oranges into the early weeks of July. Grapefruit utilization was nearly over with just a few thousand boxes harvested.

Estimated Boxes Harvested - Week Ended			
Crop	Jun 07	Jun 14	Jun 21
	<i>In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes</i>		
Valencia oranges	5,672	3,157	2,365
Grapefruit	0	3	7

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