



# WEATHER CROP

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Week ending August 16, 2009

## RAINFALL WIDESPREAD ACROSS STATE

**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Last week's low temperatures ranged from the upper 60s in the Panhandle to the low 70s for the rest of the State. Daytime highs were mostly in the low to mid-90s. Temperatures were one to two degrees above normal. Rainfall was reported at all Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) locations throughout the State. Precipitation amounts ranged from 0.31 inches to over 3.00 inches. The highest rain totals were in Gadsden, Levy, Hillsborough, Franklin, and Volusia counties receiving 3.66, 3.58, 3.43, 3.38 and 3.35 inches, respectively.

**FIELD CROPS:** Peanut pegging continued with 96% complete compared with 99% last year, and a five year average of 98%. Peanut condition was rated 1% poor, 7% fair, 70% good, and 22% excellent. Some peanut fields were sprayed with fungicide. Row crops benefitted from scattered showers across most of the Panhandle. Corn harvest was near completion in Jackson County. Corn for silage was being harvested in Flagler and Washington counties. Hay was baled in fields when possible between rain showers. Armyworms continued to be a problem in many hay fields and pastures. Soil moisture was mostly adequate in all areas except for some areas of the Big Bend and extreme southern Peninsula.

Peanut Progress – Week Ending August 16, 2009			
Stage	2009	2008	5-yr Average
	<i>Percent</i>		
Pegged	96	99	98

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	0	1	1	1	1	1
Short	23	17	8	21	17	10
Adequate	64	70	78	66	71	86
Surplus	13	12	13	12	11	3

**VEGETABLES:** Okra and limited truck crops continued to be marketed last week. Avocados and other tropical fruits were harvested in Miami-Dade County. Land preparations for fall vegetables continued and plastic mulch was laid. Tomato planting was beginning in Manatee County. Snap beans were planted in Dixie County.

**LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES:** In the Panhandle and northern areas, pasture ranged from fair to excellent with most in good condition. Most pasture had received adequate moisture. The pastures and cattle condition was in part low due to overgrazing. The condition of the cattle ranged from fair to excellent with most in good condition. In the central areas, pasture was fair to excellent with most in good condition. Some pastures showed damage from armyworms. In the southern areas, range condition varied from poor to excellent with most in good condition. Recent heavy rain caused some pasture flooding. Weeds were starting to show in some pastures. Statewide, cattle were in very poor to excellent condition with most in good condition.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
	<i>Percent</i>			
Very poor	1	0	0	0
Poor	4	2	1	0
Fair	20	23	14	20
Good	55	65	65	60
Excellent	20	10	20	20

**CITRUS:** A tropical disturbance moved into the Gulf of Mexico creating heavy winds and bringing rain to much of Florida's Peninsula. Weekly totals ranged from one inch in Balm to almost two and one-half inches in Ona. Groves and ditches were full and soil moistures were adequate in all active groves. Groves that have received little or no care continue to decline due to citrus tristeza virus, young tree decline, and canker. Growers continue to take out trees affected with greening. Daily highs reached the low to mid-90s in all monitored areas. The warmest temperature was in Lake Alfred at over 96 degrees. Caretakers mowed, chopped, and disced cover crops. Summer fertilizations, herbicide treatments, and sprays on fresh fruit crops were applied in all areas. Resets were receiving attention, while dead or declining trees were being removed and burned.

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