



WEATHER CROP

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Week ending November 8, 2009

Seasonal Temperatures, Little Rainfall

Weather Summary: For the week of November 2-November 8, high temperatures were mostly in the 80s. Lows were in the 30s, 40s, and 50s. In major cities, temperatures averaged 1 to 3 degrees above normal in the south and 1 to 3 degrees below normal in the north and the Panhandle. Only trace amounts of rainfall were reported at a few locations on the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN), the one exception being Fort Lauderdale in Broward County which recorded 1.70 inches of rainfall.

Field Crops: Peanut harvesting was 88% complete compared to 93% at this time last year, and 5-year average of 95%. Drier weather this week has allowed the harvesting of peanuts to resume. Growers reported below normal yields across the Panhandle in late-harvested fields. Soybean harvest was complete in most areas. Very little of the cotton crop has been harvested at this time. Grower reports indicated much of the crop was defoliated and open, but a significant amount of the cotton lint was on the ground. Drier conditions allowed the final cutting of hay in areas that were previously too wet. Sugarcane harvest remained active. Planting of winter forage progressed, although behind schedule.

Peanut Progress for Week Ending: November 8, 2009

Stage	2008	5-year average	2009
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested.....	93	95	88

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	11	8	2	12	3
Short	41	36	43	29	28	37
Adequate.....	47	48	45	63	56	56
Surplus.....	6	5	4	6	4	4

Vegetables: Harvesting of vegetables continued but volume remained light. Hot weather in October reduced yields in the southern Peninsula. Light volumes of cucumbers, cantaloupes, eggplant, lettuce, peppers, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelons, and specialty items moved to market. Planting of cabbage and herbs were reported in the Hastings area. Avocados, okra, and some greens moved through the market, but were in seasonal decline.

Livestock and Pastures: In the Panhandle and northern areas, pasture was poor to excellent, but most was in fair to good condition. Cool weather has slowed grass growth. Some cattle needed supplementation as summer pastures declined. The land preparation and planting of cool season grains and forages was still in process. The cattle condition was poor to excellent with most in good condition. In the central areas, pasture was very poor to excellent with most fair to good. Drought has caused some pastures to be in poor condition, while most locations reported pasture condition fair to good. The cattle condition was poor to excellent. In the Southwest, pasture condition was poor to excellent with most pasture in good condition. Pasture condition declined due to drought. Statewide, the condition of the cattle was poor to excellent with most in good condition.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	1	1
Poor	5	5	4	9
Fair.....	25	30	45	40
Good	60	55	45	45
Excellent	10	10	5	5

Citrus: Temperatures for the week were mostly in the mid to upper 80s, with lows in the 50s for most of the citrus region. The trace amounts of rainfall received across the citrus-growing region did little to relieve the mild drought conditions being experienced in the northern and Indian River districts. Grove activity included limited harvesting, herbiciding, irrigation, and mowing. Scouting for greening and removal of affected trees continued. Thirty-nine packinghouses have opened and have begun shipping fruit, with only a few left to open. Varieties being packed included early oranges (Navels, Ambersweet, and Hamlin), white and colored grapefruit, and early tangerines (Fallglo and Sunburst). Seven processors have opened and were accepting fruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	October 25, 2009	November 1, 2009	November 8, 2009
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and mid oranges.....	59	94	116
Navel oranges	80	85	83
Grapefruit	275	333	326
Tangelos	4	3	10
Tangerines	92	101	119

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