



# WEATHER CROP



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Week ending November 7, 2010

## Cold, Dry and Windy

**Weather Summary:** Cooler temperatures entered Florida within the past week with many locations receiving rain. Over 50 percent of the Florida Automated Weather Network stations reported an inch or more of rain. However, the Fire Danger Index remained high in the Big Bend area. Temperatures during the past week were four degrees or less below normal temperatures. Highs were in the 80s and lows were mostly in the 30s and 40s. The temperatures dipped to 29 degrees at Quincy on November 6.

## 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.....	34	8	10	20	3	8
Short.....	38	43	35	46	36	38
Adequate.....	27	45	54	32	57	52
Surplus.....	1	4	1	2	4	2

**Field Crops:** Recent rains within the past week did not completely relieve drought conditions. Planting of cool season forage was delayed due to low soil moisture. Patchy frost was reported in the Panhandle. Harvesting of rice, soybeans, cotton, and peanuts was coming closer to an end in most areas. This week, peanut harvesting was 97 percent complete, above last year's percentage of 86 percent, and the five-year average of 92 percent. Late-planted peanuts are left to be harvested. Sugarcane harvesting was underway with all four mills active.

## Peanut Progress for Week Ending: November 7, 2010

Stage	2009	5-year average	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested.....	86	92	97

**Vegetables:** Producers continued to plant and prepare vegetable fields for the winter season. In the southern region, vegetables were reported in good condition with limited pest or disease. Vegetable harvest increased seasonally. In the Hastings area, some cabbage was in the ground with additional planting scheduled. Also within the tri-county area, potato fields were prepped. Light harvesting of sweet corn began. Vegetables that moved through the market were cucumbers, eggplant, okra, bell peppers, squash, and tomatoes.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Statewide, pasture condition ranged from fair to good as seasonal, cool weekend temperatures slowed forage growth. In the Panhandle, pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most in poor to fair condition. Planting of small grains for winter forage picked up in many locations following light rain. Forage already planted has been growing slowly because of the cold temperatures. Grass in some areas was burned by the weekend frost. Most of the cattle ranged from fair to good condition. Cattle producers were feeding supplement hay. In the northern areas, pasture condition ranged from poor to good with most in fair condition. The condition of the cattle ranged from poor to excellent with most in fair condition. Some open and cull cattle were sold this past week to reduce winter feeding expenses. In the central areas, pasture ranged from very poor to excellent with most in fair condition. Planting of cool season forage had been on hold due to low soil moisture. The cattle condition ranged from very poor to fair. In the southwestern areas, pasture condition ranged from fair to excellent with most in good condition as rain freshened up pastures in many locations. The condition of the cattle ranged from poor to excellent with most in good condition. Statewide, the condition of the cattle ranged from very 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.....	3	1	5	2
Poor.....	2	4	10	20
Fair.....	35	35	55	35
Good.....	55	55	25	40
Excellent.....	5	5	5	3

**Citrus:** Highs were in the 80s, with early morning lows ranging from the lower 30s to the mid 40s, as a cold front at the end of the week brought cooler temperatures and welcomed precipitation. Rainfall increased significantly, with 22 of the 25 stations recording more than a half inch of rain. Kenansville received the most precipitation with 2.71 inches. Fort Pierce and Citra tied for the least, both recording 0.38 inches. Overall, there were abnormally dry conditions in all of the citrus area according to the U.S. drought monitor, last updated on November 2. Indian River County is now experiencing extreme drought conditions, while surrounding counties are experiencing severe conditions. Moderate to extreme drought conditions extend over a third of the citrus area. Thirty-nine packinghouses and eight processors have opened, with a few more scheduled to open soon. Cultural practices included herbicide and fertilizer application, tree removal, and irrigation.

### Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	October 24, 2010	October 31, 2010	November 7, 2010
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and mid oranges.....	18	43	35
Ambersweet.....	26	20	8
Navel oranges.....	72	85	94
Grapefruit.....	169	308	326
Tangelos.....	0	0	4
Tangerines.....	121	97	106

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