



WEATHER CROP

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Week ending July 3, 2011

Abundant Rains During Week

Weather Summary: Seasonal rainfall was reported throughout the State. Eight of the 36 Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) stations reported rain levels of three to over five inches of rain. Frostproof (5.61in.), Indian River (4.82 in.), and Kenansville (4.46 in.) stations had the greatest amounts. As of July 1, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry reported 117 active fires covering 22,129 acres, a decrease compared to last week's 315 active fires. Fifty-six percent of the topsoil moisture was rated as adequate or surplus, an increase from last week's 40 percent. Subsoil ratings also showed an increase with over 50 percent of the ratings being adequate or surplus, whereas last week had only 35 percent with the same ratings. Lake Okeechobee water levels, monitored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, remained virtually unchanged. Average temperatures ranged from one degree below to three degrees above normal. Highs were in the upper 80s and 90s. Lows were in the mid 60s to lower 70s.

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	24	1	9	27	1	15
Short	36	12	35	38	14	34
Adequate	38	69	52	33	65	47
Surplus	2	18	4	2	20	4

Field Crops: Some fields have shown relief due to rains; however, continual drought conditions have already affected crop progress. More rain is needed in all parts of the Panhandle and north Florida. In Washington County, soybeans responded to the rains. Dryland corn in the county had not recuperated and could not pollinate due to heat and drought. Some in Gadsden County reported similar scenarios with crops other than corn being receptive to rains. Peanut conditions declined from the previous week with ratings of 2 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 48 percent fair, and 24 percent good. The five-year average for peanut condition was 7 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 41percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Peanut pegging increased to 34 percent, below last year's 35 percent and the five-year average of 41 percent. Water restrictions have some sugarcane growers concerned.

Peanut Progress for Week Ending: July 3, 2011

Stage	2010	5-year average	2011
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged	35	41	34

Vegetables: Little vegetable activity included tomato harvesting in western and central Florida with movement decreasing as growers finish for the season. In Okeechobee, irrigated sweet corn conditions were good. Okra harvesting took place in Miami-Dade County. USDA, AMS market movement consisted of avocados, okra, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, pasture condition was mostly fair to good. Pasture improved following the return of seasonal rains; however, drought was the limiting factor to grass growth. The overall condition of cattle was mostly fair to good, an improvement in all areas from the previous week. In the **Panhandle**, pasture and cattle condition ranged from very poor to good with most poor to fair. Scattered rain gave some pastures short term relief but pastures in many locations were still suffering from drought. In the **northern** areas, pasture and cattle were in poor to good condition. In the **central** areas, pasture and cattle condition ranged from poor to excellent with most fair to good. The arrival of summer rains improved pasture conditions. In the **southwestern** areas, pasture and cattle condition ranged from poor to good with most in good condition. Rain during the week raised water levels in stock ponds. The pasture condition was improving since the onset of rain two weeks ago.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	2	1	9	1
Poor.....	5	9	35	20
Fair.....	60	45	35	35
Good.....	30	40	21	41
Excellent.....	3	5	0	3

Citrus: Temperatures were in the upper 60s and lower 70s at night and the mid to lower 90s during the day for the majority of the week. Heavier rainfall was reported with all but one of the stations receiving more than an inch. Frostproof recorded the most, with 5.61 inches. Exceptional drought conditions exist in Palm Beach, Martin, St Lucie, and most of Indian River counties. Extreme drought conditions exist in the southeastern portion of the State, with the most severe conditions in the remainder of Indian River, Brevard, Okeechobee, and parts of Collier, Highlands, Hendry, Osceola, and Glades counties according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated June 28, 2011. Although ten packinghouses and 5 processors were still open, no processing activity was reported. Grove activity included resetting new trees, young tree care, applying herbicides, hedging and topping, brush removal, and fertilizer application. The final Citrus Utilization Report for the season was issued on June 26, 2011 by the Citrus Administrative Committee.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	June 19, 2011	June 26, 2011
	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	3,277	2,197
Grapefruit.....	3	1
Total.....	3,280	2,198

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