



WEATHER CROP

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Week ending November 13, 2011

Dry, Cool Week

Weather Summary: There was virtually no rain and cooler than normal temperatures across Florida during the week. The 36 Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) stations reported no rain or less than one tenth of an inch. Temperatures ranged from three to five degrees below normal. Temperatures dipped below freezing at Alachua (27.0 degrees), Brooksville (31.7 degrees), Carrabelle (30.5 degrees), Live Oak (27.9 degrees), MacClenny (28.8 degrees), Marianna (27.4 degrees), Monticello (25.6 degrees), and Quincy (28.6 degrees). High temperatures during the week were mostly in the high 70s to low 80s.

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	7	14	4	4	10	3
Short	11	39	18	18	35	21
Adequate	66	46	68	62	53	64
Surplus	16	1	10	16	2	12

Field Crops: The field crop harvest continued without weather interruptions. The dry weather has had an adverse effect on late maturing cotton in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. About 75 percent of the cotton was harvested in Santa Rosa County. In Washington County, the soybean and cotton harvest was proceeding at a rapid pace. It was predicted that the peanut harvest would be completed within 10 days. Statewide, the peanut harvest was at 96 percent complete, compared to 98 percent last year, and the five-year average of 95 percent. Sugarcane harvesting continued in the Everglades region.

Peanut Progress for Week Ending:

Stage	2010	5-year average	2011
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested	98	95	96

Fruit & Vegetables: Southern Florida vegetable producers had clear weather for harvesting and caring for vegetable crops. Cabbage was being planted in Flagler County. Producers marketed green beans, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, peppers, squash, and tomatoes. Watermelons and specialty items were nearly ready for market. Conditions for disease pressure had lessened due to the cooler, dryer weather.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture conditions were mostly fair to good with 50 percent in good condition. The first frost of the season, along with drought and insect damage, limited the condition of pasture. The cattle condition ranged from poor to excellent with 69 percent in good condition. In the **Panhandle** and **northern** areas, pastures were in very poor to excellent condition with most fair to good. Drought, cold, and frost continued to threaten winter forage. Dry soil conditions prevented timely planting of small grain forage. The cattle were in fair to good condition. Cattle were being fed hay and supplements. In the **central** areas, pasture conditions ranged from poor to good with most in good condition. The condition of the cattle was fair to excellent with most in good condition. In the **southwestern** areas, pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent with most in good condition. Some rangeland in many poorly drained areas had standing water. The condition of the cattle was fair 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	3	1
Poor.....	2	1	7	11
Fair.....	28	25	30	35
Good.....	65	69	55	50
Excellent.....	5	5	5	3

Citrus: Mild weather covered the complete citrus belt with warm afternoons and cool evenings and mornings. No significant rainfall was recorded in the citrus-growing region for the week. Growers continued to irrigate regularly to keep moisture in the groves and maintain good fruit condition. Early citrus harvest increased with specialty citrus (tangelos and tangerines), grapefruit and early oranges being picked. Thirty-eight packinghouses have opened with a couple more planning on opening around Thanksgiving. Processing was still limited, primarily for packinghouse eliminations.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	October 30, 2011	November 6, 2011	November 13, 2011
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and mid oranges.....	65	66	400
Ambersweet.....	14	13	26
Navel oranges.....	100	111	135
Grapefruit.....	298	398	419
Tangelos.....	2	4	14
Tangerines.....	98	136	199
Total.....	577	728	1,193

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