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**Widespread Rainfall Welcomed**

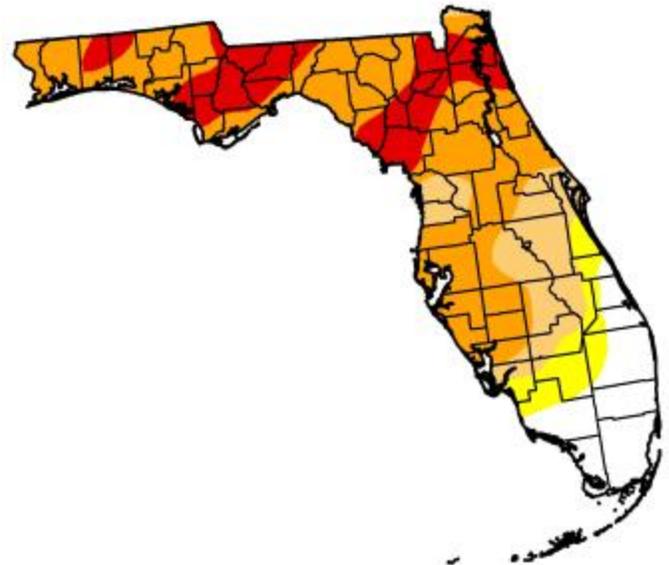
**Weather Summary:** It was another wet week across Florida. Field crops, hay fields, and pastures were thriving with another week that had substantial precipitation. Producers reported that although the topsoil moisture was improved, it will take much more rainfall to improve subsoil moisture and raise low water tables. Lake Okeechobee’s water elevation as of June 10 was 11.86 feet compared to 9.70 feet at this time last year, but it still remained below the 1965-2007 period of record average of 13.16 feet. All of the 36 Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) stations reported rainfall. Only four stations reported less than an inch of rainfall. Six stations reported between one inch and two inches of rainfall, eight stations reported between two and three inches of rainfall, eleven stations reported three to five inches of rainfall, and seven stations reported more than five inches of rainfall. The Pensacola airport station reported over 13 inches of rainfall, which caused flooding and millions of dollars of property damage. Stations that reported more than five inches of rainfall included Avalon (6.71 inches), Jay (6.50 inches), Alachua (6.37 inches), Brooksville (5.78 inches), Apopka (5.19 inches), and MacClenny (5.14 inches). Temperatures for the week were near normal. The weekly highs were in the low to mid-90s and lows in the high 60s.

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	8	31	2
Short .....	32	59	33
Adequate .....	58	10	60
Surplus .....	2	0	5

**Field Crops:** Timely rains improved growing conditions, especially for the corn and peanut crops. The peanut crop was all planted except for the last seven percent of the cropland. Producers were finding it difficult to control weeds due to weather conditions. In Jackson County, crops improved with the variable

**U.S. Drought Monitor: June 5, 2012**



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

rainfall. In Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, the corn crop was looking much better after these timely rains. In Washington County, previous dry weather caused planting delays, but with the recent rainfall the planting resumed. In Pasco County, the rains were welcomed and described as “drought-busting rains.”

**Peanut Progress**

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted .....	91	94	93

**Fruits & Vegetables:** USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) reported market movement of okra, tomatoes, and a limited supply of eggplant. In Gilchrist County, producers were harvesting watermelons. Miami-Dade producers marketed avocados and mangoes.

**Livestock and Pastures: Statewide**, general but variable rainfall during the week provided continued improvement of pastures. Statewide pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent with most rated as good. Pastures continued to recover from the drought of previous weeks. The conditions of the cattle ranged from very poor to excellent, with most in fair to good condition. In the **Panhandle**, pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition with most in fair to good condition. The cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent with most rated as good. In the **northern** areas, most pastures were in fair condition. The cattle conditions ranged from fair to excellent, with most in fair condition. In the **central** areas, the pastures were in very poor to excellent condition with most rated fair to good. The cattle conditions were mostly rated as fair or good. In the **southwestern** areas of Florida, the pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent with most rated as good. Cattle were rated as poor to good with most rated fair to good with plenty of grass available for feed. Some pastures in Okeechobee County had standing water after the heavy rains.

**Citrus:** Daily high temperatures remained in the low to mid-90s across the citrus region. All FAWN stations in the citrus growing region recorded some precipitation, with Avalon receiving the most at 6.71 inches. All stations received more than an inch of rain, thirteen had at least three inches, and only two had less than an inch and a half. Drought conditions continue to improve over the whole of the citrus region, per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated June 5, 2012. As late orange harvesting was drawing to a close, young tree care and grove maintenance were the primary grove activities.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	May 21-27, 2012	May 28-Jun 3, 2012	Jun 4-10, 2012
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	3,914	1,278	70
Navel oranges.....	1	1	0
Grapefruit.....	4	0	3
Tangerines.....	1	0	0
Total.....	3,920	1,279	73

**Cattle and Pasture Condition**

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	1	5	5
Poor.....	13	9	19	15
Fair.....	41	40	42	25
Good.....	42	45	30	50
Excellent.....	4	5	4	5

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