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**Scattered Showers Increased Soil Moisture**

**Weather Summary:** Another week of hot temperatures with spotty showers prevailed across the Sunshine State. Hot temperatures during the day averaged one to three degrees above normal. At most major weather stations the daily highs were in the 90s with the heat index temperatures in the 100s. Evening lows were in the 60s and 70s. Rainfall for the week in most areas was less than an inch. Localities reporting over an inch of rain included Belle Glade, Bronson, Citra, Clewiston, Homestead, Indian River, Tallahassee, and Sebring. Over two inches fell in Brooksville, Jacksonville, Marianna, Pensacola, and Umatilla.

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

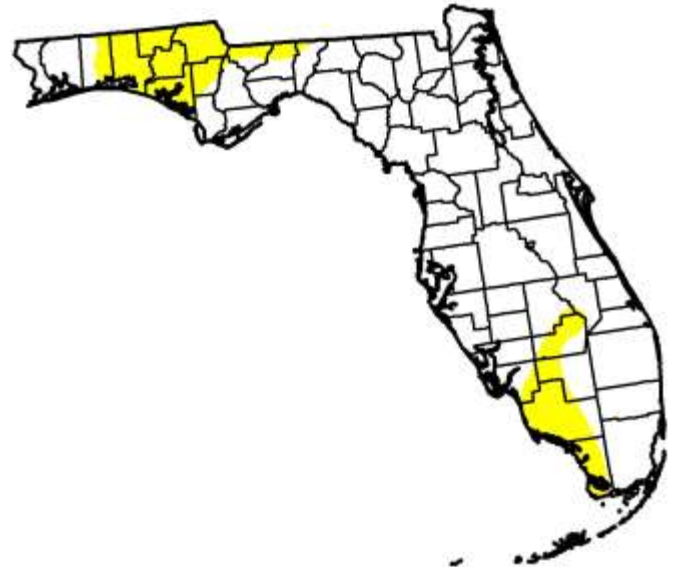
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	10	2
Short .....	7	19	14
Adequate .....	78	64	81
Surplus .....	15	7	3

**Field Crops:** Soil moisture across the northern field crop region continued to improve. Growers in Columbia County continued to assess the damage from Tropical Storm Debby. Irrigated and non-irrigated crops were reported in good condition. Some growers have started harvesting peanuts that were planted early in northern Florida. The peanut condition was rated 1 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 80 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Peanuts were 49 percent pegged compared to 45 percent last year and five-year average of 47 percent.

**Peanut Progress**

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged .....	47	45	49

**U.S. Drought Monitor: July 3, 2012**



**Intensity:**

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

**Fruits & Vegetables:** Favorable weather conditions allowed growers to prepare fields for fall crop planting. Producers marketed avocados in Homestead. Okra harvesting remained active in Miami-Dade County. Tomato picking declined seasonally in the Quincy area as growers begin to prepare for the fall tomato season. Watermelon harvesting concluded last week.

**Livestock and Pastures: Statewide**, most pastures in all areas were in good condition. Drought was the limiting factor followed by flooding. The condition of the cattle ranged from very poor to excellent with most in good condition. In the **Panhandle**, pastures were in very poor to excellent condition with most fair. Low lying pastures in Baker County which had standing water was recovering. The cattle condition was mostly good; however, the extreme heat put a strain on the livestock. In the **northern** areas, the condition of most pastures and cattle were mostly good. However, some pastures in Duval County had standing water. In the **central** areas, the pastures were in very poor to excellent condition with most rated good. The cattle condition was poor to excellent with most in good condition. In the **southwestern** areas, the pasture conditions were fair to excellent. The condition of the cattle ranged from poor to excellent with most in good condition.

**Citrus:** Daily high temperatures remained in the low to mid-90s across the citrus region. Ocklawaha had the highest maximum temperature at 98 degrees. All FAWN stations in the citrus growing region recorded some precipitation, with the exception of Fort Pierce which recorded none. Four stations received more than two inches of rainfall, with Pierson receiving the most at 2.7 inches. The majority of the citrus region was drought free, with the exception of an abnormally dry area extending from the north shore of Lake Okeechobee southwest to the gulf coast of Collier County, per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated July 3, 2012. As late orange harvesting was drawing to a close, fertilizer application, summer oil spraying, young tree care and grove maintenance were the primary grove activities.

**Cattle and Pasture Condition**

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	1	1	1
Poor.....	5	1	4	1
Fair.....	30	18	25	16
Good.....	55	70	50	67
Excellent.....	10	10	20	15

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