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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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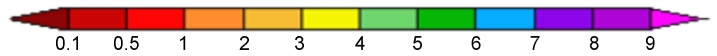
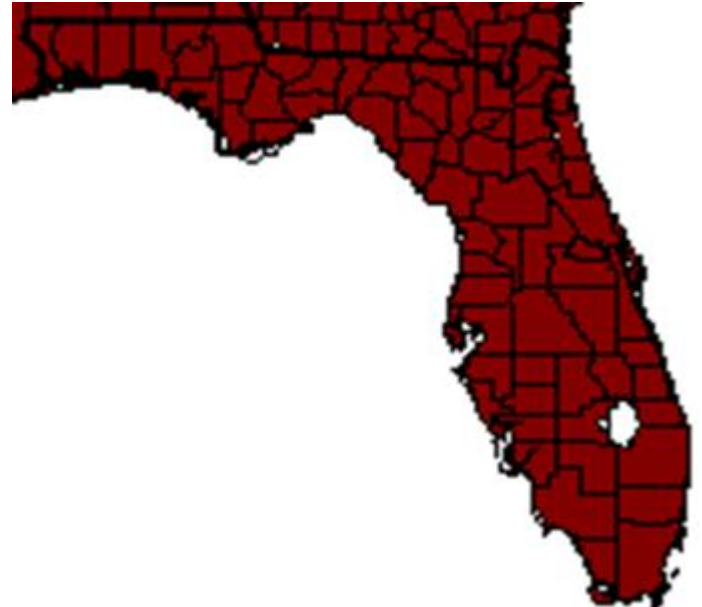
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Week Ending: November 4, 2012

No Rain

Weather Summary: Minimum temperatures ranged from 36 degrees in Jay to 54 degrees in Fort Lauderdale. Maximum temperatures ranged from 79 degrees in Clewiston to 87 degrees in Bronson. There was no rainfall in the State of Florida according to Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN). The dry season officially arrived on October 21, when a cold front ushered out the last of the steamy summer heat, per the National Weather Service. South Florida's dry season normally starts in mid-October and runs through the third week in May. On average, it produces about 15 to 21 inches of rain, or about 30 percent of the annual rainfall. Some areas saw record rainfall over the summer, with a large boost from Hurricane Isaac in late August. Overall, the southern third of the state received 43 inches of rain during the wet season, more than 6 inches above average according to the South Florida Water Management District.

Precipitation (in) –Florida: Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2012



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	7	3
Short	14	16	31
Adequate	61	63	57
Surplus	21	14	9

U.S. Drought Monitor – Florida: Oct 30, 2012



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Peanut harvest was almost finished. Cotton harvesting was underway and will continue into December. Cotton was looking good at this point. The last of the hay was being cut before frost. In Taylor County, some early oats were ruined by armyworms.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested	90	93	94

Fruits & Vegetables: Conditions for vegetable production were very good in southern Florida. Harvesting and replanting of winter vegetables was progressing well in south Miami-Dade County. Cabbage was still being planted and strawberry planting was in full swing in Flagler County. Potatoes were almost ready for planting in Flagler County.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the condition of pasture was very poor to excellent, with most in good condition. The condition of the pasture was limited by drought, flooding, insect damage, and cold. The condition of summer pasture grass declined seasonally. The cattle condition was very poor to excellent with most in good condition. Fall calving has begun. In the **Panhandle**, the pasture condition was very poor to excellent with most fair to good. Planting of winter forage was delayed because the soil was too dry in Gulf and Washington counties. Dry weather continued to pressure pasture and winter grazing establishment. The cattle condition was very poor to excellent with most in good condition. In the **northern** area, the pasture condition was fair to good with most in good condition. More small grain winter forage was being planted. The cattle were in fair to excellent condition with most in good condition. In the **central** area, the pasture condition was mostly good with conditions varying from very poor and some excellent. In Volusia County, nighttime temperatures less than 60 degrees have reduced grass growth. Most cattle were in good condition. In the **southwest** area, the pasture was in fair to excellent with most in good condition. The condition of the cattle varied from poor to excellent with most in good condition. Calving was in full swing in Highlands County.

Citrus: Daily high temperatures were in the low to mid-80s across the citrus region. Only two of the 24 FAWN stations in the citrus growing region recorded a trace of precipitation. The citrus region remained entirely drought free, per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated October 30, 2012. Eight processors and 36 packinghouses were now open. Application of fall miticide and herbicide, young tree care, general grove maintenance, and harvesting of grapefruit, tangerines, and oranges were the primary grove activities.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Oct 21, 2012	Oct 28, 2012	Nov 4, 2012
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	61	82	112
Ambersweet.....	15	15	11
Navel oranges.....	84	88	97
White grapefruit.....	72	92	59
Red grapefruit.....	265	313	298
Tangelos.....	2	3	8
Sunburst.....	2	57	120
Fallglo tangerines.....	117	68	33
Total.....	618	718	738

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	2	2	2	1
Fair.....	17	13	32	33
Good.....	60	70	55	55
Excellent.....	20	14	10	10

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