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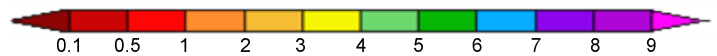
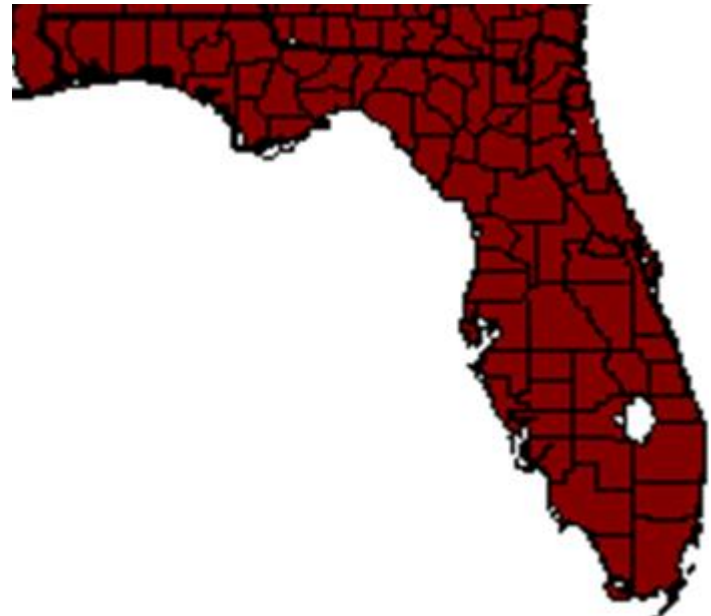
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Week Ending: November 25, 2012

Frost in North Florida

Weather Summary: Eight of the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) stations recorded temperatures below 30 degrees in northern Florida. Santa Rosa, Dixie, Madison, and Pasco counties reported frost in some areas. The rest of the State had minimum temperatures mostly in the upper 20s, 30s, and low 50s. Minimum temperatures ranged from 27 degrees in Quincy to 53 degrees in Fort Lauderdale. Maximum temperatures were in the low to mid-70s. Most of Florida was dry. There were traces of precipitation recorded in the middle of the State with Quincy recording the most with 0.06 of an inch. Water levels were dropping in stock ponds and canals.

Precipitation (in) –Florida: Nov 19 – 25, 2012

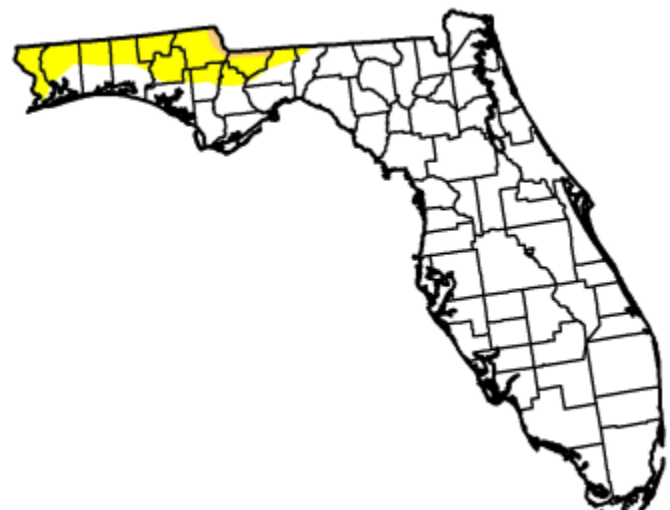


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	4	6
Short.....	23	27	32
Adequate.....	68	63	60
Surplus.....	5	6	2

U.S. Drought Monitor – Florida: Nov 20, 2012



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Lack of rain during the past week has depleted soil moisture. In Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, some late cotton bolls were opening prematurely due to dry weather. In Santa Rosa County, 80 percent of the cotton had been harvested. Sugarcane harvest was underway. Hay was being cut in Seminole County.

Fruits & Vegetables: Mild temperatures were good for vegetable crops. Producers in Miami-Dade County were harvesting avocados and all winter vegetables. Carrots were being planted in Madison County and cabbage in Flagler County.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition was mostly fair, with conditions lower from the previous week. Drought was the first limiting factor. Most of the cattle were in good condition, with the condition varying from very poor to excellent. In the **Panhandle**, the pasture condition was very poor to good, with most fair. Drought, disease and cold limited the pasture condition. Winter grazing was being planted and feeding of hay began. In Jefferson, Escambia, and Santa Rosa counties, the pasture situation continued to deteriorate. In the **northern** area, the pasture condition was poor to excellent with most in fair to good condition. Some greenchop of forage was underway. In Suwannee County, cool season forages were being planted, but lack of rain had affected planting where non-irrigated acreage. The cattle were in fair to excellent condition with most in fair condition. In the **central** area the pasture condition was very poor to good, with most fair. Most cattle were in good condition. In the **southwest** area, the pasture was in poor to excellent condition, with most in fair to good condition. Stock pond water levels dropped. Pasture quality declining seasonally with cool weather and short days. The condition of the cattle was poor 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.....	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	4	1	11	14
Fair.....	30	33	35	55
Good.....	58	60	45	25
Excellent.....	7	5	8	5

Citrus: Daily high temperatures were in the low to mid-70s across the citrus region. Three of the 24 FAWN stations in the citrus growing region recorded traces of precipitation, with Dover receiving the most at 0.03 inches. The citrus region remained drought free, as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated November 20, 2012. Twelve processors and 38 packinghouses were 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:		
	Nov 11, 2012	Nov 18, 2012	Nov 25, 2012
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	356	1,064	940
Ambersweet.....	4	4	4
Navel oranges.....	132	144	97
White grapefruit.....	114	64	50
Red grapefruit.....	382	326	250
Tangelos.....	10	11	13
Sunburst tangerines.....	188	181	132
Fallglo tangerines.....	11	8	5
Total.....	1,197	1,802	1,491

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