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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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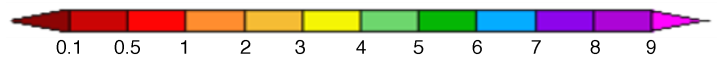
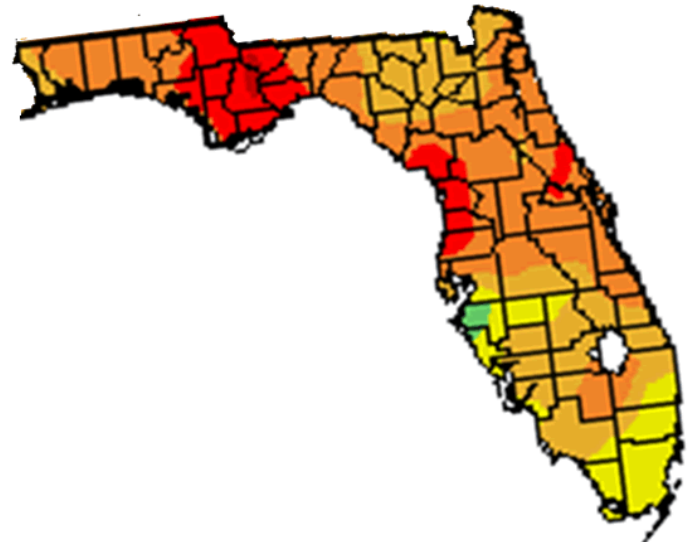
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Week Ending: April 7, 2013

Crops Being Replanted

Weather Summary: Some corn in the Panhandle and north Florida and watermelon in the Panhandle, north and Central Florida were being replanted due to damage from previous freezes and excess rainfall in prior weeks. Many locations in the State were four to eight inches below normal rainfall since the beginning of the year, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Homestead received the most rain last week with 3.19 inches, according to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN). Five of the FAWN stations reported two inches or more of rain for the week. Minimum temperatures ranged from 39 degrees in Marianna to 60 degrees in Fort Lauderdale. Maximum temperatures ranged from 77 degrees in Jay to 89 degrees in Immokalee.

Precipitation (in)–Florida: April 1-7, 2013

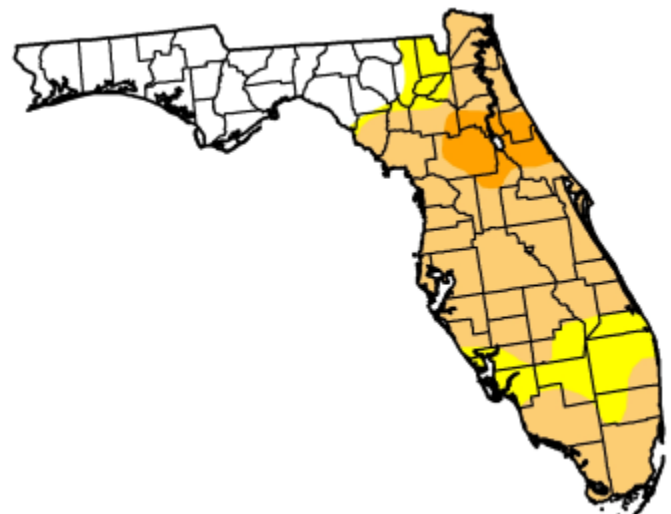


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	15	8
Short.....	35	53	33
Adequate.....	43	30	52
Surplus.....	6	2	7

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: April 2, 2013



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Corn was being replanted due to previous freezes and storms. Peanut planting continued in the Panhandle and north Florida. Wheat was nearly mature in Santa Rosa County.

Fruits & Vegetables: Some watermelon farmers in the Panhandle, north and Central Florida were replanting due to previous weather conditions. Potatoes in Flagler County were in poor condition. Cabbage harvesting was still ongoing. Vegetables marketed included beans, cabbage, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, escarole, iceberg lettuce, Romaine lettuce, parsley, peppers, potatoes, radishes, squash, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, plum tomatoes, strawberries, and watermelons.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, drought continued to be the first limiting factor to forage growth. Seasonally cool temperatures also restricted growth. Some pastures in the Panhandle were flooded. Cattlemen were feeding hay where the condition of the pasture was poor. In the **Panhandle**, the pastures and cattle were in good condition. In the **northern** area, the pastures and cattle were in fair condition. In the **central** area, the pastures and cattle were in fair condition. In the **southwest** area, the pastures were in fair to poor condition and cattle were in fair condition.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	10	10
Poor.....	10	14	40	30
Fair.....	55	50	35	40
Good.....	30	30	13	19
Excellent.....	4	5	2	1

Citrus: Seasonal daily high temperatures were in the 80s. Rainfall was widespread and moderate. All of the 25 FAWN stations in the citrus area recorded some precipitation last week. Ten stations recorded more than an inch of rain. Balm, with recorded rainfall of 2.41 inches, was the station with the most recorded precipitation. Drought measurements as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated April 2, 2013, indicated that the drought in the citrus growing region worsened slightly, with moderate drought conditions covering most of the citrus growing area. Abnormally dry conditions existed in the southernmost portion of the Indian River Area and across the southern area. Severe drought conditions existed in the northern area. Growers were irrigating one to two times a week to keep moisture in the ground and on the trees. The Valencia harvest was running full steam. Other grove activity included general grove maintenance and fertilizer application. Forty packinghouses and 18 processors were open and shipping. Shipment of fresh fruit was moderate. Varieties being packed primarily included Valencia, Honey tangerines and colored grapefruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Mar 24, 2013	Mar 31, 2013	April 7, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	1	0	0
Valencia.....	3,751	5,030	4,084
Navel oranges.....	1	2	2
White grapefruit.....	380	345	267
Red grapefruit.....	564	385	321
Temples.....	16	4	0
Tangelos.....	2	0	0
Honey tangerines.....	55	35	17
Total.....	4,770	5,801	4,691

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