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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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Week Ending: April 21, 2013

**Crop Planting Continues**

**Weather Summary:** Light to moderate rain was received throughout the State. According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Belle Glade reported three inches of rain for the week and five stations reported two inches or more. Minimum temperatures ranged from 40 degrees in Jay to 71 degrees in Fort Lauderdale. Maximum temperatures ranged from 82 degrees in Jay to 92 degrees in Joshua.

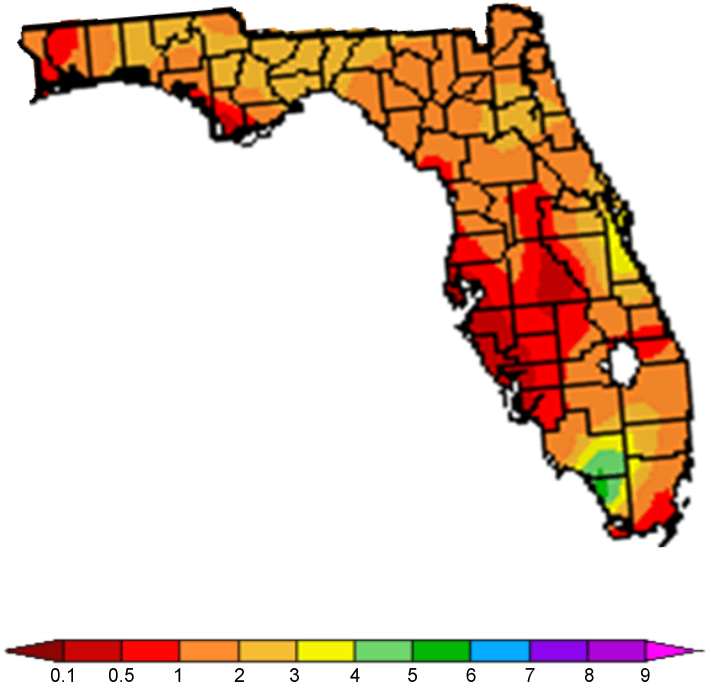
**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	7	22	4
Short .....	37	44	29
Adequate .....	51	33	64
Surplus .....	5	1	3

**Field Crops:** Peanuts were being planted in portions of the Panhandle and part of northern Florida. Producers were waiting for warmer weather to plant cotton in the Panhandle.

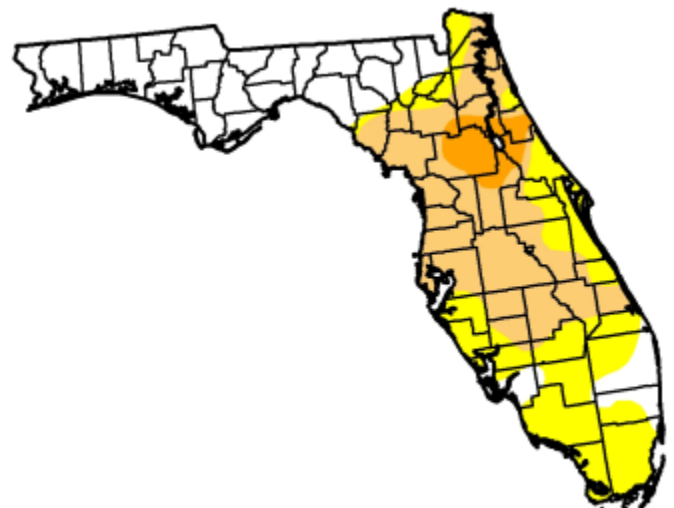
**Fruits & Vegetables:** Farmers in the Panhandle were replanting watermelon. Watermelon, squash, and spring vegetables were being planted in central Florida. In south Florida, vegetable growers battled disease issues brought on by rainy weather. Vegetables marketed included beans, cabbage, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, escarole, greens, iceberg lettuce, Romaine lettuce, parsley, peppers, potatoes, radishes, squash, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, plum tomatoes, and watermelons. Producers continued to harvest blueberries.

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: April 15-21, 2013**



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: April 16, 2013**



Intensity:

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

**Livestock and Pastures: Statewide**, the pasture condition was mostly fair. Drought and seasonal cold temperatures limited forage growth. In the **Panhandle**, the pastures were in fair condition and cattle were in good condition. In the **northern** area, the pastures were in fair condition and cattle were in good condition. In the **central** area, the pastures and cattle were in fair condition. In the **southwest** area, the pastures and cattle were in fair condition.

**Citrus:** Seasonal daily high temperatures were in the upper 80s and lower 90s. Rainfall was widespread and generally light. All of the 25 FAWN stations in the citrus area recorded some precipitation last week. Seventeen stations recorded more than an inch of rain, four recorded more than two inches. Belle Glade, with recorded rainfall of 3.15 inches, was the station with the most recorded precipitation. Pierson, with 0.16, had the least. Drought measurements as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated April 16, 2013, indicated that the drought in the citrus growing region lessened in the central, southern, and Indian River growing areas. 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. Thirty-three packinghouses and 14 processors were open and shipping. Shipment of fresh fruit was moderate. Varieties being packed primarily included Valencias and colored grapefruit.

**Cattle and Pasture Condition**

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	5	3
Poor.....	11	15	25	25
Fair.....	55	55	50	50
Good.....	30	25	15	19
Excellent.....	3	4	5	3

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Apr 7, 2013	Apr 14, 2013	April 21, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	4,084	4,823	5,621
Navel oranges.....	2	2	1
White grapefruit.....	267	233	205
Red grapefruit.....	321	249	335
Temples.....	0	1	0
Honey tangerines.....	17	14	13
Total.....	4,691	5,322	6,175

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