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Spring Planting Making Good Progress

Weather Summary: Very little rain was received throughout the State. According to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), three locations reported one inch of rain for the week. Minimum temperatures ranged from 47 degrees in MacClenny to 67 degrees in Fort Lauderdale. Maximum temperatures ranged from 80 degrees in Jay to 90 degrees in Bronson.

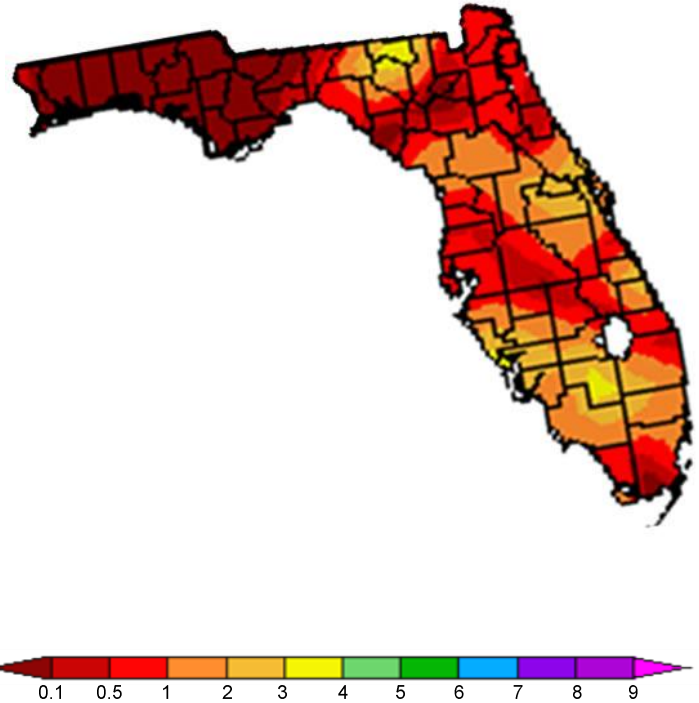
Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	16	4
Short	29	49	37
Adequate	64	35	57
Surplus	3	0	2

Field Crops: Peanuts, corn, and cotton were being planted in the Panhandle and north Florida. Sugarcane harvest was completed.

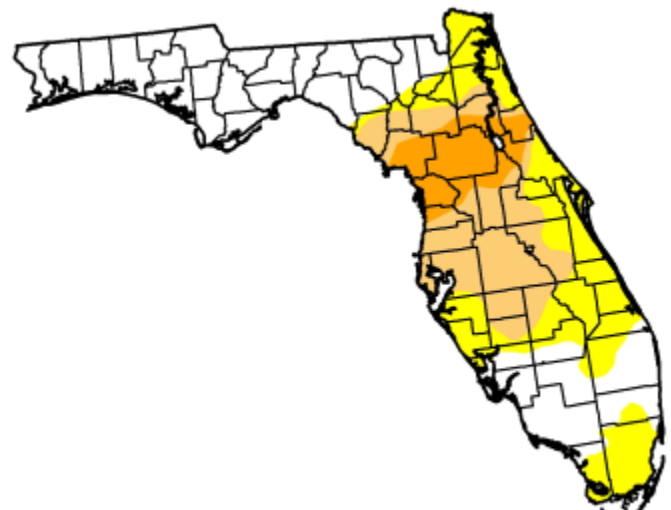
Fruits & Vegetables: Farmers in the Panhandle were planting sweet corn, cantaloupe, tomatoes, peas, and watermelon. Strawberry harvest in the Panhandle was almost complete. Vegetable planting also continued in the southern part of the Florida. Miami-Dade County reported harvesting of cabbage, sweet corn, green beans, and sweet potatoes. 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.

Precipitation (in)–Florida: April 22-28, 2013



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: April 23, 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 was the limiting factor hindering forage growth. In the **Panhandle**, the pastures 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. Rainfall was widespread and light. All but two of the 25 FAWN stations in the citrus area recorded some precipitation last week. Five stations recorded more than a quarter of an inch of rain, two recorded more than a half. North Port, with recorded rainfall of 1.23 inches, was the station with the most recorded precipitation. Citra and Belle Glade received no measurable precipitation. 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. The southern area was almost completely drought free. 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. Twenty-eight 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	3	1
Poor.....	15	9	25	20
Fair.....	55	60	50	60
Good.....	25	25	19	17
Excellent.....	4	5	3	2

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Apr 14, 2013	Apr 21, 2013	April 28, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	4,823	5,621	5,788
Navel oranges.....	2	1	2
White grapefruit.....	233	205	236
Red grapefruit.....	249	335	229
Temples.....	1	0	0
Honey tangerines.....	14	13	5
Total.....	5,322	6,175	6,260

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