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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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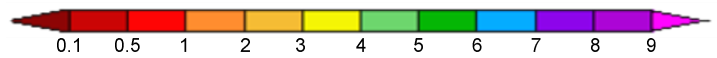
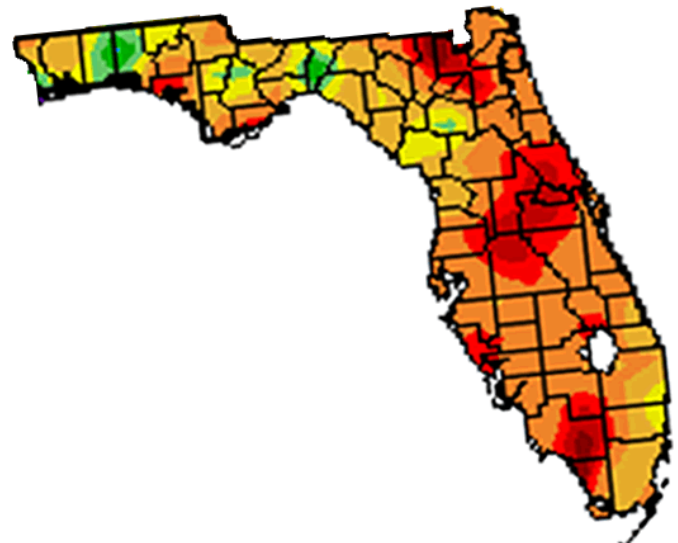
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Rains Delay Some Harvesting

Weather Summary: Once again moderate to heavy rains fell on Florida this past week. According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Indian River (Indian River County) received the most rain in the State with 6.5 inches. Dover (Hillsborough County), Defuniak (Walton County), Joshua (DeSoto County), and Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) all received 5 inches or more of rain this past week. The majority of the State received one to two inches or more of rain. Minimum temperatures ranged from 67 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County) to 73 degrees in Lake Alfred (Polk County), Immokalee (Collier County), and Apopka (Orange County). Maximum temperatures ranged from 89 degrees in five locations across the State to 95 degrees in Avalon (Orange County) and Bronson (Levy County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: July 7-13, 2013



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1	0
Short	1	19	2
Adequate	77	74	78
Surplus	22	6	20

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: July 9, 2013



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Harvesting of hay has been delayed another week in some parts of the State due to excess rain. In Okaloosa County, some peanut acreage has been lost to flooding of fields. Gulf County farmers can’t finish planting soybeans due to the wet fields. Peanut crop condition was 2 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 20 percent excellent. Peanut pegging was currently at 71 percent.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged.....	58	64	71

Fruits & Vegetables: Excessive rain in Gulf County caused some watermelons to burst. Watermelon harvesting was complete in north Florida. Harvesting of avocados has begun in South Florida. Farmers in Miami-Dade County harvested and replanted okra and potatoes. Vegetables and fruits marketed included okra, tomatoes, and watermelons.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition was good. Disease and flooding were the limiting factors to forage growth. The cattle condition was mostly good for the State. Pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most in the good category. In the **Panhandle**, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the **northern** area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the **central** area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. In the **southwest** area, the pasture and cattle were in good condition.

Citrus: High temperatures reached the upper 80s to low 90s in the citrus growing area. Rainfall was widespread and heavy, as all stations received some precipitation. Indian River recorded the most, with 6.51 inches, while Putnam Hall recorded the least, with 0.15 inches. Three stations recorded less than a half inch, twelve stations recorded more than two inches, and four of those recorded more than four. The citrus growing area is completely drought free, as per the U. S. Drought Monitor, last updated July 9. Main canals and ditches are sufficiently full for irrigation purposes and are overflowing in some areas. Growers are now concentrating on next year's crop progress. Field workers reported that trees and fruit in cared for groves looked very good due to rainfall over the past several weeks. Production practices in all areas included heavy summer spraying and psyllid control.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	1	0	1
Poor.....	2	1	1	1
Fair.....	23	23	19	18
Good.....	65	65	70	65
Excellent.....	10	10	10	15

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