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FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
CONDITION REPORT



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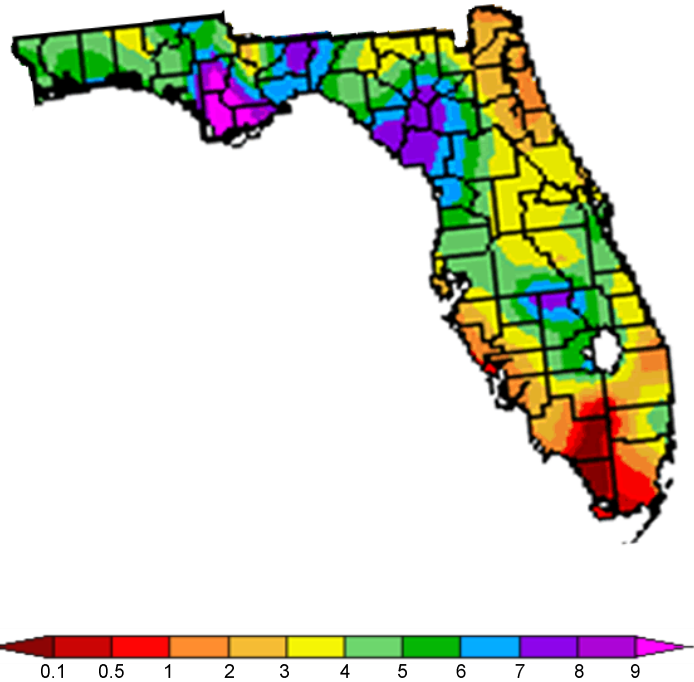
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Rains Delay Hay Harvest

Weather Summary: This was the third week the U. S. Drought Monitor map has shown Florida completely drought free. According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Carrabelle (Franklin County) received the most rain with 7.8 inches recorded. Monticello (Jefferson County) and Dover (Hillsborough County) both received 4 inches of rain. The majority of the State received one to three inches of rain. Minimum temperatures ranged from 68 degrees in Marianna (Jackson County) to 75 degrees in Wellington (West Palm Beach County) and Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Maximum temperatures ranged from 89 degrees in Marianna (Jackson County) to 96 degrees in Bronson (Levy County).

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



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	2	0
Short	1	16	2
Adequate	56	75	54
Surplus	43	7	44

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: July 23, 2013



Field Crops: Excessive rain delayed cutting of hay. Bradford and Seminole counties reported loss of hay laying in wet fields waiting to be baled. In Dixie County some farmers were able to get their first cutting of hay. Levy County reported 70% of their corn harvested. In Washington County peanuts were showing signs of yellowing due to standing water. Peanut crop condition was 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. Peanut pegging was at 86 percent.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged.....	80	84	86

Intensity:

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

Fruits & Vegetables: Avocados were being harvested in Miami-Dade County. Vegetables and fruits marketed included avocados and okra.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition was good. Flooding lowered the pasture condition in several locations throughout the state. The cattle condition was mostly good across 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 lower 90s in the citrus growing area. Rainfall was widespread, as all but one station received some precipitation. Dover recorded the most, with 4.02 inches, and Belle Glade recorded the least, with no precipitation. Thirteen stations recorded less than an inch and four stations recorded more than two inches. The citrus growing area was completely drought free, as per the U. S. Drought Monitor, last updated July 23. Groves were saturated, grove roads were very wet, main canals and ditches were very full, and were overflowing in some areas. Growers were concentrating on next year’s crop progress. In well-maintained groves, orange fruit was golf-ball size and larger, and grapefruit was baseball size. 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.....	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	1	2	2	4
Fair.....	25	17	20	20
Good.....	63	65	65	60
Excellent.....	10	15	12	15

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