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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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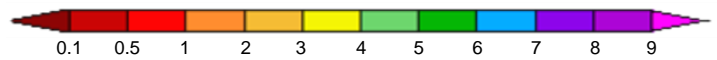
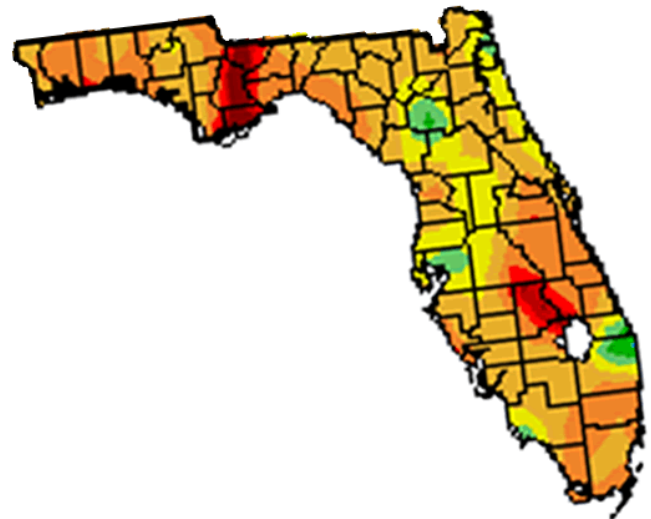
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Peanut Pegging Nearing Completion

Weather Summary: This was the fourth week the U. S. Drought Monitor map showed Florida completely drought free. According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Arcadia (DeSoto County) and Sebring (Highlands County) received the most rain with 6 inches recorded in both locations. Bronson (Levy County) received 5 inches and Frostproof (Polk County) received 4 inches of rain. The majority of the State received one to three inches of rain. Eleven FAWN stations reported the minimum temperature of 70 degrees while four stations reported 74 degrees as the minimum temperature. Maximum temperatures ranged from 90 degrees in Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) to 96 degrees in Bronson (Levy County) and Sebring (Highlands County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: July 29-Aug 4, 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	2	19	2
Adequate	54	78	62
Surplus	44	2	36

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: July 30, 2013



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Peanut pegging was 94 percent complete, compared to 89 percent this time last year. Peanuts were showing signs of yellowing due to standing water. Peanut crop condition was 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 21 percent excellent. Farmers were watching peanut and cotton crops for white mold and cotton boll rot due to excessive rain. Jackson, Walton, and Flagler counties reported fields were too wet to cut hay. Taylor and Dixie counties reported the first cutting of hay occurred this week. Some larger producers were making haylage as it requires less drying time. Wet conditions were limiting farmers access to crops for chemical applications. In Walton County farmers expect a lower yield for cotton, soybeans and tobacco due to excessive rain.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged.....	88	89	94

Fruits, Vegetables & Pecans: Watermelon harvest was completed in Gulf County. Continuing rains were promoting fungus in pecans. In the northern part of the State, farmers are delaying planting of fall crops due to the rains. While in central and south Florida, farmers were preparing land and laying plastic for fall crops. Avocados were being harvested in Miami-Dade County. Vegetables and fruits marketed included avocados and okra.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture condition and cattle condition was mostly good across the State. Flooding lowered the pasture condition in several locations throughout the State. Pastures showed signs of yellowing and there was concern about the nutritional value of forage due to the rain. Pasture condition ranged from very poor to excellent with most in the good category. In the **Panhandle**, the pastures were in fair to good condition 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.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	0	1	0
Poor	2	1	4	7
Fair.....	17	17	20	23
Good	65	67	60	58
Excellent	15	15	15	12

Citrus: High temperatures reached the low to mid 90s in the citrus growing area. Rainfall was heavy and widespread, with two stations receiving more than five and a half inches. Arcadia and Sebring recorded the most, both with 5.89 inches; Lecanto recorded the least, with 0.17 inches. Eighteen stations recorded more than an inch and five of those recorded more than three inches. The citrus growing area was completely drought free, as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated July 30. Groves and roads were wet, main canals and ditches were full, and were overflowing in some areas. Growers were concentrating on next year's crop progress. In well-maintained groves, orange fruit was larger than golf-ball size and grapefruit was softball size. Field workers were reporting 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, herbiciding, limited mowing, and psyllid control.

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