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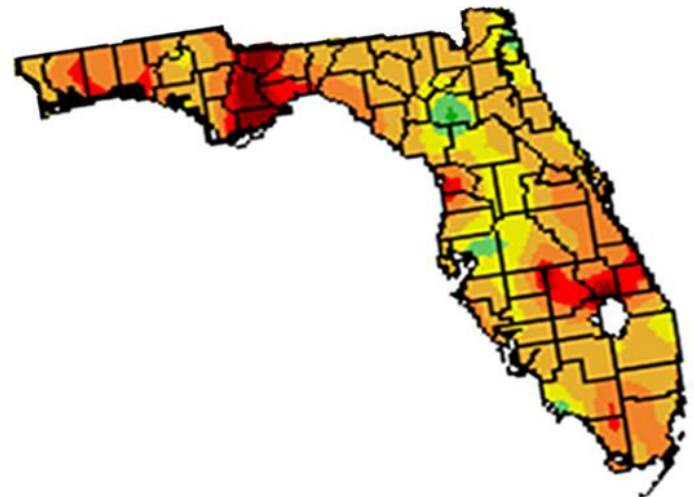
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Peanut Pegging at 100%

Weather Summary: This was the fifth week the U. S. Drought Monitor map showed Florida completely drought free. According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) received the most rain with 6 inches recorded. In Joshua (Desoto County) and Immokalee (Collier County) 4 inches of rain was received and Wellington (West Palm Beach County) and Defuniak (Walton County) received 3 inches of rain. The majority of the State received below one inch of rain. The Okahumpka (Lake County) and Alachua (Alachua County) FAWN stations reported the minimum temperature of 70 degrees while the Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) station reported 76 degrees as the minimum temperature. Maximum temperatures ranged from 91 degrees in Homestead (Miami-Dade County) and Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) to 96 degrees at four FAWN Stations.

Precipitation (in)–Florida: August 4-10, 2013



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	0
Short	2	13	3
Adequate	62	82	70
Surplus	36	5	27

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: August 6, 2013



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Peanut pegging was 100 percent complete, compared to 94 percent this time last year. Peanut crop condition was 2 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 18 percent excellent. Parts of the State had a drier week, allowing some wet fields to dry out. Some areas were able to harvest hay but many fields were still too wet to harvest. In Jackson County corn harvest was in full swing. Cotton in Walton County was in fair condition due to excessive rain.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged.....	93	94	100

Fruits & Vegetables: In south Florida, farmers continued 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 while drier weather in some areas allowed water in pastures to recede. Pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent with most in the good category. In the **Panhandle**, the pastures were in 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.....	0	0	0	0
Poor.....	1	1	7	5
Fair.....	17	19	23	10
Good.....	67	70	58	65
Excellent.....	15	10	12	20

Citrus: Typical afternoon showers last week brought various amounts of rainfall to the citrus growing area. The station in Okeechobee County reported over 6 inches, while Collier and DeSoto county stations reported 4 inches and 3.5 inches. All other areas received between one half and one and a half inches.

Temperatures were warm all week and on occasion reached the mid 90s. The citrus growing area was completely drought free at this time. There was adequate soil moisture in all areas; main canals and ditches have sufficient water for irrigation. A few grove roads were still flooded requiring four wheel drive vehicles for passage, but most were dry enough to allow easy access. Some owners were grading roads that were drying out after several weeks of very wet weather.

This season's new crop was progressing well. Regular bloom oranges were larger than golf balls and grapefruit were between baseball and softball size. Tree foliage looks healthy in cared for groves. Grove activity included resetting of new trees, young tree care, herbicide application, brush removal, and psyllid control.

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