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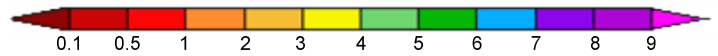
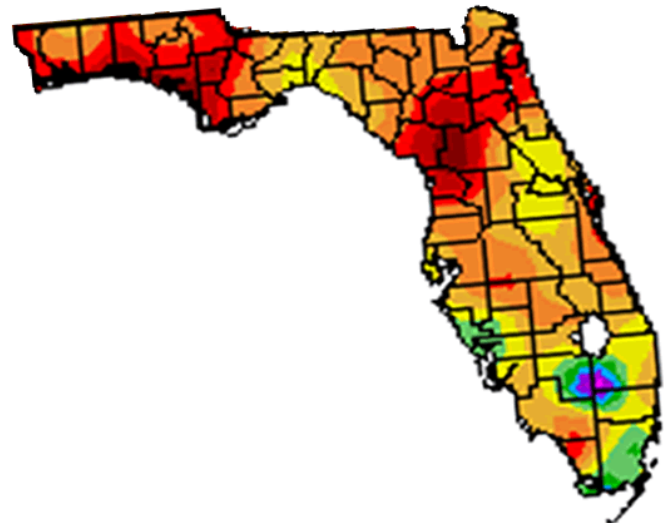
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Dryer Areas in the State

Weather Summary: This was the eighth week the U. S. Drought Monitor map showed Florida completely drought free. According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) received the most rain with 5 inches. However, the majority of the State received one inch or less of rain. Defuniak (Walton County) FAWN station reported the minimum temperature of 63 degrees while the Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) station reported 73 degrees as the minimum temperature. Maximum temperatures ranged from 90 degrees in North Port (Sarasota County) and Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 98 degrees in Bronson (Levy County).

Precipitation (in)—Florida: Aug. 27- Sept. 2, 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	1	2	2
Adequate	63	59	72
Surplus	36	39	26

U.S. Drought Monitor—Florida: August 27, 2013



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: Peanut crop condition was 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Peanut harvest was at 25 percent complete. Escambia and Santa Rosa counties were able to spray and harvest corn and early peanuts due to a dryer week. But in Suwannee County white mold was evident in peanuts. Farmers in Washington, Gulf, Walton, Dixie, Pasco, and Levy counties were finally able to cut hay. Corn harvest was continuing with yields above average. Soybeans in the Panhandle were sprayed this past week.

Fruits & Vegetables: In south Florida, farmers continued preparing land and laying plastic for fall crops. Vegetables and fruits marketed included avocados, okra, and sweet potatoes.

Livestock and Pastures: **Statewide**, the pasture condition and cattle condition was mostly good across the State. Pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent with most in the good category. Pastures were declining seasonally. In the **Panhandle**, the pastures and cattle were in excellent condition. In the **northern, central, and southwest** areas, the pasture and cattle were in good condition. Pastures in some locations throughout the State had standing water due to excessive rain. Army worms also present. Horses in Dixie County were showing signs of colic and thrush due to the wet conditions.

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	5	3
Fair.....	19	9	30	15
Good.....	70	60	55	57
Excellent.....	10	30	10	25

Citrus: Typical afternoon showers three to four days last week brought various amounts of rainfall to the citrus growing area. Two stations received more than three inches, with Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) getting the most at 5.46 inches. Thirteen stations received more than an inch, while Lecanto (Citrus County) received none at all. 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 is 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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