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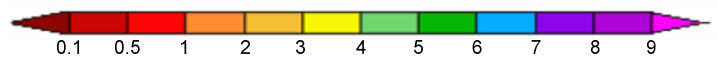
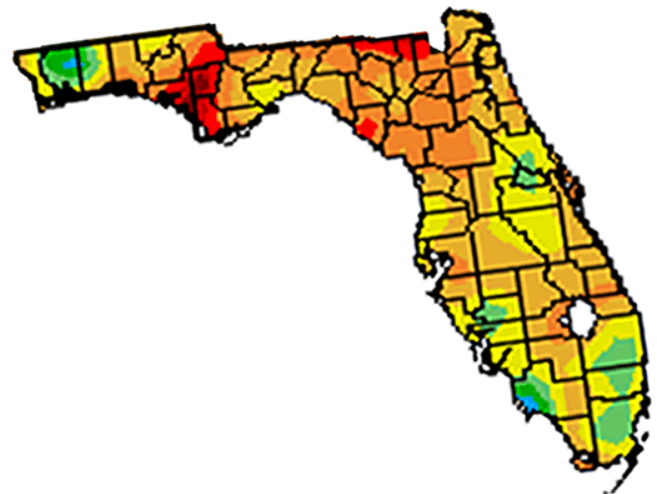
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**Some Hay Harvested in Dryer Areas**

**Weather Summary:** Florida continued to be drought free, according to the U. S. Drought Monitor. Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), showed Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) and Immokalee (Collier County) had received the most rain with 5 inches. Two FAWN stations received 4 inches, seven stations received 2 to 3 inches, and the majority of the State received one inch or less of rain. The Monticello (Jefferson County) FAWN station reported the minimum temperature of 64 degrees while the Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) and Apopka (Orange County) stations reported 73 degrees as the minimum temperature. Maximum temperatures ranged from 89 degrees in Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 97 degrees in Bronson (Levy County).

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Sept. 1-7, 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	1
Short .....	2	4	11
Adequate .....	72	65	59
Surplus .....	26	31	29

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 3, 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, 12 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Peanut harvest was 26 percent complete. Fieldwork was limited in some locations by too wet fields. Farmers in Jackson, Gulf, Washington, Dixie, Taylor, Pasco, Levy, and Suwannee counties were baling hay when weather permitting. Corn harvest continued. Some cotton bolls had opened in Santa Rosa County but no defoliation had started. Some early season sugarcane was planted last week.

**Fruits & Vegetables:** Harvesting of snap beans started in Dixie County. In Flagler and Putnam counties farmers were getting ready to plant cabbage. In southwest Florida, farmers reported delays in preparing land and laying plastic for fall crops due to wet conditions. 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. In the **Panhandle** calves were not gaining much weight due to low nutrients in pasture grass. 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.

**Citrus:** Afternoon showers three to four days last week brought various amounts of rainfall to the citrus growing area. Eight stations received more than two inches, with Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) getting the most, at 4.64 inches. Fourteen stations received more than an inch, while Fort Pierce (St Lucie County) received only 0.13 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. Some owners were grading roads that were drying out after several weeks of very wet weather.

This season’s new crop was progressing well. Tree foliage looked healthy in cared for groves. Grove activity included resetting of new trees, young tree care, herbicide application, brush removal, 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.....	1	1	3	4
Fair.....	9	13	15	20
Good.....	60	65	57	60
Excellent.....	30	20	25	15

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