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Harvesting Between Rain Storms

Weather Summary: Florida continued to be drought free, according to the U. S. Drought Monitor. Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), showed Defuniak (Walton County) had received the most rain with 4 inches. Indian River (Indian River County) and Wellington (West Palm Beach County) received 3 inches, eight stations received 2 inches, and the majority of the State received one inch or less of rain. The Carrabelle (Franklin County) FAWN station reported the minimum temperature of 58 degrees while the Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) station reported 74 degrees as the minimum temperature. Maximum temperatures ranged from 77 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 95 degrees in Bronson (Levy County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

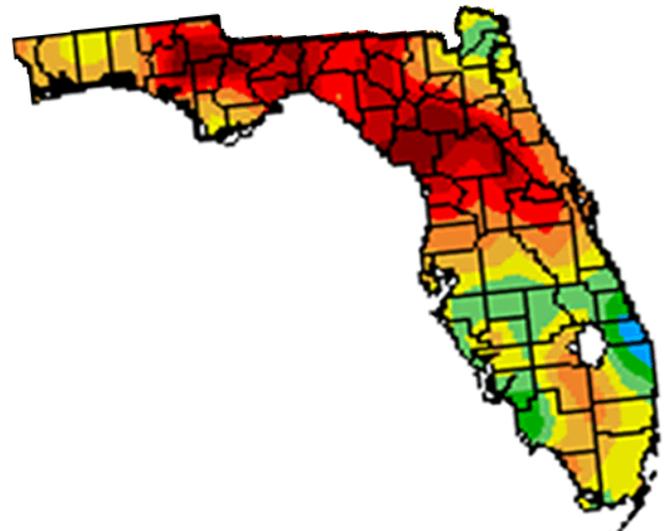
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1	1
Short	10	2	11
Adequate	69	72	79
Surplus	21	25	9

Field Crops: Peanut crop condition was 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Peanut harvest was 26 percent complete. Some farmers in Jackson, Washington, Suwannee, and Dixie counties just started their peanut harvesting. Taylor County reported loss of hay due to flooding. Hay was being harvested in between rain storms.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested	22	27	26

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Sept. 15-21, 2013



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 17, 2013



Intensity:

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

Fruits & Vegetables: Tomato harvest began in Gadsden County. Greens were being planted in Bradford County and cabbage was being planted in Putnam County. DeSoto County farmers were planting tomatoes and strawberries. Vegetables and fruits marketed included avocados, okra, and sweet potatoes.

Livestock and Pastures: **Statewide**, the cattle condition was mostly good across the State. Pasture condition in the **Panhandle** and **north** was in good condition. In **central** Florida the pasture was in good to excellent condition. In the **southwest** area, some pastures were listed in excellent condition. Some pastures flooded in several locations. Land preparation for winter grazing was proceeding in Jefferson County.

Citrus: Intermittant showers last week brought various amounts of rainfall to the citrus growing area. Four stations received more than two inches, with Indian River (Indian River County) getting the most at 2.91 inches. Sixteen stations received more than an inch, while Okahumpka (Lake County) received a trace at 0.06 inches. Temperatures were warm all week and on occasion reached the low 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.

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.....	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	2
Fair.....	8	8	16	15
Good.....	70	70	55	50
Excellent.....	20	20	25	32

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