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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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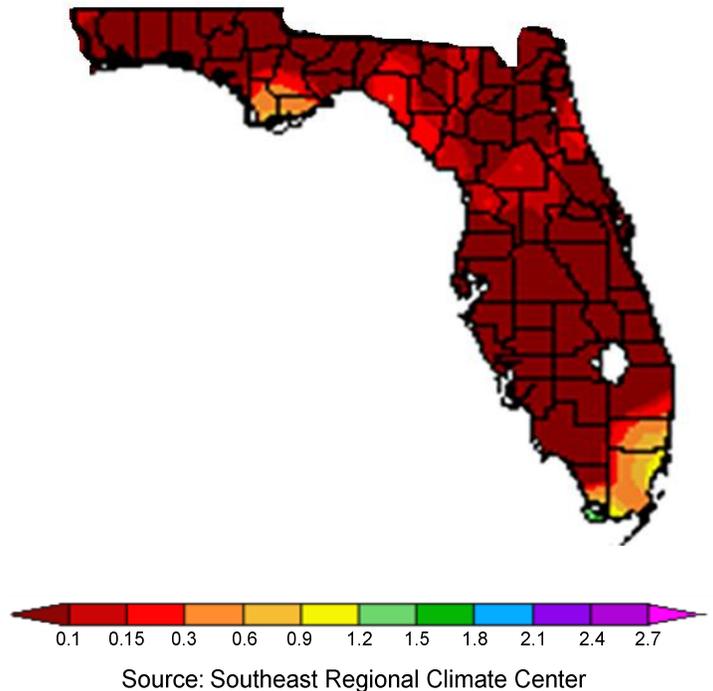
Rain Still Needed

Weather Summary: All of Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN) locations reported less than one inch of rain this week. Apopka (Orange County) received the most rain with 0.95 of an inch and Lecanto (Citrus County) received 0.90 of an inch. The highest temperature was reported in Arcadia (DeSoto County) at 88.03 degrees and the next highest reading was in Immokalee (Collier County) at 87.67 degrees. The lowest temperature was 27.98 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) and Marianna (Jackson County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

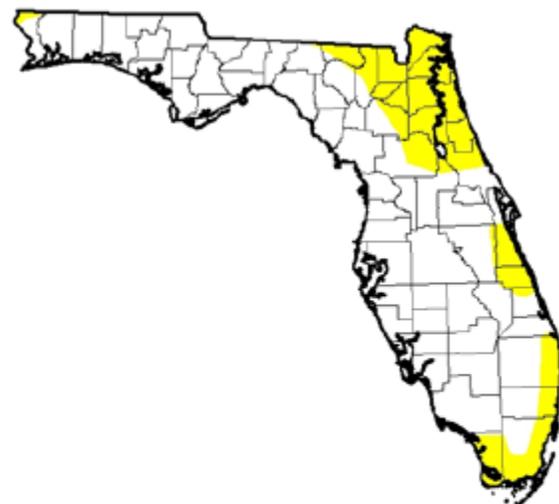
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	4	6
Short	49	26	44
Adequate	46	65	48
Surplus	1	5	2

Precipitation (in)—Florida: Nov. 10-16, 2013



U.S. Drought Monitor—Florida: Nov. 12, 2013

Field Crops: Peanut harvest was 99 percent complete, ahead of the 5-year average of 98 percent but behind last year's progress of 100 percent. Peanut harvest was concluding, cotton and soybean harvest was still underway. Winter forage in Jefferson County was limited by drought. Hay was being cut in Orange and Seminole counties.



Intensity:



Peanut Crop Harvest Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested	98	100	99

Fruits & Vegetables: Vegetable harvest in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties continued to increase as the Thanksgiving market approaches. Cabbage and leafy greens continued to be planted in Flagler and Putnam counties. Vegetables and fruits marketed included eggplant, cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, fall watermelons and some specialty items.

Livestock and Pastures: The cattle and pasture condition was fair to good across the State. Pasture condition declined seasonally due to cooler temperatures and dryer weather.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	1	1
Poor.....	2	1	4	5
Fair.....	20	25	35	45
Good.....	70	69	59	48
Excellent.....	8	5	1	1

Citrus: Rain very light but widespread this week in the citrus growing region. Only Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) recorded no rain. Twenty-four stations recorded less than a half inch of rainfall for the week, eleven of those stations received less than a tenth of an inch. Apopka (Orange County) recorded the most precipitation with 0.96 inches. Temperatures were in the mid 80's through most of the citrus growing area. Trees still look good due to rainfall early in the season and irrigation being run by growers and caretakers. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated November 12, 2013, abnormally dry conditions have returned to the eastern most portions of all citrus growing areas, except for the western area, which is still drought free.

Fruit size appears to be smaller than average with some areas reporting oranges golf ball size and larger and other areas closer to baseball size. Grapefruit are also running smaller than average this season. Grove activity included resetting of new trees, pushing of dead groves and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing and psyllid control. Thirty-two of 44 packinghouses have opened and begun shipping small quantities of fruit. Only seven of nineteen processing plants are open so far this season.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	Nov 3, 2013	Nov 11, 2013	Nov 17, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges.....	64	91	98
Ambersweet.....	23	5	0
Navel oranges.....	71	94	94
White Grapefruit.....	30	78	71
Colored Grapefruit.....	266	316	228
Tangelos.....	0	4	13
Sunburst tangerines.....	12	103	100
Fallglo tangerines.....	73	39	6
Total.....	539	730	610

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