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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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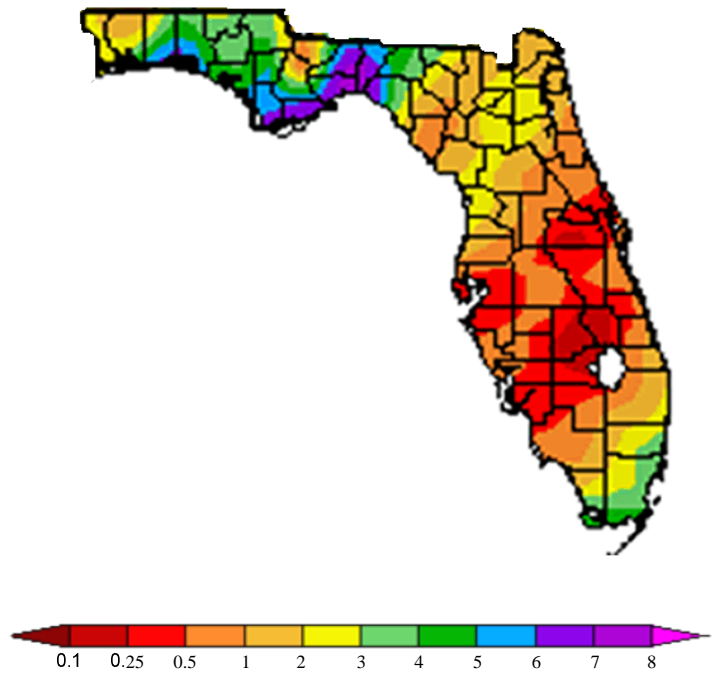
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Hard Freeze Hits North Florida

Weather Summary: Two of Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN) locations received over two inches of rain this past week while fourteen locations received over one inch of rain. Carrabelle (Franklin County) received the most with 2.44 inches. The highest temperature was reported in Sebring (Highlands County) at 86.70 degrees. The lowest temperatures were 24.56 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) and 24.77 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Nov. 25-Dec. 1, 2013



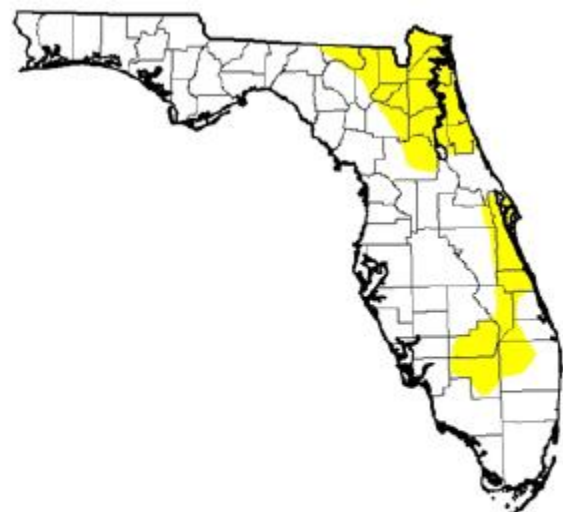
Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	11	11	13
Short	40	43	23
Adequate	45	46	62
Surplus	4	0	2

Field Crops: Cotton and soybean harvest was still underway in the northern part of the State. Recent frosts in the Panhandle put an end to warm season perennial pastures. Hay was being fed to livestock in the northern regions of the State. Sugarcane harvest was proceeding as scheduled in Hendry and Glades counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Nov. 26, 2013



Intensity:

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

Fruits & Vegetables: Vegetable harvest in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties was ramped up for the Thanksgiving market. Tomato harvest was completed in Gadsden County. Cabbage continued to be planted in Putnam County. Avocados were being harvested in Miami-Dade County. Vegetables and fruits marketed included tomatoes, peppers, herbs, cucumbers, eggplant, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, snap beans, radishes, escarole, lettuce, and kale.

Citrus: Rain was generally light and widespread this week in the citrus growing region. All stations recorded some precipitation. Twenty-three stations recorded less than an inch of rainfall for the week, fourteen of those stations received less than a half inch. Citra (Marion County) recorded the most precipitation with 1.86 inches, and was the only station that recorded more than an inch and a half. Temperatures were in the upper 70's to low 80's through most of the citrus growing area.

Growers and caretakers continued to irrigate due to dry conditions. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated November 26, 2013, abnormally dry conditions covered most of the Indian River and southern growing areas and portions of the northern and central areas. The western growing area remained drought free.

Field workers were reporting small sizes on early and midseason oranges and Sunburst tangerines. Grove activity included harvesting, resetting of new trees, pushing of dead groves and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing and psyllid control. Thirty-eight of 44 packinghouses had opened and began shipping small quantities of fruit. Ten of nineteen processing plants were open so far this season.

Livestock and Pastures: The cattle condition across the State was good. The pasture condition ranged from poor in north Florida with the remainder of the State in good condition. Pasture condition declined seasonally due to dryer weather and cooler temperatures. Cattlemen were feeding supplemental hay in the Panhandle and north areas.

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	2	1	9	10
Fair.....	23	32	38	45
Good	68	60	52	42
Excellent.....	7	7	1	3

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested
[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	Nov 17, 2013	Nov 24, 2013	Dec 1, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges....	98	860	495
Ambersweet.....	0	1	0
Navel oranges.....	94	138	109
White Grapefruit.....	71	32	14
Colored Grapefruit.....	228	292	206
Tangelos.....	13	24	28
Sunburst tangerines....	100	127	81
Fallglo tangerines.....	6	0	0
Total.....	610	1,474	933

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