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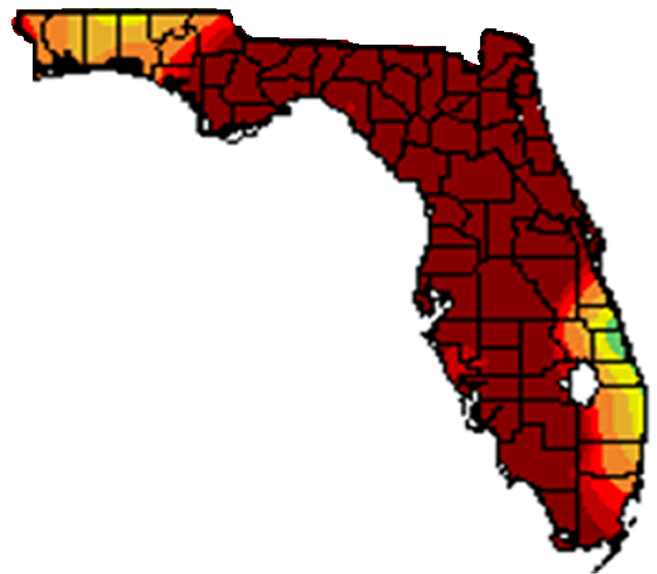
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Dry, Warm Week in Florida

Weather Summary: One of Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN) locations received over two inches of rain this past week. The remainder of the State was almost rain free. Defuniak Springs (Walton County) received the most rain with 2.13 inches. Nine locations in Florida had a high temperature of 86 or higher. The highest temperature was reported in Lake Alfred (Polk County) at 86.47 degrees. The lowest temperature was 42.47 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Dec. 1-7, 2013



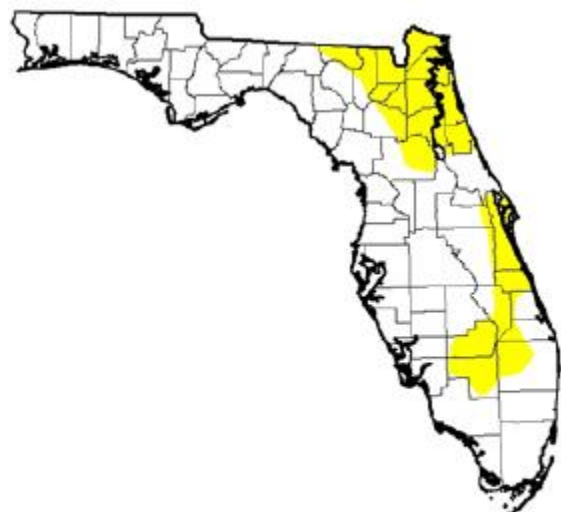
Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	10	2
Short	23	50	37
Adequate	62	39	58
Surplus	2	1	3

Field Crops: Cotton and soybean harvest was finishing up in the northern part of the State. Hay was still being harvested in Pasco County. Cover crops were being planted in Dixie County. Sugarcane harvest was proceeding as scheduled in Hendry and Glades counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Dec. 3, 2013



Intensity:



Fruits & Vegetables: Vegetable harvest in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties was ongoing. Disease in vegetables was noted due to scattered showers and foggy conditions. Winter greens were being planted in Bradford County. Cabbage planting will continue through December in Flagler and Putnam counties. Ground was being prepared in Flagler County for potatoes. Vegetables and fruits marketed included tomatoes, peppers, herbs, cucumbers, eggplant, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, snap beans, radishes, escarole, lettuce, and kale.

Citrus: Rain was extremely light and scattered this week in the citrus growing region. Only ten stations recorded any precipitation, all a tenth of an inch or less. Wellington (Palm Beach County) recorded the most precipitation with 0.10 inches. Temperatures were in the 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 December 3, 2013, abnormally dry conditions cover most of the Indian River and southern growing areas and portions of the northern and central areas. The western growing area remains drought free.

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

Livestock and Pastures: The cattle condition across the State ranged from fair to good. Calving was active in the southwestern part of the State. Pasture condition ranged from poor to excellent throughout the State. Cattlemen were feeding hay, as winter forage was not yet ready in most regions.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	1	0	0
Poor	1	1	10	15
Fair.....	32	28	45	30
Good	60	65	42	45
Excellent.....	7	5	3	10

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

Crop	Nov 24, 2013	Dec 1, 2013	Dec 8, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges....	860	495	2,558
Ambersweet	1	0	0
Navel oranges	138	109	258
White Grapefruit	32	14	45
Colored Grapefruit.....	292	206	351
Tangelos	24	28	82
Sunburst tangerines	127	81	164
Total.....	1,474	933	3,458

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