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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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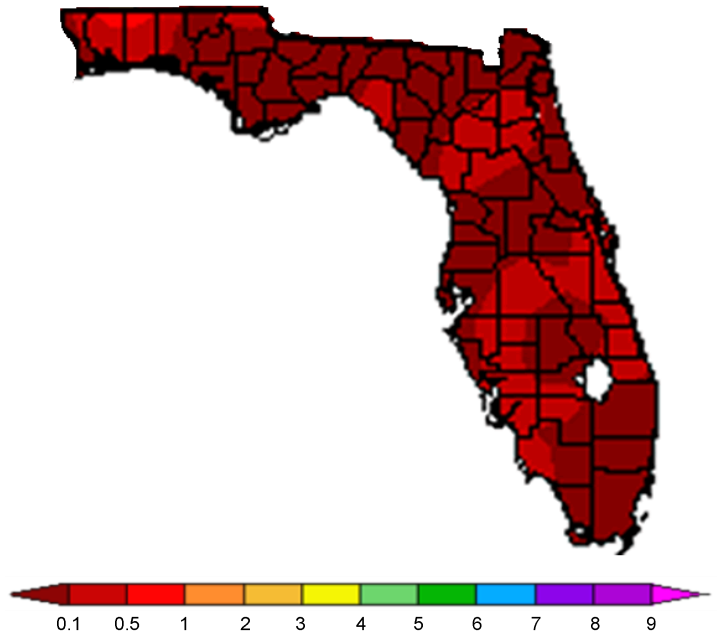
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Week Ending: December 22, 2013

**Very Little Rain This Week**

**Weather Summary:** Most of the State reported no rain this week, with the exception of Jay (Santa Rosa County) with 0.76 and Defuniak Springs (Walton County) with 1.0 inches. Most of Florida was in the 80's, with the highest temperatures in Sebring (Highlands County) at 88.43 degrees. Four locations had 29 degrees or below with Monticello (Jefferson County) having the lowest temperature of 29.01 degrees.

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Dec. 16-22, 2013**



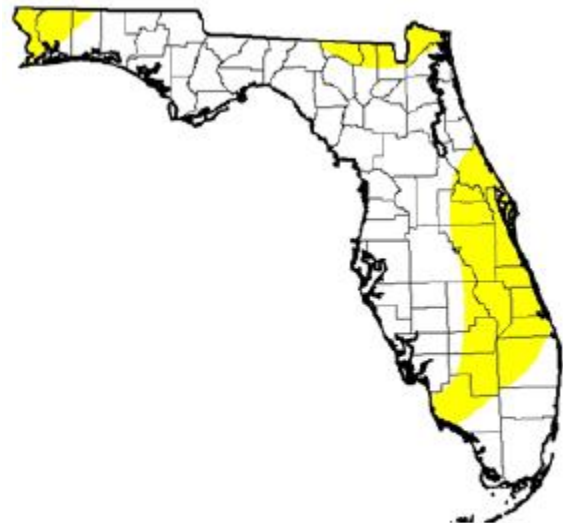
Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	13	13	21
Short .....	27	42	19
Adequate .....	54	44	56
Surplus .....	6	1	4

**Field Crops:** Farmers in the northern part of the State were finishing up the harvest of cotton and soybeans due to dryer weather. Planting of oats, wheat, rye, and winter grazing was still on-going. Sugarcane harvest was proceeding as scheduled in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties.

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Dec. 17, 2013**



**Intensity:**

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

**Fruits & Vegetables:** Cabbage planting continued in Flagler and Putnam counties. The ground was ready for potato planting in Flagler and Putnam counties. Vegetables and fruits marketed in the State included avocados, tomatoes, peppers, herbs, cucumbers, eggplant, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, snap beans, radishes, escarole, lettuce, and kale.

**Citrus:** Rain was very light this week in the citrus growing region. Only eight stations recorded any precipitation. Dade City (Pasco County) recorded the most precipitation with 0.03 inches. High temperatures were in the low 80's throughout 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 17, 2013, abnormally dry conditions covered most of the Indian River and southern growing areas and portions of the northern and central areas. More of the central area and slightly less of the northern area were abnormally dry this week compared to last week. The western growing area remained drought free.

Field workers were reporting small sizes on all varieties. Grove activity included harvesting, resetting of new trees, pushing of dead groves and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing and psyllid control. Thirty-nine of 43 packinghouses had opened and begun shipping small quantities of fruit. Sixteen of nineteen processing plants were open so far this season.

**Livestock and Pastures:** The cattle condition across the State was primarily good. The majority of the pasture condition ranged from poor to good in the State. Cattlemen were feeding hay and supplements across the State to their cattle. Drought was the main contributing factor for the decline in pasture condition in the central and south part of the State while cold weather in the northern part of the State contributed to pasture decline.

### Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor .....	2	1	16	15
Fair.....	32	30	40	36
Good .....	60	60	40	41
Excellent.....	5	8	3	6

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

Crop	Dec 8, 2013	Dec 15, 2013	Dec 22, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges....	2,558	3,988	4,895
Ambersweet .....	0	1	3
Navel oranges .....	258	217	111
White Grapefruit .....	45	93	146
Colored Grapefruit.....	351	393	399
Tangelos .....	82	73	39
Sunburst tangerines....	164	150	134
Honey Tangerines.....	0	0	1
Total.....	3,458	4,915	5,728

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