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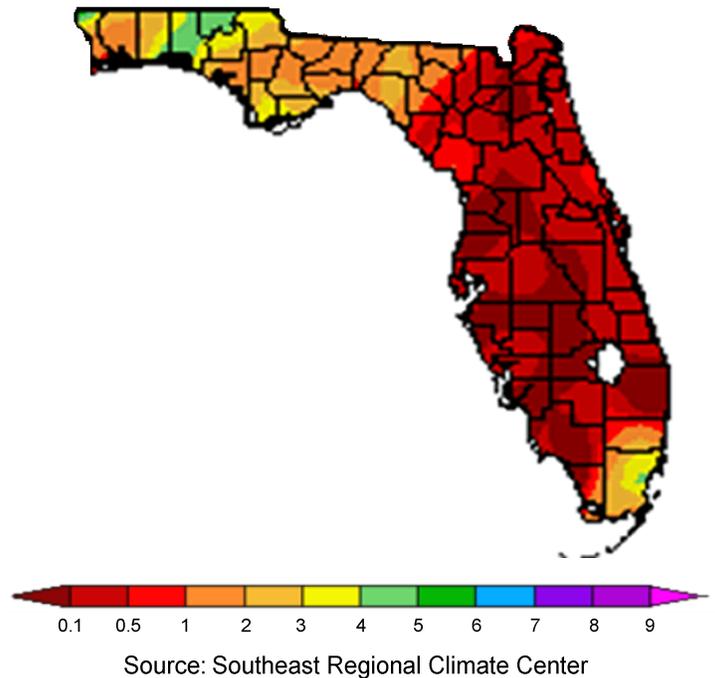
**Spotty Rain This Week**

**Weather Summary:** Most of the State reported very little rain this week, with the exception of Defuniak Springs (Walton County) with 4.00 inches, according to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN). Marianna (Jackson County) received 3.58 inches of rain and four locations received between 2.00 and 2.50 inches of rain. Most of Florida was in the 80’s, with the highest temperatures in Immokalee (Collier County) at 88 degrees. The lowest temperature in the State was in Jay (Santa Rosa County) with 26 degrees.

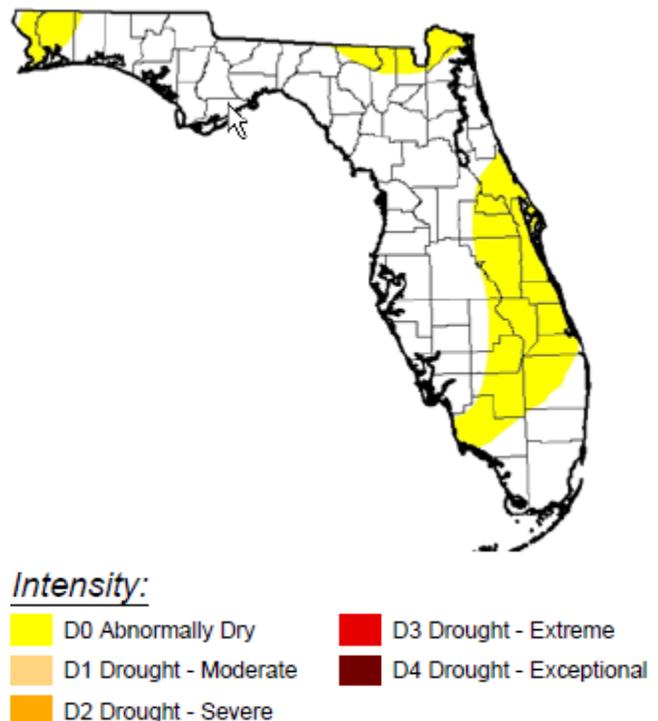
**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	21	6	4
Short .....	19	36	26
Adequate .....	56	58	59
Surplus .....	4	0	11

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Dec. 23-29, 2013**



**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Dec. 24, 2013**



**Field Crops:** Farmers in the northern part of the State finished the harvest of cotton and continued to harvest soybeans. Planting of oats, wheat, rye, and winter grazing was on-going. Sugarcane harvest proceeded as scheduled in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties.

**Fruits & Vegetables:** Farmers in Miami-Dade County continued to plant sweet corn, squash, beans, and peppers. Vegetables and fruits marketed in the State included avocados, beets, cucumbers, escarole, mustard, tomatoes, peppers, herbs, eggplant, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, snap beans, radishes, lettuce, kale, and a variety of specialty items.

**Citrus:** Rain was light this week in the citrus growing region. All but one station recorded at least a trace of precipitation. Four stations recorded more than a half-inch. Putnam Hall (Putnam County) recorded the most precipitation with 0.81 inches. Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) was the only station to receive no precipitation. High temperatures were in the low to mid 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 24, 2013, abnormally dry conditions cover 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 are covered this week. The western growing area remained drought free.

Field workers reported small sizes on all varieties. Grove activity included hedging and topping after harvest, 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.

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

Crop	Dec 15, 2013	Dec 22, 2013	Dec 29, 2013
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges....	3,988	4,895	3,334
Ambersweet.....	1	3	4
Navel oranges.....	217	111	20
White Grapefruit.....	93	146	64
Colored Grapefruit.....	393	399	227
Tangelos.....	73	39	11
Sunburst tangerines....	150	134	39
Honey Tangerines.....	0	1	1
Total.....	4,915	5,728	3,700

**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. 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	2	1
Poor.....	1	1	15	16
Fair.....	30	34	36	35
Good.....	60	60	41	40
Excellent.....	8	4	6	8

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