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Warmer, Damp Week

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), the majority of the State received an inch or less of rain this week. Hastings (St. Johns County) received the most rain with 2.52 inches. Maximum temperatures ranged from the upper 60s to the 80s, with the highest temperature in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) at 87 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State ranged from 27 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 67 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

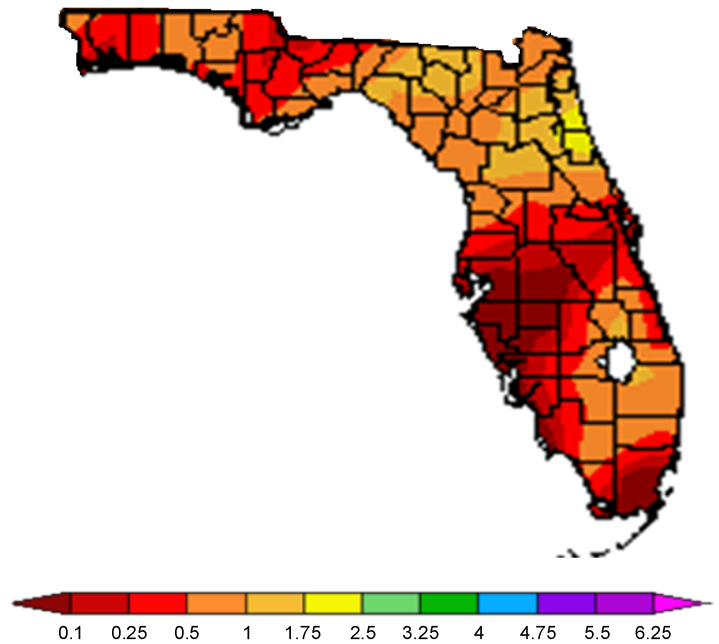
Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	8	0
Short	15	51	10
Adequate	79	40	83
Surplus	6	1	7

Field Crops: Cold weather hampered field work for three to four days in the Panhandle. Winter wheat is growing slowly due to cold weather.

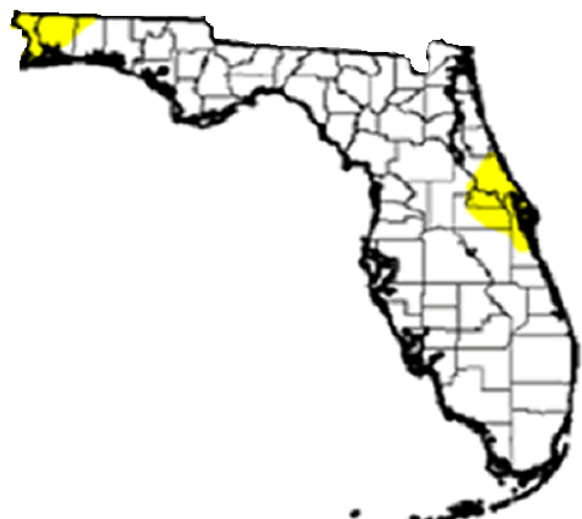
Fruit and Vegetables: Strawberries were still being harvested in Bradford County. Harvesting of cabbage continued in Flagler and Putnam counties, while planting of potatoes was delayed due to wet conditions. Soil preparation for watermelons was underway in Gilchrist County. Rain and foggy weather increased disease in vegetables with late blight being reported on tomatoes and potatoes in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties. Manatee County farmers were planting tomatoes, peppers, and squash, while strawberries were being harvested. Vegetables and fruits marketed in the State included beets, cabbage, cucumbers, eggplant, kale, lettuce, peppers, radishes, sweet corn, snap beans, tomatoes, herbs, and a variety of specialty items.

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Feb. 2-8, 2014



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Feb. 4, 2014



Intensity:

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

Citrus: Rain was widespread in the citrus area this week. All stations recorded at least a trace of rainfall. Citra (Marion County) recorded the most precipitation, with 2.30 inches. Balm (Hillsborough County), Joshua (DeSoto County), Arcadia (DeSoto County), and St. Lucie West (St. Lucie County) recorded the least, with 0.01 inches. Average temperatures were in the upper 50s to mid 60s through most of the citrus growing area. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated February 4, 2014, abnormally dry conditions have retreated to cover only a small portion of the northern and Indian River areas. The majority of the active commercial citrus groves in the State are drought free.

Field workers reported small sizes on all varieties. Grove activity included harvesting, 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 were shipping small quantities of fruit. Fifteen of nineteen processing plants were open this season.

Livestock and Pastures: Cold weather in the Panhandle challenged livestock and slowed winter pasture growth for a second week. The rains in south Florida helped raise pond levels. The cattle condition for the State was good but the pasture condition was mostly fair. Cattlemen were feeding hay across the State. Cold weather throughout the State contributed to the very poor and poor 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	5	5
Poor	4	5	22	22
Fair.....	39	39	50	50
Good	55	54	22	21
Excellent.....	1	1	1	2

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	Jan 26, 2014	Feb 2, 2014	Feb 9, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges....	4,253	3,607	3,990
Valencia	23	29	19
Navel oranges	41	16	13
White Grapefruit	120	176	214
Colored Grapefruit.....	432	483	544
Temples	14	14	15
Tangelos	82	44	53
Sunburst tangerines....	8	2	11
Honey Tangerines.....	68	58	73
Total.....	5,041	4,429	4,932

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