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Dry Week But Fields Still Wet

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), no location in the State received one inch of rain. Jay (Santa Rosa County) received the most rain with 0.77 inches. Maximum temperatures were in the 70s to 90s degrees, with the highest temperature in Sebring (Highlands County) with 91 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State ranged from 37 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County) and 38 degrees in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 60 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

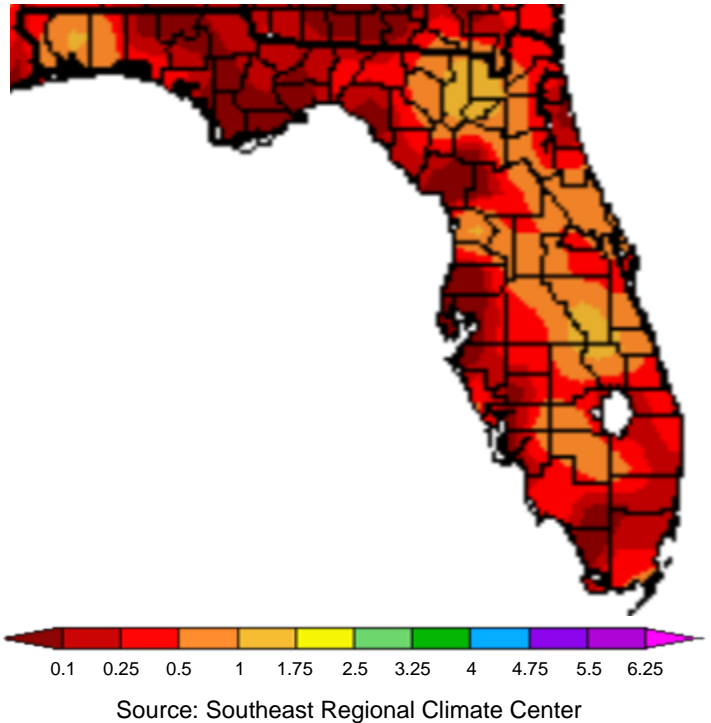
Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	9	0
Short	18	33	18
Adequate	73	51	76
Surplus	9	7	6

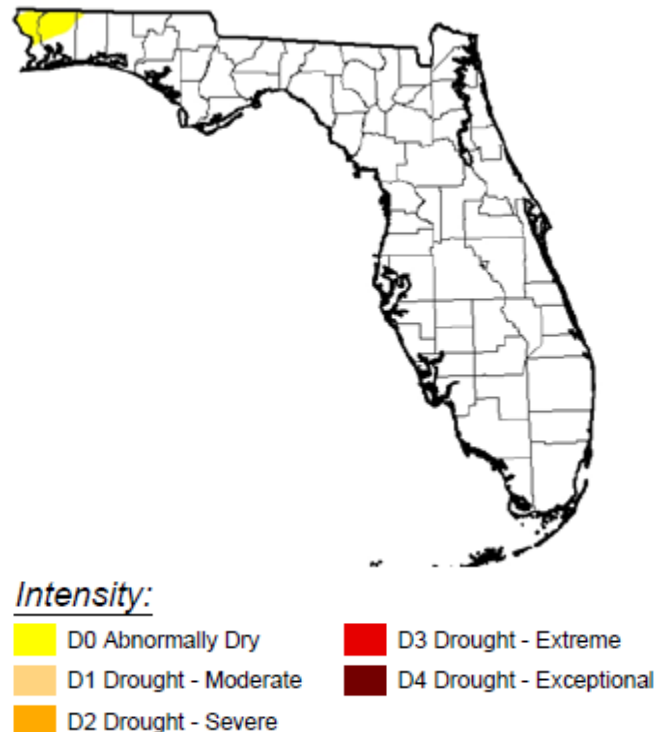
Field Crops: Most fields in the Panhandle were too wet for work. Field corn, peanuts, and cotton planting in the Panhandle was delayed due to wet conditions. In north Florida, Dixie County farmers had begun planting field corn and peanuts. Sugarcane harvest was nearing its finish.

Fruit and Vegetables: Gulf County farmers will have to replant some vegetables and watermelons due to saturated fields. Bradford County farmers continued to pick strawberries. South Florida growers reported a hot, dry week. Crops being planted in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, bitter melon, and herbs. Miami-Dade County farmers were harvesting eggplant, green beans, malanga, okra, peppers, yellow squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, Cuban sweet potatoes (boniato), and zucchini. Vegetables coming to market in the southwest were beets, blueberries, cabbage, collards, cucumbers, eggplant, green beans, herbs, lettuce, kale, peppers, potatoes, snap beans, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelons, and specialty items.

Precipitation (in)–Florida: March30-April 5, 2014



U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: April 1, 2014



Citrus: Rain was scattered and very light in the citrus area this past week. Only five stations recorded even a trace of rainfall. Ona (Hardee County) recorded the least, at 0.01 inches. The most recorded was in Balm (Hillsborough County) at 0.06 inches. Daytime temperatures were seasonable, reaching the mid to upper 80s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated April 1, 2014, no drought exists within the citrus growing area.

Grove activity included irrigating on several days during the week, hedging, topping and spraying. Growers were continuing to plant new trees in existing groves. The bloom was finishing in all areas on both oranges and grapefruit. Some trees are bearing very small fruit already for next season's crop.

Processing plants were primarily running Valencia oranges and a few were also running grapefruit. Several packinghouses have finished for the season, a few were still packing grapefruit; some have transitioned to gift fruit packing only.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	March 23, 2014	March 30, 2014	April 6, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges	9	1	0
Valencia	3,090	3,659	3,833
Navel oranges	2	3	2
White Grapefruit	170	173	381
Colored Grapefruit	473	426	350
Temples	23	53	3
Tangelos	0	0	1
Sunburst.....	0	0	1
Honey Tangerines	48	70	51
Total.....	3,815	4,385	4,622

Livestock and Pastures: Pastures remain wet in the Panhandle. Rain in March has kept the pastures in the southwest in favorable condition. The cattle condition for the State was primarily good but the pasture condition was mostly fair.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	1	1
Poor	4	4	14	11
Fair.....	37	35	54	54
Good	58	59	29	31
Excellent.....	1	2	2	3

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