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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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Dry Week Welcomed by Panhandle Farmers

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), the State received very little rain this past week. The most rain was received in Jay (Santa Rosa County) at 0.04 of an inch. Maximum temperatures ranged from 76 to 93 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State ranged from 32 degrees in Citra (Marion County) to 64 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	4	0
Short	21	36	23
Adequate	70	58	72
Surplus	9	2	5

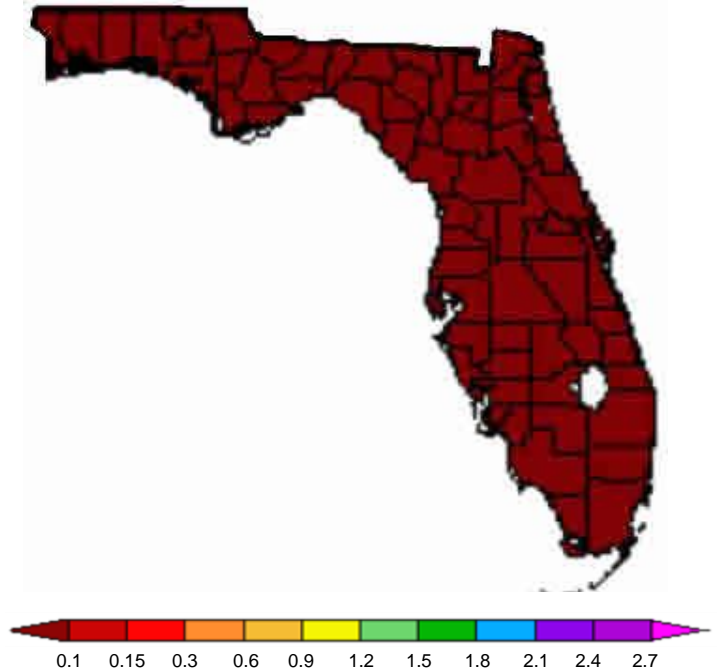
Field Crop: Field corn, peanuts, and cotton were being planted in Jackson and Walton counties. Some fields are still saturated and farmers are hoping to start planting this week. Farmers in north Florida, Dixie County, continued planting field corn and peanuts.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted	9	0	10

Fruit and Vegetables: Watermelon planting was finished in Dixie County while in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties watermelon harvest increased. Bradford County farmers continued to harvest strawberries. Crops being planted in Miami-Dade County were boniato, malanga, okra, and Asian vegetables. Miami-Dade County farmers were harvesting boniato, Chinese vegetables, eggplant, green beans, yellow squash, malanga, okra, tomatoes, and zucchini. Vegetables and fruits coming to market in the southwest were beets, blueberries, cantaloupe, collards, cucumbers, eggplant, herbs, lettuce, peppers, snap beans, squash, tomatoes, watermelons, and specialty items.

Precipitation (in)–Florida: April 21-27, 2014



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: April 22, 2014



Intensity:

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

Citrus: Only two stations in the citrus region received rainfall this past week. Apopka (Orange County) and Pierson (Volusia County) both received 0.02 inches. Daytime temperatures were warm, reaching the upper 80s to lower 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated April 15, 2014, no drought exists within the citrus growing area.

Due to the heat, greening, and chemical spraying, some defoliation has been observed in trees in the southern counties. The bloom is over and small pea size fruit is apparent in most areas. Some growers are reporting a good fruit set for next season's crop.

Owners are pushing dead or declining blocks and replanting in several areas across the citrus region. Hedging and topping has been steady and many growers have completed or are finishing up for this time of year.

Processing plants are primarily running Valencia oranges with a few running grapefruit. Several packinghouses have finished for the season; some have transitioned to gift fruit packing only.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	April 13, 2014	April 20, 2014	April 27, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia	5,461	4,832	4,965
Navel oranges	2	3	1
White Grapefruit	345	199	79
Colored Grapefruit	239	181	96
Temples	3	0	0
Tangelos	1	0	0
Sunburst.....	0	2	1
Honey Tangerines	36	31	9
Total.....	6,087	5,248	5,151

Livestock and Pastures: Pastures remain wet in the Panhandle for another week. Orange and Seminole county farmers were still feeding hay which is unusual for this time of year. Pasco County harvested early Bermuda grass hay. 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	10	8
Fair.....	33	31	48	48
Good	60	61	37	39
Excellent.....	3	4	4	4

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