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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
CONDITION REPORT**



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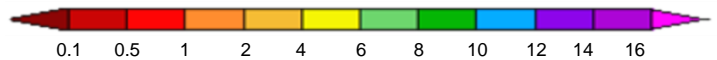
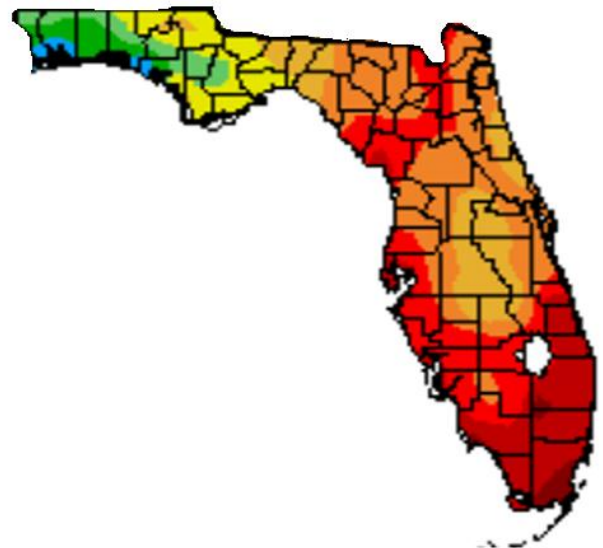
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Week Ending: May 4, 2014

Heavy Rains Cause State of Emergency

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), only five locations in the State received under an inch of rain this past week. The most rain was received in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) at 7.97 inches. Governor Rick Scott declared a state of emergency existed in the following counties due to excessive rain; Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, and Alachua. Maximum temperatures ranged from 83 to 96 degrees. Sebring (Highlands County) received the highest temperature at 96 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State ranged from 47 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County) to 68 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: April 27-May 3, 2014



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	3	0
Short	23	22	14
Adequate	72	70	75
Surplus	5	5	11

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: April 29, 2014



Intensity:

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

Field Crop: Farmers in the Panhandle and north Florida were behind schedule on planting field crops due to excessively wet field conditions. Field work was delayed due to excessively wet fields. Field corn may need to be replanted or farmers may switch to soybeans. Peanut planting was 25 percent complete, behind last year’s 27 percent and the 5-year average of 28 percent.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted	28	27	25

Citrus: All stations in the citrus region received rainfall this past week. All but two received more than an inch. Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) received the most at 4.59 inches. Daytime temperatures were warm, reaching the low to mid 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated April 29, 2014, no drought exists within the citrus growing area.

The rainfall over the past several weeks has been mostly beneficial. Some of the healthier and well cared for trees are showing lots of new growth; unfortunately those heavily affected by greening are thinning out or dying. Next season's crop is progressing well with oranges marble size or bigger and grapefruit slightly larger. Hedging and topping is complete in most areas. Growers and caretakers are applying nutritional and post bloom sprays, fertilizing, irrigating and in some cases resetting new trees.

Processing plants are primarily running only Valencia oranges from now until the end of the season. Several packinghouses have finished for the season with a few still taking small amounts of late oranges. Grapefruit harvest is winding down, dropping down to below an estimated eighty five thousand boxes for the week.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	April 20, 2014	April 27, 2014	May 4, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia	4,832	4,965	5,368
Navel oranges	3	1	0
White Grapefruit	199	79	19
Colored Grapefruit	181	96	65
Sunburst	2	1	0
Honey Tangerines	31	9	1
Total	5,248	5,151	5,453

Fruit and Vegetables: Watermelon harvest increased in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties. Potatoes, cabbage, and leafy greens were being harvested in Flagler and Putnam counties. Blueberries being harvested in Marion County are showing lower yields for this season. Crops planted in Miami-Dade County were boniato, malanga, okra, and bitter melon. Small amounts of rain have been received in Miami-Dade County, therefore, farmers are irrigating all crops. Miami-Dade County farmers were harvesting boniato, bitter melon, green beans, yellow squash, malanga, okra, tomatoes, and zucchini. Vegetables and fruits coming to market in the southwest were blueberries, collards, cucumbers, eggplant, herbs, kale, lettuce, peppers, snap beans, squash, tomatoes, watermelons, and specialty items.

Livestock and Pastures: Pastures remain wet in the Panhandle for another week. Pasture quality in southwest Florida have improved markedly with the rains. The cattle condition for the State was primarily good but the pasture condition was fair to good.

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	3	8	7
Fair	31	32	48	40
Good	61	60	39	47
Excellent	4	5	4	5

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