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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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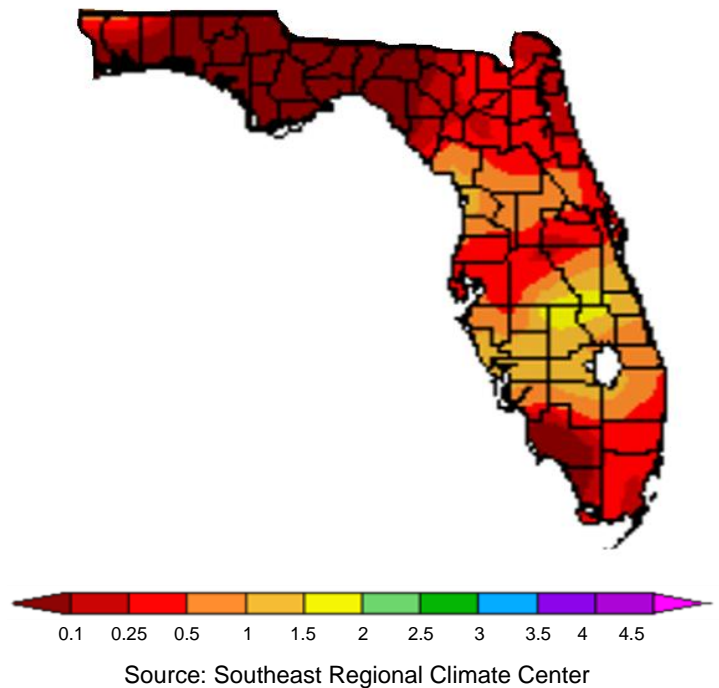
Fieldwork Resumes Where Possible

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), two locations, Arcadia (DeSoto County) and Ona (Hardee County) received an inch of rain this past week. The most rain was received in Live Oak (Suwannee County) at 1.82 inches. Maximum temperatures ranged from 83 to 93 degrees. Bronson (Levy County) received the highest temperature at 93 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State ranged from 52 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County) to 66 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	2	0
Short	14	33	24
Adequate	75	59	69
Surplus	11	6	7

Precipitation (in)–Florida: May 4-10, 2014



U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: May 6, 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 two to four weeks behind schedule on planting field crops due to excessively wet field conditions. In Jackson County, areas with high ground were able to be planted in cotton and peanuts. In Walton County no planting occurred due to wet fields. In Washington County a considerable amount of replanting of cotton and peanuts took place. Dixie County farmers were able to plant corn and peanuts. Levy County farmers have been able to plant 95% of their peanuts. Statewide, peanut planting was 29 percent complete, behind last year’s 32 percent and the 5-year average of 38 percent.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted	38	32	29

Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was sparse and scattered. Eight stations received some precipitation, but only two received more than a tenth of an inch. Ona (Hardee County) received the most at 0.98 inches followed by Arcadia (DeSoto County) with 0.88 inches received. Daytime high temperatures were warm, reaching the low 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated May 6, 2014, no drought exists within the citrus growing area.

The rainfall over the past several weeks has been 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.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	April 27, 2014	May 4, 2014	May 11, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia	4,965	5,368	4,381
Navel oranges	1	0	0
White Grapefruit	79	19	1
Colored Grapefruit	96	65	41
Sunburst	1	0	0
Honey Tangerines	9	1	0
Total	5,151	5,453	4,423

Fruit and Vegetables: Watermelon harvest is going strong in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties. Potatoes and the last of the cabbage were being harvested in Flagler and Putnam counties. Bradford County farmers were harvesting the last of the strawberries. Blueberry growers in Charlotte and Glades County growers were moving to u-pick as the season winds down. Crops planted in Miami-Dade County were boniato, malanga, okra, and bitter melon. Farmers in Miami-Dade, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties continued to irrigate all crops as needed. Miami-Dade County farmers were harvesting boniato, bitter melon, green beans, yellow squash, malanga, okra, 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 declined due to the hot, dry, breezy conditions of the last week. 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	3	2	7	6
Fair	32	32	40	44
Good	60	60	47	44
Excellent	5	6	5	5

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