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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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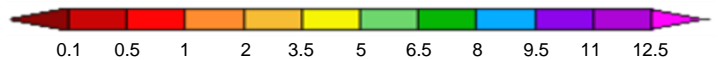
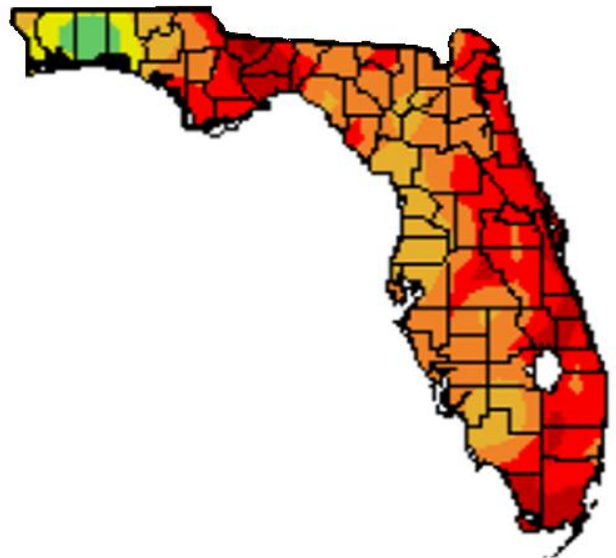
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Rainy Season Comes to Florida

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Florida received from 0.01 inch of rain in Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) to two locations in the Panhandle that received the most rain, Defuniak Springs (Walton County) with 5.88 inches and Jay (Santa Rosa County) with 5.63 inches. On average north Florida received between one and two inches of rain. Central Florida received one to three inches of rain, and south Florida received two to five inches of rain. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the southern portion of Florida has moderate drought. Maximum temperatures ranged from 86 to 95 degrees. Ocklawaha (Marion County) received the highest temperature at 95 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State ranged from 63 degrees in Monticello (Jefferson County) to 70 degrees in Homestead (Miami-Dade County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: May 26-June 1, 2014

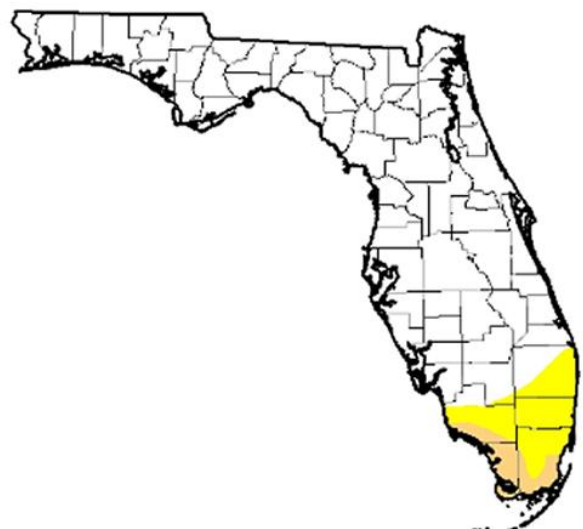


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	9	2
Short	36	33	30
Adequate	58	57	62
Surplus	5	1	6

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: May 27, 2014



Intensity:

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

Field Crop: Daily rain delayed the harvest of winter wheat and oats in the Panhandle this past week. Farmers in the Panhandle were waiting on low areas to dry. Planting of cotton, soybeans, and peanuts continued as weather permitted. Statewide, peanut planting was 80 percent complete, ahead of last year’s 74 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 81 percent.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted	81	74	80

Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and heavy in places. All stations received some precipitation; fourteen received more than two inches, and four received more than three inches. Immokalee (Collier County) received the most at 4.78 inches, followed by Dade City (Pasco County) with 3.40 inches received. Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) received the least with 0.01 inches recorded. Daytime high temperatures were warm, reaching the low to mid 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated May 27, 2014, moderate drought conditions exist within the southernmost region of the citrus growing area, but are currently affecting no active citrus groves. Abnormally dry conditions have expanded northward, affecting the southernmost of the active citrus groves

Next season's crop is progressing well with early oranges and grapefruit golf ball-size and larger. Growers and caretakers are applying nutritional and post bloom sprays, fertilizing, irrigating, mowing and in some cases resetting new trees.

The twelve processing plants that are still open are primarily running Valencia oranges from now until the end of the season. Several packinghouses have finished for the season with twelve still taking small amounts of late oranges.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	May 18, 2014	May 18, 2014	June 1, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia	4,100	3,486	2,260
White Grapefruit	1	1	0
Colored Grapefruit	18	18	2
Total	4,119	3,505	2,262

Fruit and Vegetables: Farmers in Gilchrist and Levy counties were harvesting watermelons this past week. Some fields in central Florida were flooded, due to daily rain, which delayed the planting of cucumbers and squash. The last of the potatoes in Flagler and Putnam counties were being harvested. Some areas in southwest Florida received heavy rains while other areas did not and are in need of rain. Crops being planted and harvested in Miami-Dade County were boniato, malanga, okra, and Asian bitter melon. Vegetables and fruits coming to market were cabbage, cantaloupe, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, radishes, squash, tomatoes, and watermelons.

Livestock and Pastures: Winter grazing has completely played out in the Panhandle of Florida, while warm season pastures are coming on nicely except in low areas that are subject to standing water. In southwest Florida, hot, dry conditions took their toll on pasture condition before the rainy season kicked in 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	0	0
Poor	3	2	7	7
Fair	30	28	36	35
Good	62	64	53	54
Excellent	5	6	4	4

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