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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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High Temperatures, Scattered Rainfall

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 3.8 inches this past week. Umatilla (Lake County) received the most rain with 3.8 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) with 3.42 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 82 percent drought free this past week. The highest temperature was 96 degrees at six locations in the State. The lowest temperature in the State was 69 degrees at three locations in the State.

Soil Moisture Ratings

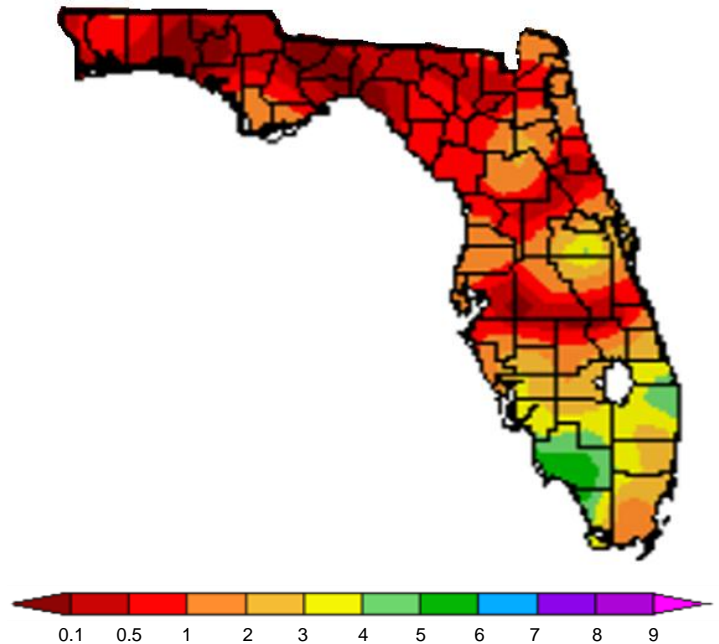
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	1
Short	12	3	14
Adequate	76	69	65
Surplus	12	28	20

Field Crops: There was an average of 6.4 days suitable for field work that was down slightly from 6.5 days the previous week. Hay continued to be cut in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida as weather permitted. Army worms caused damage in hay, pastures, soybeans, and peanuts. Peanut pegging was behind the previous year but ahead of the 5-year average. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State. Corn and corn silage harvesting continued in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida.

Peanut Progress and Condition

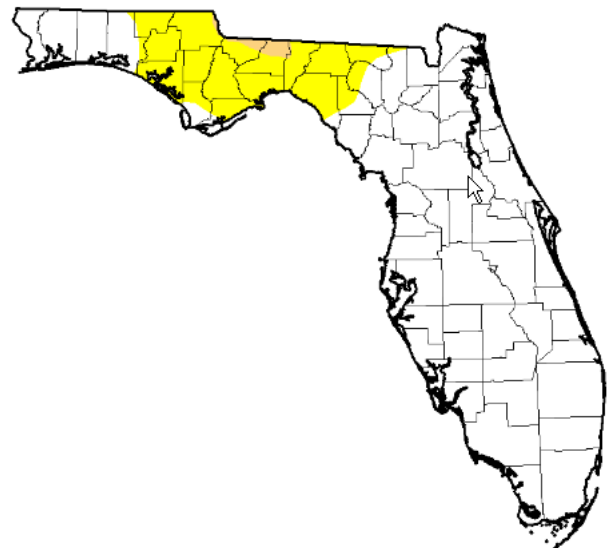
Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged	92	99	96
Condition			
Very Poor	1	0	0
Poor	3	2	4
Fair	15	18	20
Good	64	62	67
Excellent	17	18	9

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Aug. 3-9, 2014



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: August 5, 2014



Intensity:

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

Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and generally heavy. All stations received some precipitation. Eighteen stations received more than an inch and ten received more than two inches. Umatilla (Lake County) received the most at 3.80 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) with 3.42 inches. Citra (Marion County) recorded the least with 0.06 inches of precipitation 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 Aug 5, 2014, the entire citrus producing region in Florida remains drought free.

Next season’s crop is progressing well. Growers and caretakers are applying summer oils, fertilizing, irrigating, and in some cases resetting new trees.

Fruit and Vegetables: Bradford County farmers were harvesting okra and southern peas (black-eyed, pink-eye, purple hull). Farmers in southwest Florida had a wet week, with scattered showers most days. They continued preparing land for fall planting and began to lay plastic. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included okra, boniato; harvested included okra, boniato, bitter melon, and malanga.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good. Pastures in the Panhandle suffered due to damage by army worms. Pastures throughout the State have received significant rain and were generally in good condition. In southwest Florida, water levels were beginning to rise in ponds, wetlands, and standing water was evident in low lying areas.

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	1	1	2	3
Fair.....	16	15	22	27
Good	72	72	65	59
Excellent.....	11	12	10	10

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