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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
CONDITION REPORT**



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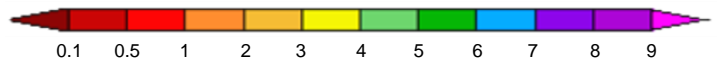
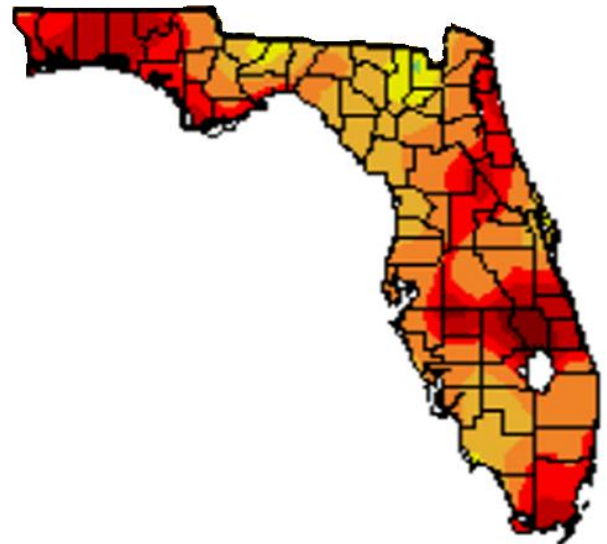
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Week Ending: September 7, 2014

Rainy, Hot Week

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 2014

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.22 to 6.83 inches this past week. Live Oak (Suwannee County) received the most rain with 6.83 inches, followed by MacClenny (Baker County) with 6.38 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 69 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 69 to 96 across the State. The highest temperature was 96 degrees in Dover (Hillsborough County), MacClenny (Baker County), and Avalon (Orange County). The lowest temperature in the State was 69 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County), Quincy (Gadsden County), and Joshua (De Soto County).

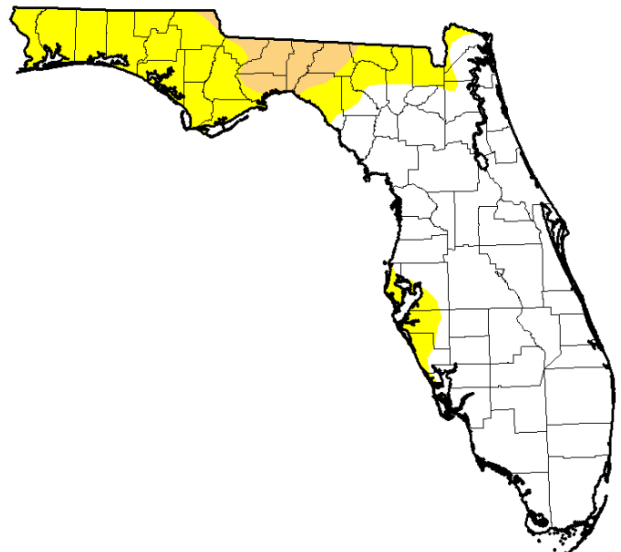


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

| Moisture Rating | Topsoil | | |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Previous week | Previous year | Current week |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Short | 14 | 10 | 13 |
| Adequate | 68 | 60 | 76 |
| Surplus | 16 | 29 | 9 |

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 2, 2014



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: There was an average of 6.4 days suitable for field work, down slightly from 6.6 days the previous week. Farmers in Escambia County finished harvesting corn. Cotton was in fair condition across the Panhandle, with some hurt by disease. Army worms were still a problem in parts of the Panhandle as was white mold on peanuts. Peanut harvest has not begun in the Panhandle, but had started in Dixie County. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State. Sugarcane planting in Palm Beach County had started.

Peanut Progress and Condition

| Condition | 5-year average | Previous year | Current week |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very Poor..... | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Poor..... | 6 | 11 | 6 |
| Fair..... | 21 | 24 | 26 |
| Good..... | 59 | 54 | 61 |
| Excellent..... | 13 | 10 | 6 |

Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and heavy. All stations received some precipitation. Twenty-one stations received more than an inch and six received more than three inches. Lake Alfred (Polk County) received the most at 5.06 inches, followed by St. Lucie West (St. Lucie County) with 4.58 inches. Palmdale (Glades County) recorded the least precipitation with 0.22 inches. Daytime high temperatures were hot, reaching the low to mid 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated September 2, 2014, abnormally dry conditions have returned to the western production area. All other citrus producing regions in Florida remain drought free.

Next season's crop is progressing well. Growers and caretakers are mowing, irrigating, treating existing trees affected with greening, and giving care to new resets.

Fruit and Vegetables: Southwest Florida received scattered showers throughout the week. Vegetable growers in southwest Florida continued preparing land, laying plastic, and planting fall vegetables. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included okra, boniato, and malanga; being harvested included okra, boniato, avocado, malanga, and bitter melon.

Livestock and Pastures: Rain in Jefferson County improved moisture levels for pastures this past week. Okeechobee County had many pastures with standing water and cattle look well hydrated. Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly 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..... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Fair..... | 16 | 15 | 31 | 24 |
| Good..... | 74 | 71 | 57 | 65 |
| Excellent..... | 9 | 13 | 9 | 8 |

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