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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
CONDITION REPORT**



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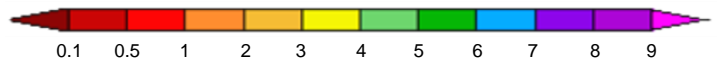
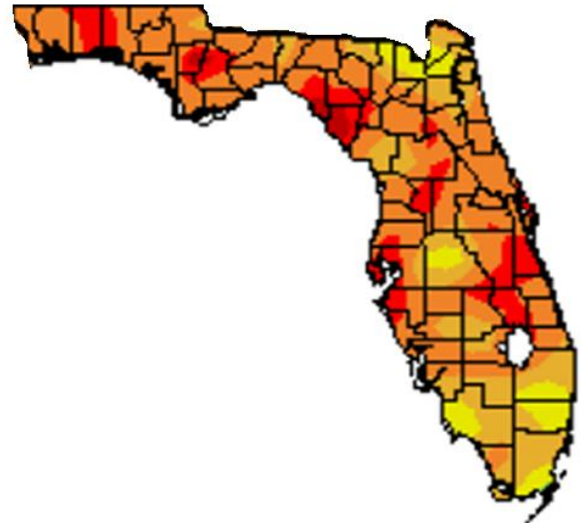
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Week Ending: September 14, 2014

Peanut Harvesting Started

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.11 to 4.35 inches this past week. Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) received the most rain with 4.35 inches, followed by Carrabelle (Franklin County) with 3.12 inches, and Jay (Santa Rosa County) with 3.11 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 75 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 67 to 94 across the State. The highest temperature was 94 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County), Dover (Hillsborough County), and Ocklawaha (Marion County). The lowest temperature in the State was 67 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County).

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Sept. 8-14, 2014

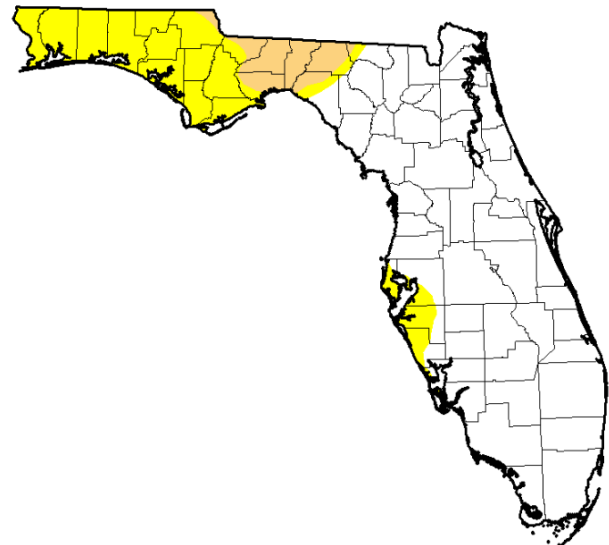


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	0	1
Short	13	10	11
Adequate	76	68	75
Surplus	9	22	13

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 9, 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, the same as the previous week. Peanut harvest has begun in Jackson, Santa Rosa, and Washington counties. Spotted wilt has caused peanut growers in Santa Rosa County to harvest earlier than desired. Okaloosa County farmers were delaying harvest of cotton and peanuts due to delayed planting, drought, and pest pressure. Peanut harvest was in full swing in Dixie and Levy counties. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State. Gulf, Dixie, and Pasco county farmers were cutting hay this past week. Washington County received a good rain that will help hay fields which had been showing severe drought stress. Sugarcane planting has begun in Glades and Hendry counties.

Peanut Progress

Condition	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	1	1	2
Poor.....	7	8	8
Fair.....	27	27	26
Good.....	52	51	58
Excellent.....	13	13	6
Stage			
Harvested.....	17	26	20

Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread. All stations received some precipitation. Fourteen stations received more than an inch and three received more than two inches. Wellington (Palm Beach County) received the most at 2.81 inches, followed by Ona (Hardee County) with 2.76 inches. Frostproof (Polk County) recorded the least precipitation with 0.11 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 9, 2014, abnormally dry conditions exist in 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 significant rainfall and some flooding was seen in low lying areas this past week. Vegetable growers in southwest Florida continued preparing land, laying plastic, and planting fall vegetables. Farmers in Flagler and Putnam counties began planting cabbage. Tomatoes and peppers were planted in Manatee County. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included okra, boniato, and malanga; being harvested included okra, boniato, avocado, and malanga.

Livestock and Pastures: Pastures in Santa Rosa and Washington counties were showing severe drought stress. In southwest Florida, pasture quality is beginning to decline seasonally as grasses mature. 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	2
Fair.....	15	16	24	24
Good.....	71	70	65	67
Excellent.....	13	13	8	7

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