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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
CONDITION REPORT**



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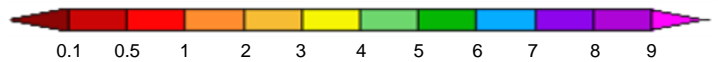
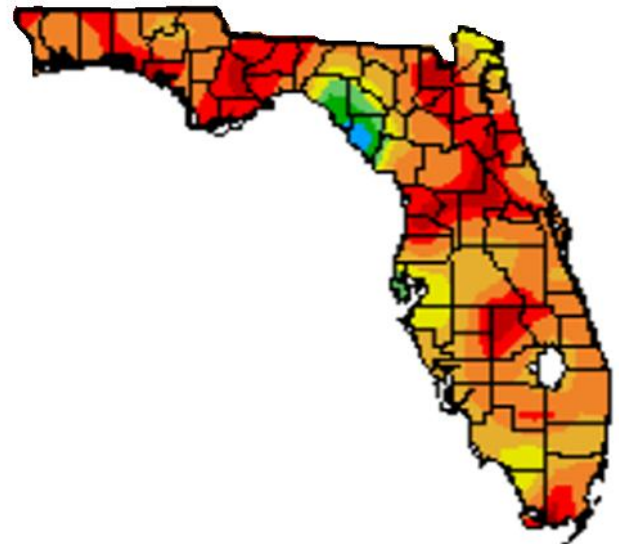
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Week Ending: September 21, 2014

North Florida Dry, South Florida Wet

Precipitation (in)–Florida: Sept. 14-20, 2014

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.13 to 4.43 inches this past week. Palmdale (Glades County) received the most rain with 4.43 inches, followed by Dover (Hillsborough County) with 4.39 inches, and Balm (Hillsborough County) with 4.05 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 64 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 53 to 95 across the State. The highest temperature was 95 degrees in Ocklawaha (Marion County), Frostproof (Polk County), and Arcadia (De Soto County). The lowest temperature in the State was 53 degrees in Citra (Marion County).

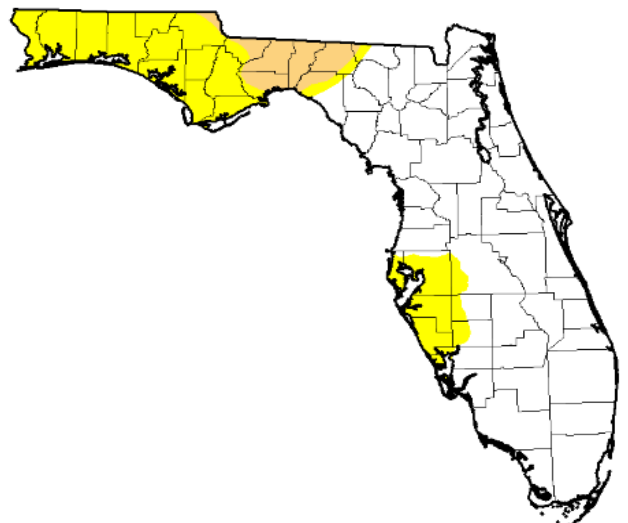


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1
Short	10	11	11
Adequate	74	75	77
Surplus	15	13	11

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 16, 2014



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: There was an average of 5.9 days suitable for field work, down slightly from the previous week. Peanut harvest continued in the Panhandle and north Florida. Some areas saw peanut quality declining due to weather, disease, and pests. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State. Army worms were no longer evident in hay but a stem maggot problem now exists. Sugarcane planting was underway in Glades and Hendry counties.

Peanut Progress

Condition	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	3	2	2	1
Poor.....	6	8	5	7
Fair.....	25	26	28	32
Good.....	60	58	53	47
Excellent.....	6	6	12	13
Stage				
Harvested.....	15	10	26	23

Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread. All stations received some precipitation. Twenty-three stations received more than an inch and six received more than three inches. Palmdale (Glades County) received the most at 4.43 inches, followed by Dover (Hillsborough County) with 4.39 inches. Okahumpka (Lake County) recorded the least precipitation with 0.27 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 16, 2014, abnormally dry conditions exist in the central and western production areas. 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 which disrupted agricultural activities a number of afternoons this past week. Vegetable growers ran pumps to maintain favorable water levels. Growers continued to plant fall crops. Farmers in Flagler and Putnam counties began planting leafy greens and Bradford County farmers started planting winter vegetables. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included green beans, okra, and boniato; being harvested included okra, boniato, and avocado.

Livestock and Pastures: Pastures in Santa Rosa and Escambia counties received some rain this past week, but not enough to overcome drought conditions. Heavy rains in the southern counties of Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee resulted in some flooded pastures. Pasture quality declined seasonally as grasses pass maturity. Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Current week	Previous week	Current week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor	0	0	0	0
Poor.....	1	1	3	2
Fair.....	14	16	22	24
Good.....	73	70	68	67
Excellent.....	12	13	7	7

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