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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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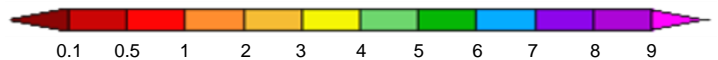
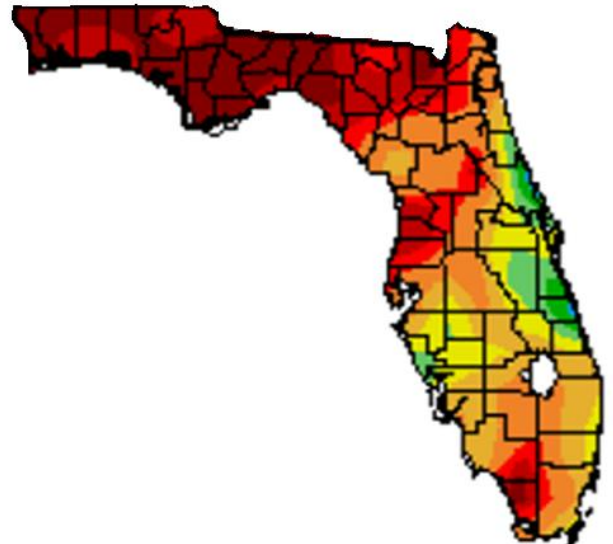
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**Wet Week for Florida**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 7.21 inches this past week. North Port (Sarasota County) received the most rain with 7.21 inches, followed by Bronson (Levy County) with 6.44 inches. Seven locations received five inches of rain, seven locations received four inches of rain, and three locations received three inches of rain. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 59 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 57 to 92 across the State. The highest temperature was 92 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County). The lowest temperature in the State was 57 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) and Marianna (Jackson County).

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Sept. 21-27, 2014**

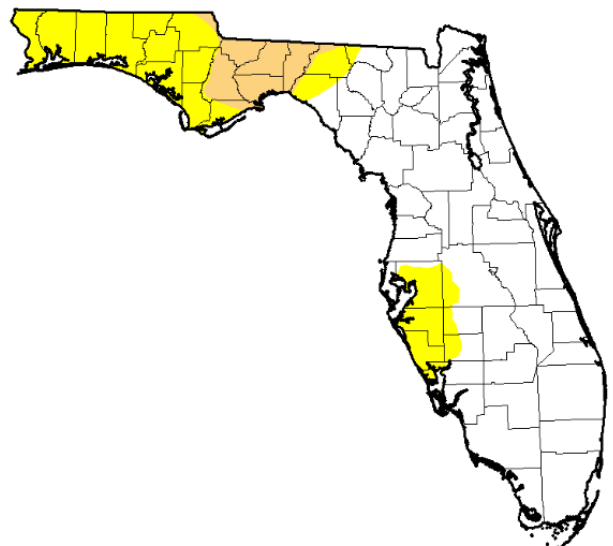


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1	1
Short .....	6	10	5
Adequate .....	65	74	72
Surplus .....	28	15	22

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 23, 2014**



**Intensity:**

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

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 5.8 days suitable for field work, down slightly from the previous week. The frequent rain made field work difficult. Peanut harvest continued in the Panhandle and north Florida but was delayed by heavy rain. Peanut condition was mostly good for the State. Hay was cut in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida this past week. However, the hay could not be baled in locations due to wet conditions. The quality of the hay was lower due to the wet conditions during haying.

## Peanut Progress

Condition	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	3	3	1	1
Poor.....	6	6	3	5
Fair.....	24	25	35	31
Good.....	61	60	55	48
Excellent.....	6	6	6	15
Stage				
Harvested.....	19	15	32	33

**Citrus:** Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread and generally heavy. All stations received some precipitation. Twenty-six stations received more than an inch and four received more than five inches. North Port (Sarasota County) received the most at 7.21 inches, followed by Ona (Hardee County) with 5.47 inches. Wellington (Palm Beach County) recorded the least precipitation with 0.48 inches. Daytime high temperatures were warm, reaching the upper 80s to low 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated September 23, 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 performing irrigation repair, pushing trees, and spraying.

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Tomato harvest was in full swing in Gadsden County. In Bradford County, strawberries were being planted. Vegetable growers in southwest Florida were running pumps hard to pump water out of fields to maintain favorable conditions. Rain delays caused disruptions in planting schedules. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included green beans, squash, peppers, tomato, bitter melon, boniato, and malanga; being harvested included boniato, malanga, okra, and avocado. Palm Beach County farmers began planting sweet corn, snap beans, and lettuce.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Pastures in various areas of the State had standing water. Heavy rains in the southern counties of Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee resulted in significantly flooded pastures. 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	1	0
Poor.....	1	1	4	3
Fair.....	16	14	28	22
Good.....	74	73	59	68
Excellent.....	9	12	8	7

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