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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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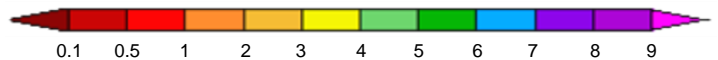
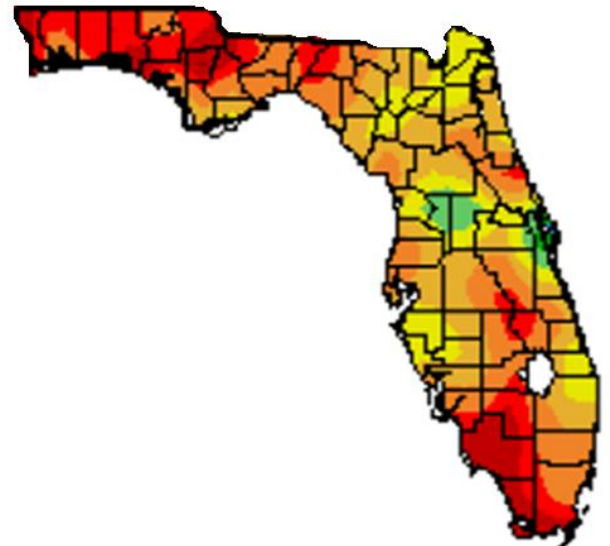
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Week Ending: October 5, 2014

**Wet Weather Continues**

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Sept 28-Oct 4, 2014**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.26 to 3.67 inches this past week. Wellington (Palm Beach County) received the most rain with 3.67 inches, followed by Ocklawaha (Marion County) with 2.89 inches. The majority of Florida received at least one inch of rain this past week. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 77 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 43 to 94 across the State. The highest temperature was 94 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County). The lowest temperature in the State was 43 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County).



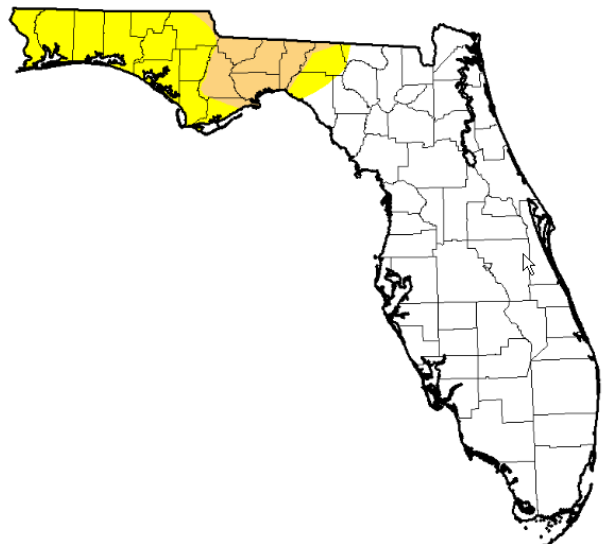
Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	1	(NA)
Short .....	4	6	(NA)
Adequate .....	68	65	(NA)
Surplus .....	28	28	(NA)

NA Not available.

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 30, 2014**



**Intensity:**

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

**Field Crops:** There was an average 5.8 days suitable for field work, the same as the previous week. The frequent rain made field work difficult. Peanut harvesting was 31 percent complete, below the five year average. Harvesting 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 but was delayed in some areas due to rain. Cotton was being harvested in Walton County. Cool weather in the Panhandle slowed grass growth. Farmers in the Panhandle were planting rye grass, oats, and winter grazing.

## Peanut Progress

Condition	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	3	3	(NA)	1
Poor.....	7	6	(NA)	7
Fair.....	27	24	(NA)	30
Good.....	57	61	(NA)	48
Excellent.....	6	6	(NA)	14
Stage				
Harvested.....	31	19	(NA)	45

NA Not available.

**Citrus:** Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread. All stations received some precipitation. Fifteen stations received more than an inch and five received more than two inches. Wellington (Palm Beach County) received the most at 3.67 inches, followed by Ocklawaha (Marion County) with 2.89 inches. Joshua (De Soto County) recorded the least precipitation with 0.28 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 30, 2014, all citrus producing regions in Florida are now drought free.

Next season's crop is progressing well. Growers and caretakers were performing irrigation repair, pushing trees, and spraying.

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Tomato harvest continued in Gadsden County. In Bradford and Hillsborough counties, strawberries were being planted. Leafy greens and cabbage were being planted in Flagler and Putnam counties. Vegetable growers in southwest Florida continued with fall planting. Wet weather had vegetable growers battling disease in some locations. Fruits and vegetables being planted in Miami-Dade County included green beans, squash, peppers, tomato, herbs, eggplant, sweet corn, bitter melon, boniato, and malanga; being harvested included boniato, malanga, okra, and avocado.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Pastures in various locations of the State had standing water at the beginning of the week. Water levels have started to decline in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties although ponding and flooding of low lying areas was still present and soil remains wet. 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	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	4
Fair.....	12	16	24	28
Good.....	79	74	65	59
Excellent.....	8	9	8	8

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

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