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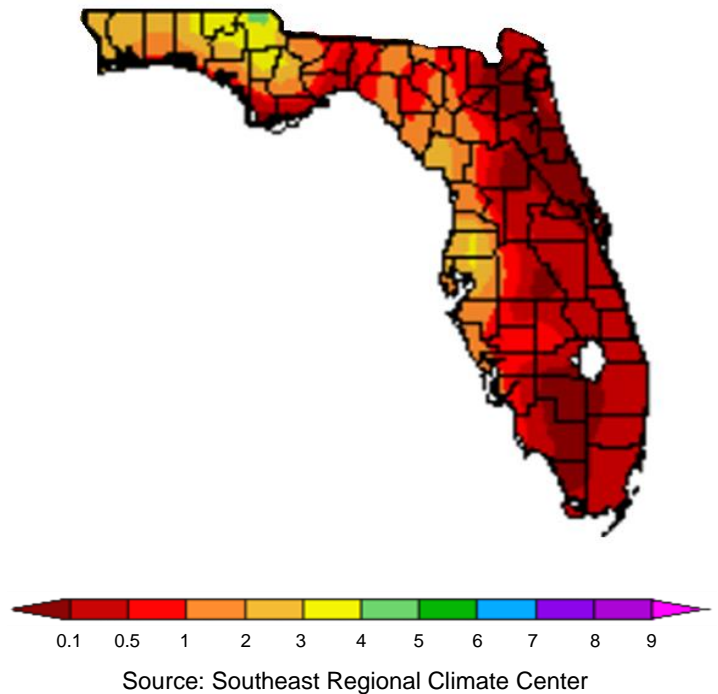
**Heavy Rains in Panhandle, Dry in South**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 2.91 inches at Defuniak Springs (Walton County). Rainfall for most of the State was less than one inch. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 87 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 59 degrees for night time lows to 96 degrees for day time highs, across the State. The highest temperature was 96 degrees in Bronson (Levy County). The lowest temperature in the State was 59 degrees in Kenansville (Osceola County).

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	2	2
Short .....	37	42	31
Adequate.....	56	53	61
Surplus.....	4	3	6

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: May 25-31, 2015**

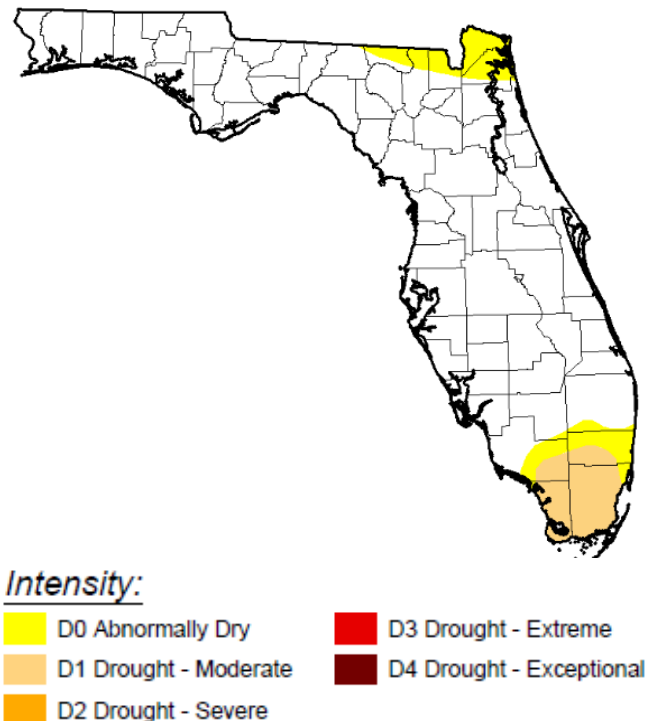


**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.2 days suitable for field work this past week, down from 6.6 in the previous week. Heavy rains were received in some areas of the Panhandle which slowed planting or prevented harvesting this past week. Peanut planting continued in Washington County. Cotton was planted in Walton and Washington counties and soybean planting continued in Washington County. Jackson County farmers were harvesting wheat and planting soybeans behind the wheat. Haying continued in Dixie, Pasco, Orange, and Seminole counties. Field corn was being harvested in Dixie County. Rice continued to grow and be planted in Palm Beach County.

**Peanut Progress**

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted.....	81	79	85

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: May 26, 2015**



**Fruit and Vegetables:** Watermelons were being harvested in Bradford, Dixie, Flagler, Putnam, Levy, and Gilchrist counties. Farmers in Dixie County were also harvesting green beans. Blueberry harvest was completed. Bradford County farmers were harvesting squash, onions, peppers, and a few remaining strawberries. Flagler and Putnam county farmers were harvesting potatoes. Sweet corn harvest was nearing its end in Palm Beach County. Southwest Florida farmers had a hot, dry week, their growing season is over for the summer. Crops being planted in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, and bitter melon. All crops in Miami-Dade County were being irrigated.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Jackson County farmers began planting Bahia grass for pastures. With scattered rainfall in Leon County this past week, some pastures had water accumulated in them. Statewide, the cattle condition was mostly good, while the pasture condition was fair to good.

**Cattle and Pasture Condition**

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Current week	Previous week	Current week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	2	1
Poor.....	3	2	13	10
Fair.....	25	23	37	34
Good.....	65	68	41	48
Excellent.....	7	7	7	7

**Citrus:** Daily high temperatures were seasonably warm all week, reaching the upper 80s to lower 90s each day in all citrus producing counties. The highest temperature recorded was in Sebring (Highlands County) at 94 degrees. Rainfall totals were low for this time of year. Only Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 0.49 inches and Frostproof (Polk County) at 0.87 inches had

significant rainfall for the week. Several stations in the citrus region recorded no rainfall. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated May 26, 2015, abnormally dry conditions covered only the southern half of Collier County and the southern tip of Hendry County. The remainder of the citrus area was drought free.

Weekly Valencia orange harvest dropped below four million boxes for the first time in almost two months. Florida’s late season orange harvest typically starts tapering off the beginning of June and is relatively over by the end of the month or in early July. All other varieties were already finished for the season.

Field workers reported seeing irrigation running frequently. Some growers were still mowing; some were spraying summer oils. Hedging and topping was about finished for the season in most areas. Next season’s early oranges were about golf ball size, grapefruit were slightly larger.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending:		
	May 17, 2015	May 25, 2015	May 31, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia .....	4,493	4,330	2,819
Colored grapefruit.....	1	5	0
Temples .....	0	1	0
Total .....	4,494	4,336	2,819

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