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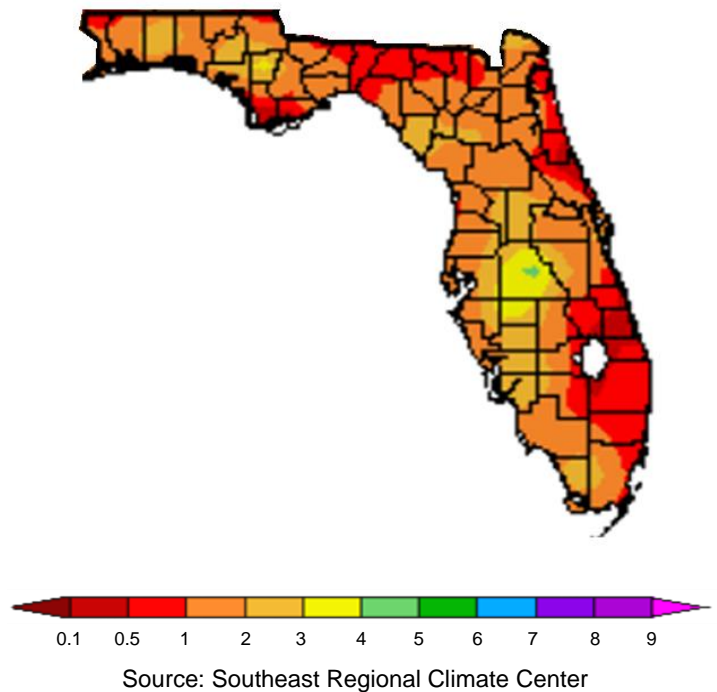
**Heavy Rains in Central Florida, Dry in South**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 6.22 inches at Arcadia (De Soto County). Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 81 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 64 degrees for night time lows to 95 degrees for day time highs, across the State. The highest temperature was 95 degrees in Lake Alfred (Polk County). The lowest temperature in the State was 64 degrees in Kenansville (Osceola County).

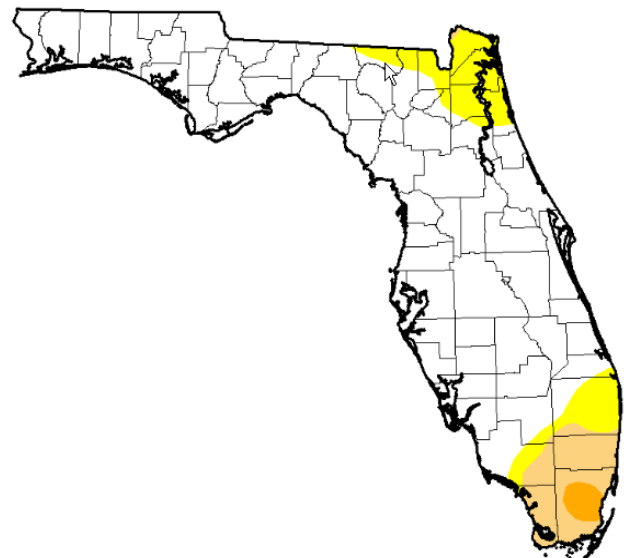
**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3	2
Short.....	35	37	27
Adequate.....	59	56	66
Surplus.....	4	4	5

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: June 1- 7, 2015**



**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: June 2, 2015**



**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 this past week, up from 6.2 in the previous week. Heavy rains were received in some areas of north and central Florida. Planting of peanuts and cotton was nearing completion in the Panhandle. Levy County farmers had completed planting peanuts. However, some peanut fields in Washington County washed out by rains, necessitated replanting. Soybean planting continued in Jackson and Walton counties. Haying in Walton County was being done at night with hopes that hay would be dry and rolled before rains the next afternoon. In Palm Beach County, sugarcane and rice continued to develop.

## Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted .....	89	91	94
Condition			
Very Poor.....	NA	NA	0
Poor.....	NA	NA	1
Fair .....	NA	NA	15
Good.....	NA	NA	70
Excellent.....	NA	NA	14

NA Not available

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Watermelons were being harvested in Dixie, Putnam, Flagler, and Suwannee counties. Bradford County farmers continued harvesting squash, okra, and summer legumes. Flagler and Putnam county farmers were completing harvest of potatoes. Cabbage harvest was completed. Southwest Florida farmers had a dry week, with scattered showers across the region. Crops being planted in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, and bitter melon, harvested were okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, mango, lychees and avocados. In Palm Beach County, sweet corn continued to develop.

**Livestock and Pastures:** The lack of rain in Duval County hindered forage growth, therefore, ranchers provided extra hay to cattle. Most areas of southwest Florida remained dry and pasture quality was suffering. 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	2
Poor.....	2	3	11	13
Fair .....	25	25	38	37
Good.....	65	65	43	41
Excellent.....	8	7	6	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 Lake Alfred (Polk County) at 95 degrees. Rainfall fell in all citrus producing counties. Of the seventeen monitored rain stations, seven had more than two inches. The most rainfall fell in Arcadia (Desoto County) at 6.22 inches, followed by Lake Alfred (Polk County) at 5.13 inches. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated June 2, 2015, abnormally dry conditions cover only the southern half Collier County and the southern tip of Hendry County and Martin County. The reminder of the citrus area is drought free.

Weekly Valencia orange harvest was below three million boxes again this past week. 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 are already finished for the season.

Field workers reported seeing some irrigation running. Growers were still mowing; some were fertilizing. Most were focusing on assuring trees are healthy for next season's crop. The new crop was progressing well with oranges about golf ball size and grapefruit slightly larger.

## Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	May 25, 2015	May 31, 2015	June 7, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia .....	4,330	2,819	2,769
White grapefruit .....	0	0	4
Colored grapefruit.....	5	0	0
Temples.....	1	0	5
Total .....	4,336	2,819	2,778

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