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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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Week Ending: June 21, 2015

**Dry in the North, Some Rain in the South**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 1.95 inches at Frostproof (Polk County). Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 70 percent drought free the week of June 15-21. Temperatures ranged from 66 degrees for night time lows to 101 degrees for day time highs. The daytime high temperatures ranged from 92 in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) to 101 degrees in Bronson (Levy County) and MacClenny (Baker County). The lowest temperature in the State was 66 degrees in Putnam Hall (Putnam County) and Alachua (Alachua County).

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

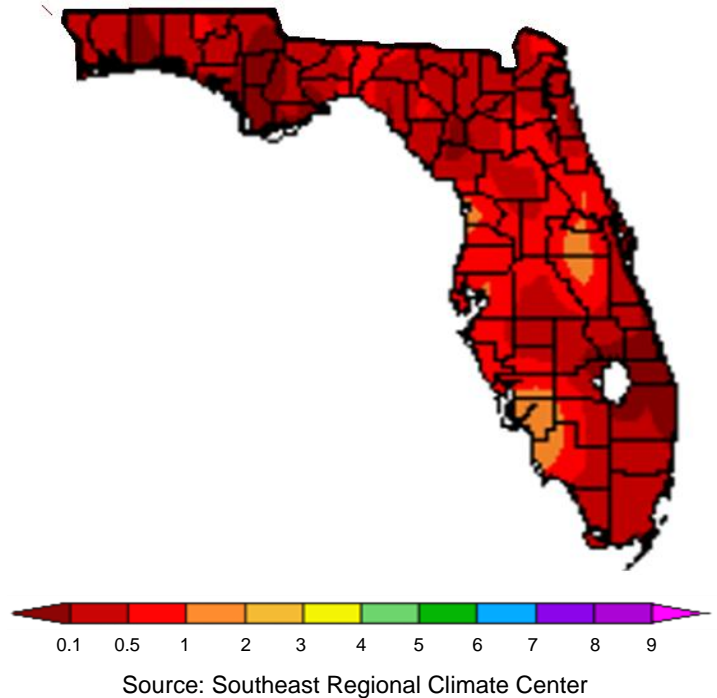
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	0
Short .....	31	22	16
Adequate.....	63	72	77
Surplus.....	5	5	7

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.6 days suitable for field work this past week, up slightly from 6.3 in the previous week. Wheat and oats were harvested in Gadsden County. Haying occurred in Walton and Pasco counties. Field corn was being harvested in Dixie County and corn silage harvest was underway in Suwannee County.

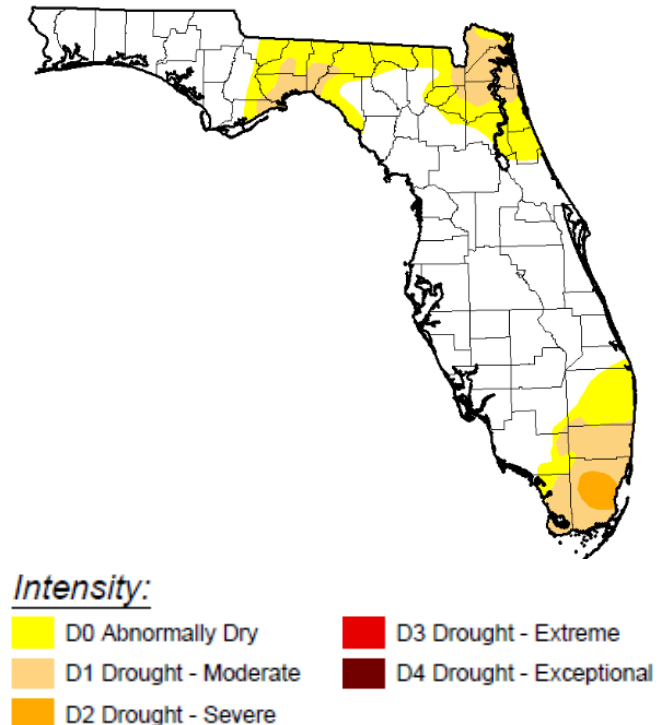
**Peanut Progress**

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegging .....	18	21	20
Condition			
Very Poor.....	3	0	0
Poor.....	5	1	1
Fair .....	28	15	20
Good.....	56	82	64
Excellent.....	8	2	15

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: June 15-21, 2015**



**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: June 16, 2015**



**Fruit and Vegetables:** Watermelon harvest continued in Suwannee, Dixie, and Gadsden counties but was completed in Levy County. Tomato harvest was in full swing in Gadsden County. Crops harvested in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, mango, lychees and avocados. All crops in Miami-Dade County were irrigated.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Pasture quality improved this past week in southwest Florida due to much needed rain. Pastures were stressed due to dry, hot weather in the Panhandle and north Florida. 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	2	10	11
Fair.....	26	24	32	30
Good.....	63	66	48	49
Excellent.....	9	8	8	8

**Citrus:** Daily temperatures were much warmer than normal in the citrus producing counties. All areas reached the mid to high 90s on at least one day this past week. The warmest temperature was in Lake Alfred (Polk County) at 98.4 degrees. Rainfall totals were mostly down for the week. Almost two-thirds of the monitored citrus growing areas had less than half-an-inch of rain. There were a few outliers, receiving over an inch; the highest amount was in Frostproof (Polk County) at 1.95 inches. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated June 16, 2015, abnormally dry conditions cover only the southern tip of Collier, Hendry, and Martin counties. The remainder of the citrus area was drought free.

Harvest was relatively over for Valencia oranges. Processing plants and packing houses were closed for the season. Growers were now focusing on next season’s crop. Most were running irrigation regularly. Cultural practices continued including fertilizations, hedging and spraying summer oils as rainfall permits. Those that have trees available were resetting young trees in established groves or were planting new groves. Tenting and steaming trees had become common practice for many operations in the fight to combat greening.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	June 7, 2015	June 14, 2015	June 21, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia .....	2,806	1,013	79
White grapefruit .....	0	0	0
Colored grapefruit.....	0	0	0
Temples .....	0	0	0
Total .....	2,806	1,013	79

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