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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
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Rains, Light and Scattered

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from no rain to 3.85 inches at Citra (Marion County). Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 56 percent drought free the week of July 6 – 13, 2015. Temperatures ranged from 65 degrees for night time lows to 99 degrees for day time highs. The daytime high temperatures ranged from 92 in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) to 99 degrees in Bronson (Levy County). The lowest temperature in the State was 65 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

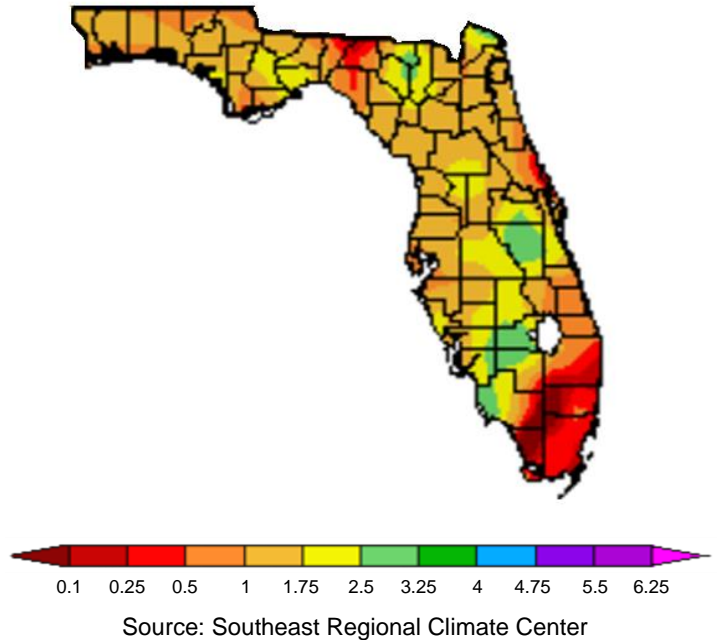
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	0
Short.....	14	15	13
Adequate.....	79	77	77
Surplus.....	6	7	10

Field Crops: There was an average of 6.4 days suitable for field work this past week, up from 5.9 in the previous week. Gulf County farmers were planting late soybeans. Farmers in Dixie County were harvesting corn and silage. Corn silage harvest was underway in Madison County. Wet conditions in Flagler and Putnam counties delayed haying.

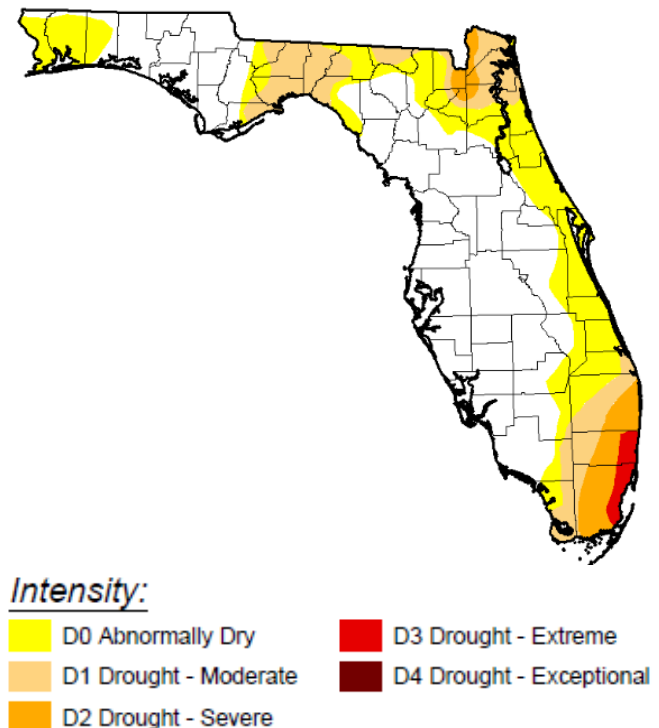
Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegging.....	58	69	74
Condition			
Very Poor.....	1	1	0
Poor.....	5	1	0
Fair.....	22	18	21
Good.....	61	73	62
Excellent.....	11	7	17

Precipitation (in)–Florida: July 6-12, 2015



U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: July 7, 2015



Fruit and Vegetables: Gulf County farmers continued to harvest watermelons and peas. Watermelon harvest was completed in Dixie County. Crops harvested in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, mango, and avocados. All crops in Miami-Dade County were irrigated.

Livestock and Pastures: Hot, dry conditions in Miami-Dade County had cattle seeking shade. 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	2	4	6
Fair.....	25	25	23	26
Good.....	64	64	59	56
Excellent.....	10	9	13	12

Citrus: Daily temperatures were seasonably warm across the citrus region. All areas reached the mid-90s this past week. Lake Alfred (Polk County) recorded the highest temperature at 98 degrees. Rainfall was very sporadic in citrus producing counties. Several areas had two to three days of afternoon showers, while other areas had practically no rain at all. The highest amounts were in Lake Alfred (Polk County) and Joshua (Desoto County), both just over two inches, while Indian River (Indian River County), Okeechobee (Okeechobee County), and Clewiston (Hendry County) all had less than one-tenth of an inch. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated July 7, 2015, the complete East Coast of Florida was experiencing abnormally dry conditions. All citrus growing counties along the coastal area were very dry while a few counties in the center of the citrus growing region were just beginning to show abnormally dry conditions.

Growers are now focusing on next season’s crop. Irrigation activities were widespread. Grove activity including maintenance, lots of spraying, some fertilizing, and pushing out dead and non-productive trees. New varieties were being planted as they were available.

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