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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &  
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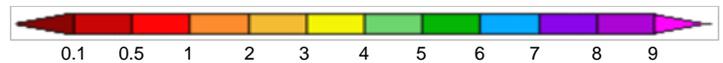
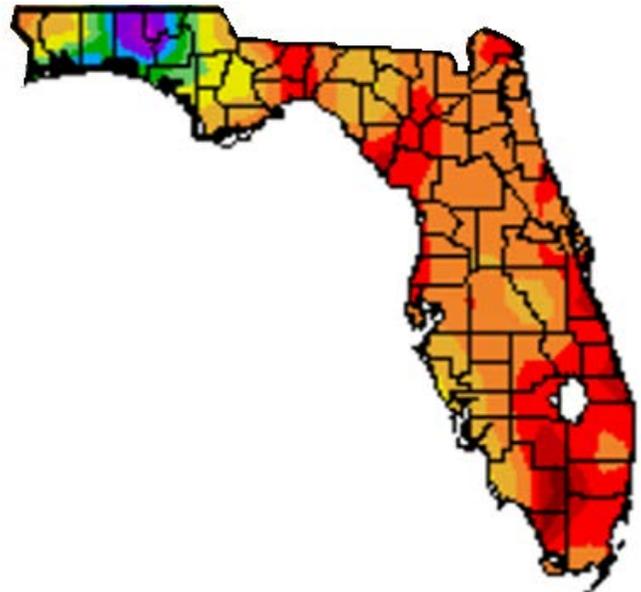
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Week Ending: October 4, 2015

**Most Of Florida Drier**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.03 of an inch in Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) to 7.23 inches in Defuniak Springs (Walton County). Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 83 percent drought free the week of September 29 – October 4, 2015. Temperatures ranged from 54 degrees for night time lows to 93 degrees for daytime highs. The daytime high temperatures ranged from 84 degrees in Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 93 degrees in Frostproof (Polk County), Ocklawaha (Marion County), and Bronson (Levy County). The lowest temperature in the State was 54 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County).

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: 9/28 – 10/4/15**

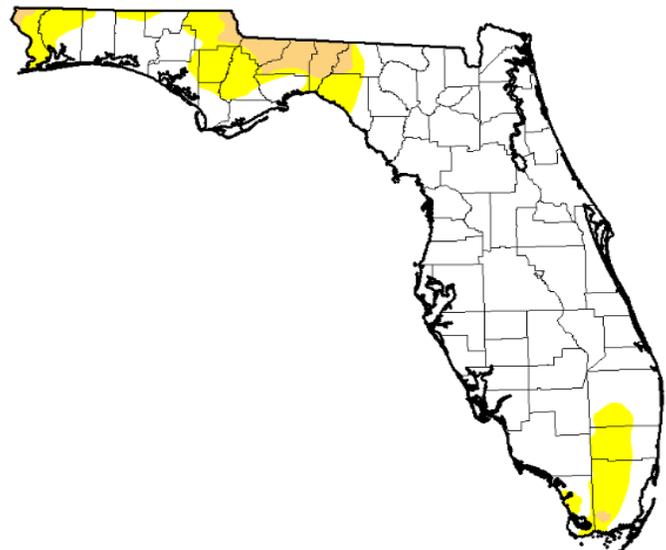


Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0	0
Short.....	5	10	4
Adequate .....	78	68	68
Surplus .....	17	22	28

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 29, 2015**



**Intensity:**

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

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.0 days suitable for field work this past week, down from the previous week. Peanut harvesting continued this past week with completion at 55 percent. Peanut yields and quality are very poor in Santa Rosa County due to wet conditions. Peanut harvesting continued in Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington, and Levy counties. Cotton harvest in Walton County was delayed due to standing water. Some cotton had been defoliated in Washington County. Soybeans in Washington County declined seasonally. Corn harvesting was behind historic completion rates in Flagler County. Orange and Seminole county farmers have not been able to cut hay due to wet conditions. Glades and Hendry county growers were planting sugarcane, while Palm Beach County growers were harvesting sugarcane.

## Peanut Progress

	Current week	Previous year	5-year average
Harvested	(percent) 55	(percent) 29	(percent) 43
Condition	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Poor.....	2	3	2
Poor.....	5	7	8
Fair.....	24	27	28
Good.....	61	57	51
Excellent.....	8	6	11

## 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	3	3
Fair.....	12	13	26	26
Good.....	68	66	53	52
Excellent.....	19	20	17	18

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Flagler and Putnam county farmers were behind on planting cabbage and leafy greens due to wet conditions. Strawberry planting began in Hillsborough County. Drier weather in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties allowed vegetable growers to catch up on planting. Growers planted tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, eggplant, and a variety of specialty items. Crops being planted in Miami-Dade County were okra, boniato, malanga, and bitter melon. Miami-Dade County farmers were harvesting okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, mango, avocado, and other tropical fruits.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Winter pastures were being planted in Walton, Washington, and Taylor counties. Statewide, the cattle and pasture condition was mostly good.

**Citrus:** Temperatures were seasonably warm, reaching the upper 80s on most days and into the lower 90s on some days in all citrus producing counties. Rainfall was very scattered across the citrus producing region. Variable amounts of rainfall were recorded across the State. The most recorded rainfall was in Kenansville (Osceola County) at 2.27 inches; the least was in Apopka (Orange County) at 0.3 inches. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated September 29, 2015, the complete citrus producing region is drought free.

Trees and fruit look good in well cared for groves. Early oranges are as large as baseball size, while grapefruit are running as large as softball size. Harvest has begun on early tangerines and colored grapefruit in limited quantities. Grove activity including caretakers mowing, spraying, and treating for greening.

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