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Ample Rainfall, Hard Frost in the Panhandle

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.06 inches in Umatilla, (Lake County) to 2.02 inches in Quincy (Gadsden County) and Balm (Hillsborough County). Average rainfall for all reporting stations was 0.82 inch of rain. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 5, 2016, Florida was 83 percent drought free.

Temperatures ranged from 30.1 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) for a State nighttime low, to 84.1 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) for a State daytime high. Ample rainfall increased the topsoil moisture to 15 percent surplus.

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current Week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	1
Short	9	11	22
Adequate.....	76	81	73
Surplus.....	15	8	4

Field Crops: There was an average of 5.3 days suitable for field work this past week, down slightly from the previous week due to wet fields. Cotton was 90 percent picked in Walton County with 99 percent harvested in Jackson County. Sugarcane harvest activities continued.

Fruit and Vegetables: Bradford County onions, leafy greens, broccoli and strawberries were being harvested. Potato and cabbage were being planted in Flagler and Putnam counties and cabbage and leafy greens were being harvested. Watermelons and spring crops were being planted in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. Vegetable growers in south Florida planted green beans, pole beans, yellow squash, zucchini, tomato, pepper, eggplant, herbs, sweet corn, boniato, malanga, strawberry, avocados and other tropical fruits. Vegetables being harvested were: cabbage, collards, cucumbers, green beans, herbs, kale,

peppers, squash, Swiss chard, tomatoes, watermelons, and a variety of specialty items.. Cabbage fields in Okeechobee County were covered with water. Saturday’s weather scarred fruit in Palm Beach County.

Citrus: Temperatures were closer to normal in the citrus region this past week. Highs were mostly in the 70s with a couple days reaching the lower 80s. Lows were mostly in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Rainfall was the heaviest in the Western Area and Indian River District. In those areas, five of seven monitored counties had one-and-a-half inches or more of rainfall. The remainder of the citrus growing region averaged just over a half-an-inch of rainfall. The U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 5th, 2016, showed the eastern edge of Lake County, and relatively all of Brevard, Volusia, Seminole, Orange, and Osceola Counties as abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus region was drought free.

With the holiday season behind us, all open processing plants are running at full capacity. Packing houses accepted mostly grapefruit, later variety tangelos, and a few early oranges. The honey tangerines harvest just started. Other grove activity was relatively slow this time of the year. Growers have done some hedging and topping after harvest. Irrigating was taking place where conditions have been dry. Mowing was being reduced to an as needed basis, mostly before harvest.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Dec 27, 2015	Jan 3, 2016	Jan 10, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-Orange	1,960	3,257	4,010
Temples	1	1	1
Ambersweet	0	6	1
Navel oranges	8	12	9
White Grapefruit	28	71	86
Red Grapefruit.....	144	206	316
Honey Tangerines	0	0	4
Sunburst Tangerines	7	7	7
Tangelos	10	9	22
Total	2,158	3,569	4,556

Livestock and Pastures: The early warmer weather hurt the cool season pasture condition in the Panhandle and Central areas. Some pasture in Washington County and several southeast counties had standing water. Cool season forage (clover and ryegrass) was a failure in Flagler and, Dixie counties.

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	5	4	14	11
Fair.....	21	20	34	35
Good.....	66	68	45	46
Excellent	8	8	5	6

Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall by station

Monday, January 4, 2016 to Sunday, January 10, 2016					
FAWN Station	County	District	Minimum Temp.	Maximum Temp.	Rainfall (inches)
Carrabelle	Franklin	10	37.5	66.3	0.68
De Funiak	Walton	10	30.4	60.8	1.20
Jay	Santa Rosa	10	30.1	62.7	0.38
Marianna	Jackson	10	33.5	63.1	1.52
Monticello	Jefferson	10	34.9	64.7	0.75
Quincy	Gadsden	10	35.0	64.4	2.02
Live Oak	Suwannee	30	34.9	66.9	0.38
MacClenny	Baker	30	34.9	68.6	0.20
Mayo	Lafayette	30	34.7	65.8	0.43
Alachua	Alachua	50	37.6	67.9	0.22
Apopka	Orange	50	46.2	71.4	0.28
Avalon	Orange	50	46.8	72.3	0.40
Balm	Hillsborough	50	46.4	78.8	2.02
Bronson	Levy	50	39.9	68.4	0.17
Citra	Marion	50	42.5	68.6	0.26
Dade City	Pasco	50	44.2	72.0	0.22
Dover	Hillsborough	50	46.1	79.5	1.48
Frostproof	Polk	50	50.0	79.3	0.99
Hastings	St. Johns	50	46.2	69.0	0.24
Kenansville	Osceola	50	49.0	76.6	1.06
Lake Alfred	Polk	50	48.2	77.5	0.62
Lecanto	Citrus	50	36.4	73.2	0.20
Ocklawaha	Marion	50	43.0	71.2	0.08
Okahumpka	Lake	50	44.1	71.9	0.24
Pierson	Volusia	50	45.6	70.5	0.11
Putnam Hall	Putnam	50	39.4	67.1	0.18
Umatilla	Lake	50	45.4	71.9	0.06
Arcadia	De Soto	80	47.6	79.5	1.35
Belle Glade	Palm Beach	80	53.3	81.0	1.13
Clewiston	Hendry	80	50.8	81.4	0.69
Fort Lauderdale	Broward	80	59.5	84.1	1.23
Homestead	Miami-Dade	80	58.3	83.1	0.94
Immokalee	Collier	80	48.1	81.6	1.05
Indian River	Indian River	80	52.5	78.6	1.84
Joshua	De Soto	80	43.4	79.5	1.70
North Port	Sarasota	80	47.0	79.2	0.98
Okeechobee	Okeechobee	80	48.3	79.3	1.14
Ona	Hardee	80	47.7	78.7	0.58
Palmdale	Glades	80	48.9	81.9	1.10
Sebring	Highlands	80	50.8	81.6	1.53
St. Lucie West	St Lucie	80	49.0	78.4	1.61
Wellington	W. Palm Beach	80	52.8	78.6	1.32

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