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**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 10, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Daytona Beach (Volusia County) to 0.35 inches in Bartow (Polk County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 63°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 75°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County). Drier conditions prevailed throughout the state this week. Some fires were reported in Orange County.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/10/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	1	8
Short.....	15	10	36
Adequate	75	76	52
Surplus	8	13	4

Citrus

Temperatures were relatively warm again this week, with all stations recording daily highs in the mid 80s. Rainfall was light for this time of the year. Only Ona (Hardee County) at 0.68 inches recorded over a half an inch of rainfall. Eight of eighteen monitored stations reported no precipitation for the week. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated April 5, 2016, the complete citrus growing region remained drought free.

All processing plants were running Valencia oranges at full capacity. Small amounts of red and white grapefruit were being harvested for the processed market. Packinghouses were taking mostly Valencia oranges. Only a few red grapefruit and Honey tangerines were available for the fresh market.

Regular citrus bloom is about over for the season and trees are beginning petal drop in most areas. One field person reported seeing grapefruit groves still blooming. Irrigation was widespread across all areas, as was herbiciding and fertilizing. Young trees planted one to three years ago are being well taken care of and seeing lots of new growth. Other grove activity included mowing before harvest and hedging and topping after harvest. Groves heavily affected by greening were being abandoned or pushed. General maintenance was being performed in blocks where growers were planning on keeping groves in business.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending		
	Mar 27, 2016	Apr 3, 2016	Apr 10, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and mid-oranges ...	1	4	0
Navel oranges.....	2	0	0
Temples	1	1	1
Valencia	3,388	3,891	3,902
White grapefruit.....	89	36	6
Red grapefruit	127	107	67
Honey tangerines.....	42	41	44
Total	3,650	4,080	4,020

Fruit and Vegetables

Melon planting is nearly complete in Jackson County. Some strawberry disease pressure is still reported in Okaloosa County. Green beans and watermelon planting is ongoing in Dixie County and has finished in areas of Walton County. Some early watermelons and blueberries are being harvested in Charlotte County. Miami-Dade County reports okra, boniato, malanga, and bitter melon planting activities. Crops coming to market this week include beans, beets, collards, cucumber, eggplant, kale, peppers, squash, swiss chard, tomatoes, and watermelon.

Livestock and Pastures

The dryer conditions and warmer temperatures this week helped to maintain good cattle conditions throughout the state. Forage growth and pasture quality is also mostly fair to good in several counties.

Field Crops

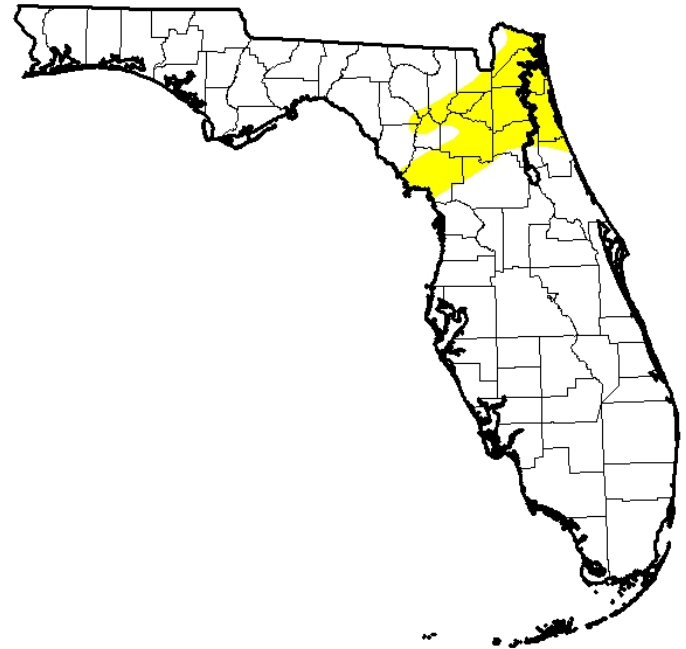
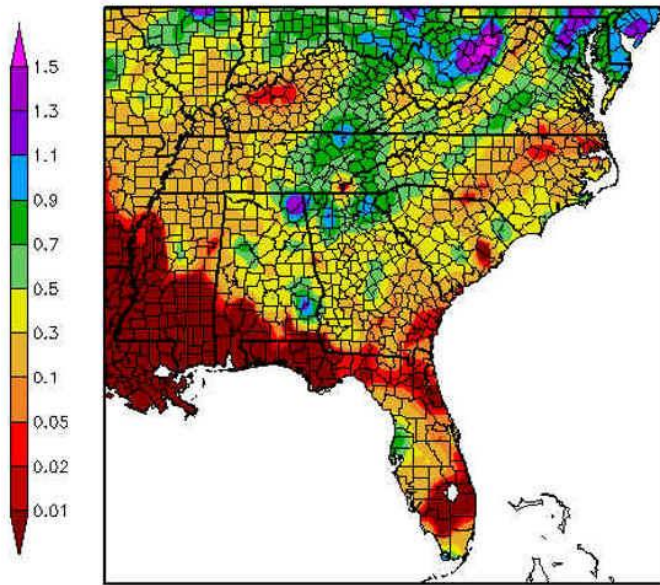
Most farmers were able to resume fieldwork this week where the moisture from last week had subsided. Corn planting is ongoing throughout the northern and panhandle counties. The sugarcane harvest in Hendry County is continuing nicely.

Condition for week ending 04/10/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	6	29	60	5
Pasture & Range...	3	11	39	44	3

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Precipitation (in)
4/4/2016 - 4/10/2016



Generated 4/11/16 at HPRCC using provisional data. Regional Climate Centers.

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>