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National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 28, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Bronson (Levy County) and DeFuniak (Walton County) to 1.43 inches in Homestead (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 80.2°F in Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) to 85.4°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Farms in the northern and central parts of the state noted dry conditions and a need for more rain, while areas in the southern part of the state received excess amounts. Overall, the preparation for fall crops continues to progress steadily.

Citrus

Several days of light precipitation was not enough to produce average rainfall for this time of the year. Only two of eighteen monitored station recorded more than an inch of rainfall. Amounts for the week ranged from a high of 1.09 inches in Arcadia (Desoto County) to a low of .30 inches in St. Lucie West (St. Lucie County). Temperatures were mostly in the low to mid 90's in all areas. A high of 98.1°F was recorded in Dover (Hillsborough County). According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated August 23, 2016, the northern half of the Indian River District remained in abnormally dry conditions. Small portions of Lake, Orange, Seminole, and Osceola Counties were also abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus region is drought free.

Growers are spraying daily to combat the citrus greening disease. Re-entry times into groves is typically between 48 hours and ten days. Those growers who have the resources are concentrating on pushing abandoned groves within or adjacent to their properties to help control the psyllid population. Field workers reported widespread daily irrigation. Resetting is common where new trees are available.

Fruits and Vegetables

Land preparation for fall vegetables continues. Some of the cold weather crops like broccoli, cabbage, and collards are being planted in Bradford County. Crops coming to market include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, eggplant, mango, malanga, okra, squash, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality remains in mostly good condition throughout the state. As the grasses continue to mature, the quality declines marginally. Parts of the state that received larger amounts of rainfall were seen to have pastures with standing water. The cattle condition remains mostly good.

Field Crops

The corn harvest continues in Escambia and Suwannee Counties and is wrapping up in Washington County. The corn in Walton County looks good and should be ready for harvest soon. Hay was cut this week in Dixie, Jackson, Okeechobee, and Washington Counties. The cotton is looking good in Jackson County, and mostly fair in Walton County as farmers there deal with fungus and insects. Soybeans are looking good in Walton County. Peanut harvesting and millet planting activities are underway in Gilchrist County. Sugarcane is looking good and standing tall in Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/28/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	3	1
Short	16	11	10
Adequate	62	69	66
Surplus.....	20	17	23

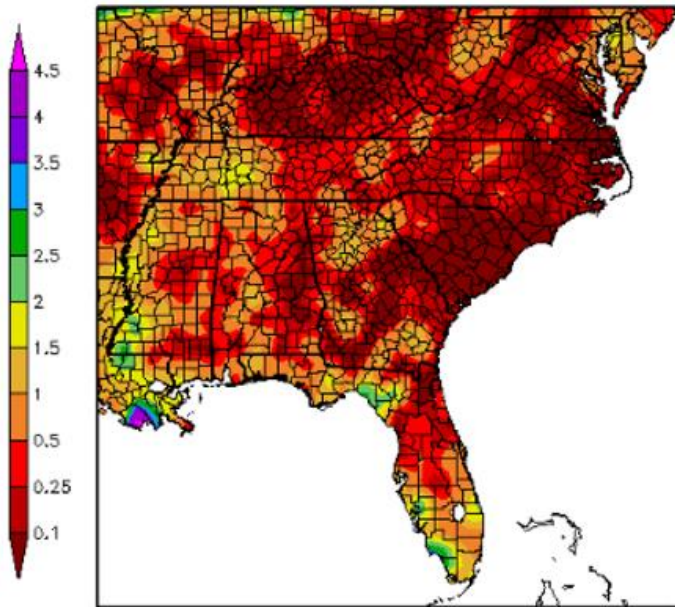
Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/28/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	4	NA	0	3

Condition for week ending 08/28/16

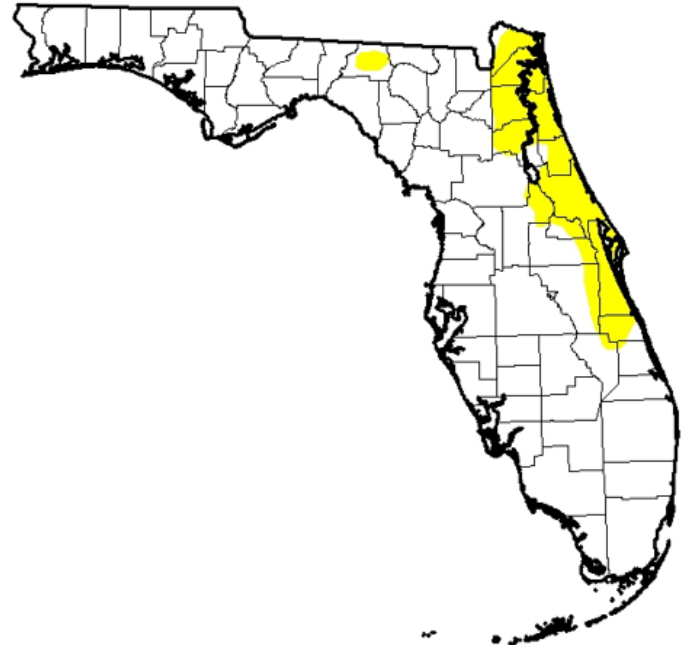
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	18	71	10
Pasture & Range...	2	3	24	56	15
Peanuts.....	0	4	17	69	10

Precipitation (in)
8/22/2016 - 8/28/2016



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>