



United States Department of Agriculture
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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 18, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.2 inches in Macclenny (Baker County) to 3.4 inches in Okeechobee (Okeechobee County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 77.1°F in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 83.2°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Less rainfall was received in the central part of the state this week, while both the Gulf and Atlantic coastal counties received slightly more. Some farmers reported neighboring lands receiving rain, while they had to water their own fields. Fall vegetable season continues to ramp up with more planted each week.

Citrus

Daily high temperatures were in the lower to mid-90s across the citrus region; rainfall was about average in most areas. A couple counties had excessive rainfall on one or two days. The highest amount was recorded in Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) at 3.4 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated September 13, 2016, only a portion of Orange, Seminole, Brevard, and Volusia Counties were showing abnormally dry conditions. The remainder of the citrus region was drought free.

Fruit sizes are variable due to multiple blooms earlier in the season. Some caretakers are irrigating a couple days a week to keep soil moisture at acceptable levels. Early oranges are beginning to show color in the southern areas. Red grapefruit on the east coast is showing slight color in well cared for groves. Growers are spraying for greening and herbiciding as part of normal routine grove care. Harvesting has not been reported yet this season.

Fruits and Vegetables

Land preparation and planting activities for fall vegetables continue. Some disease issues due to the wet soils are concerning growers in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, and Hendry Counties. Spring potato harvesting was reported in St. Lucie County. Crops coming to market include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumbers, mango, malanga, okra, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remain in mostly good condition this week. The rain this week has some pastures in low lying areas with standing water in them still. In St. Lucie County, pastures are recovering nicely from the recent rains with fewer puddles and overflow ponds receding. Pastures were reported to have very high grasses in Brevard and Indian River Counties.

Field Crops

Cotton is being harvested in Jackson and Walton Counties. Corn harvest has begun in Walton County. In Washington County, peanut harvesting has started on a limited basis. Peanut harvest is ongoing in Dixie County, but there are some fields that are still too wet to harvest. Hay is being cut in Dixie and Volusia Counties. Sugarcane harvest should begin within the next few weeks and is reported to be looking good throughout the sugarcane counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/18/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	2
Short	11	8	12
Adequate	70	69	70
Surplus.....	19	23	16

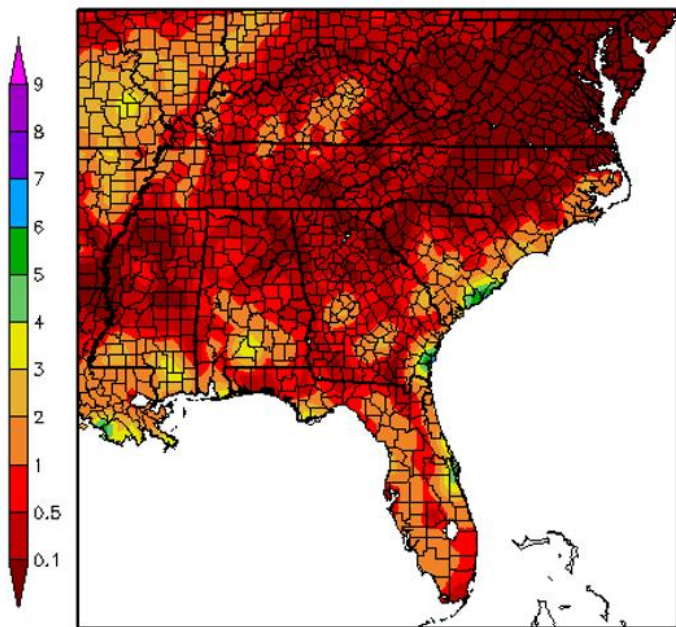
Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/18/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	27	16	18	18

Condition for week ending 09/18/16

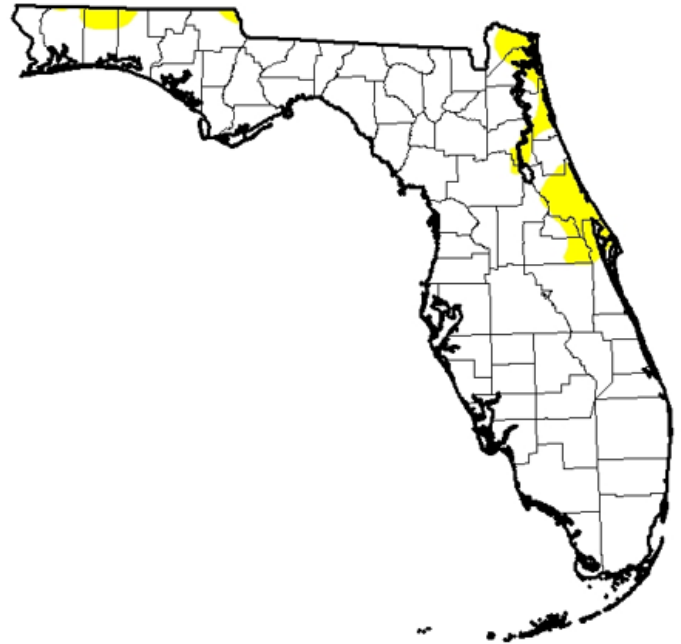
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	16	71	12
Pasture & Range...	2	1	25	58	14
Peanuts.....	0	4	20	66	10

Precipitation (in)
9/12/2016 - 9/18/2016



Generated 9/19/16 at HPRCC using provisional data. Regional Climate Centers.
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



September 13, 2016 (Released Thursday Sep 15, 2016)
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