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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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 22, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations, including Citra (Marion County), North Port (Sarasota County), and Wellington (Palm Beach County) to 6.87 inches in Monticello (Jefferson County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 65.7°F in Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 73.8°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). The majority of the state remains in abnormally dry conditions, with only small amounts of rainfall this week. The exception was in the Panhandle and northern parts of the state where a large storm passed through late in the week, bringing significant amounts of rain, and causing some wind damage to fields.

Citrus

Temperatures were warmer than average all week with highs in the lower 80s on most days. Cooler nighttime temperatures were in the 50s and 60s. All counties were void of precipitation until Sunday when fast moving thunderstorms passed over the center of the state bringing much needed rainfall. The heaviest amounts were in the Northern and Central citrus growing areas. Frostproof (Polk County) recorded 1.24 inches of rainfall. Dade City (Pasco County) had the second most rainfall with 0.92 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated January 17th, 2017, abnormally dry conditions are present in the complete citrus growing region.

Honey and Royal tangerines were being harvested in small quantities for the fresh market. Mid-season oranges were also being harvested for the fresh market. Quality is being reported as good on this variety, but fresh fruit supplies are limited. Weekly processing has picked up significantly on early-mid oranges, but totals are still lagging behind last season, indicating a later non-Valencia crop. Valencia oranges are improving in quality, size and color, and are about ready for harvest in many areas. Grapefruit shipments are strong with fruit showing good internal quality and color.

Growers continue to spray in order to lower the psyllid population. Mowing is mostly before harvest. Growers are fertilizing and performing general grove maintenance in well-kept groves.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 8, 2017	Jan 15, 2017	Jan 22, 2017	Jan 24, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	2,892	3,598	2,906	3,827
Valencias	0	0	12	0
Navel oranges.....	14	9	9	12
White grapefruit.....	59	163	89	89
Red grapefruit	193	300	289	366
Tangelos.....	21	42	15	26
Sunburst tangerines	21	30	22	2
Honey tangerines.	5	16	22	47
Total	3,205	4,158	3,364	4,369

Fruits and Vegetables

Blueberry growers in Jefferson County are becoming concerned over a lack of chill hours and premature bloom. Broccoli, cabbage, and greens are being harvested in Orange, Flagler, and Putnam Counties. Sweet corn and cabbage harvesting activities were reported in Okeechobee County. Farmers in Miami-Dade County reported harvesting squash and green beans, as well as some “pick your own” strawberry fields. Strong winds at the end of the week battered vegetable crops, tattering leaves and scarring fruit in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, collards, eggplant, green beans, kale, malanga, mustard, pepper, squash, sweet corn, Swiss chard, tomato, zucchini, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality continues to decline as dry conditions persist in most of the state. Areas that received rain this week reported some slight improvements in pasture quality. Pastures and fields in Holmes and Washington Counties have standing water, where several inches of rain fell in a short period of time. Cattle remain in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state.

Field Crops

Farmers reported planting cover crops this week in Dixie County. Crop fields in Washington County are too wet to work. Farmers are beginning to plant potatoes in Flagler County. Sugarcane fields continue to be harvested on schedule in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

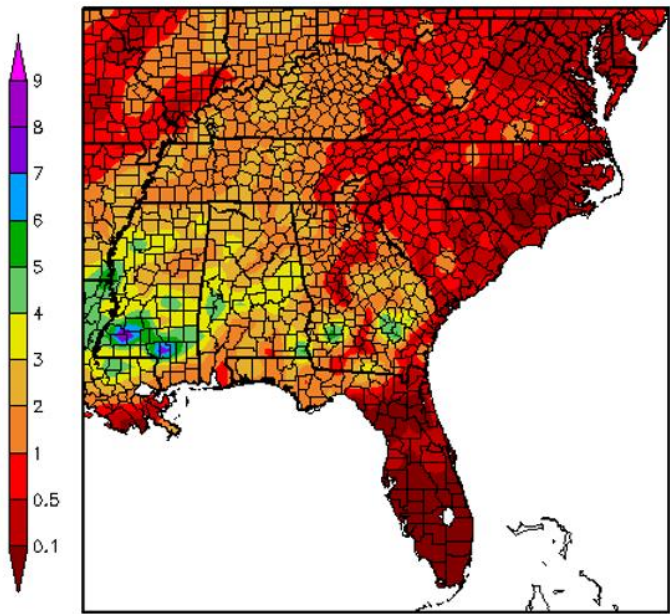
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/22/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	10	2
Short	37	36	28
Adequate.....	44	46	62
Surplus.....	8	8	8

Condition for week ending 1/22/17

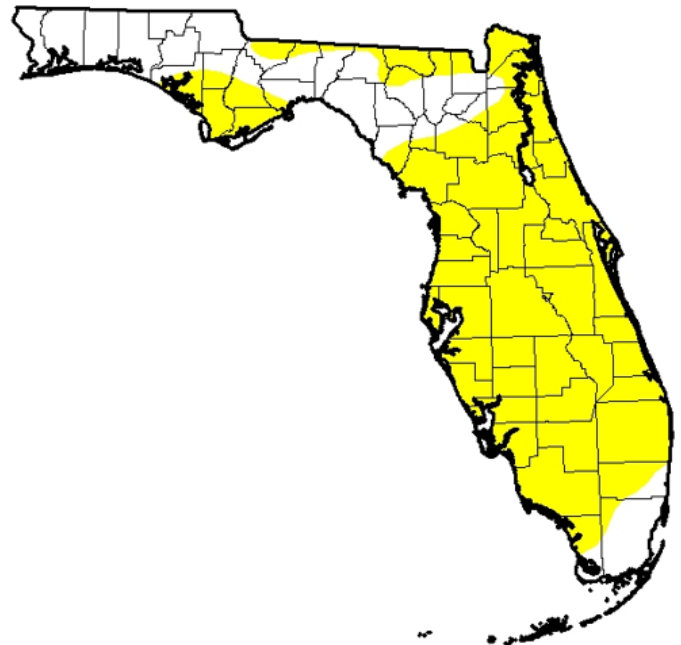
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	10	41	44	4
Pasture & Range...	9	25	38	25	3

Precipitation (in)
1/16/2017 - 1/22/2017



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

**U.S. Drought Monitor
Florida**



Intensity:

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

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