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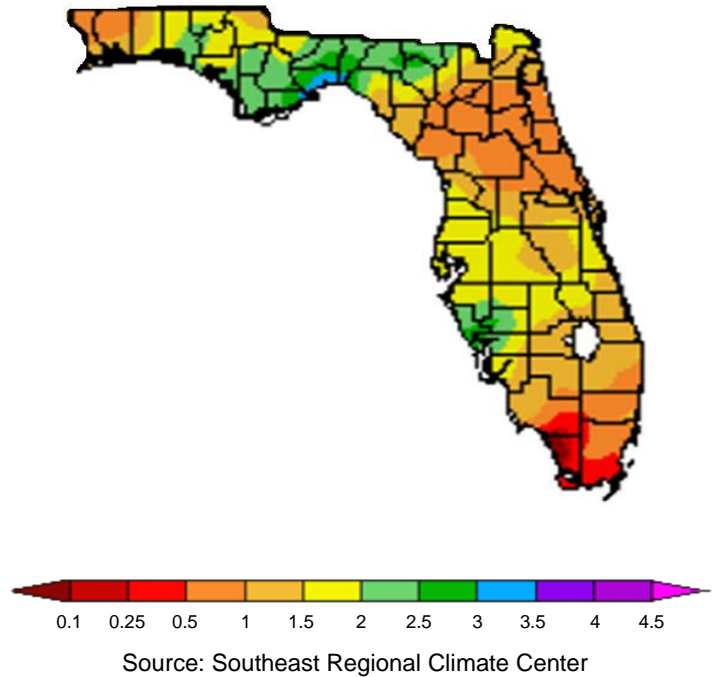
**Cool, Moist Week Slows Work**

**Weather Summary:** According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.3 of an inch to 2.68 inches across the State. Carrabelle (Franklin County) received the most rain with 2.68 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 78 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 29 degrees for night time lows to 83 degrees for day time highs, across the State. The highest temperature was 83 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The lowest temperature in the State was 29 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) and MacClenny (Baker County).

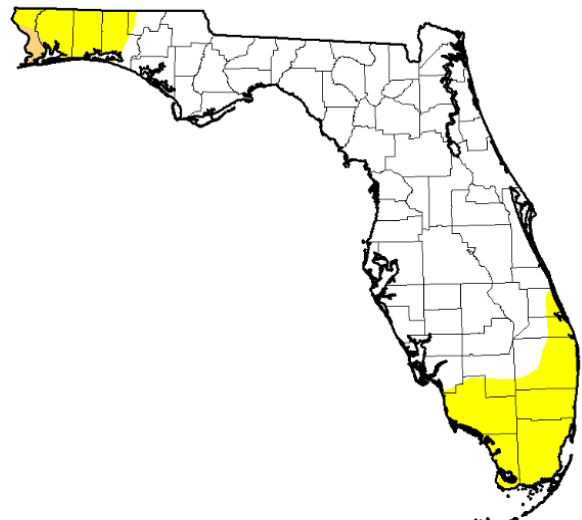
**Soil Moisture Ratings**

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0	0
Short .....	23	26	10
Adequate .....	73	71	83
Surplus .....	4	3	7

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Feb. 2-8, 2015**



**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Feb. 3, 2015**



**Intensity:**

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

**Field Crops:** There was an average of 6.0 days suitable for field work this past week, down slightly from the previous week. Field work and soil preparation for spring plantings continued in the Panhandle. Soil moisture continued to be high across the State due to rains from previous weeks. Various areas reported standing water in fields. Brevard County reported farmers using pumps to remove excess water from fields. Sugarcane harvest continued in Glades and Hendry counties.

**Fruit and Vegetables:** St. Johns County farmers reported potatoes were over 75 percent planted. Vegetable harvest in southwest Florida slowed this past week due to cooler weather. Crops harvested in Miami-Dade County were green beans, pole beans, yellow squash, zucchini, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, sweet corn, boniato, bitter melon, avocados, herbs, malanga, strawberries, and other tropical fruits

**Livestock and Pastures:** Some pastures were in poor condition due to standing water. Farmers in Orange and Seminole counties were having trouble finding hay for their cattle. Statewide, the cattle condition was mostly good, while the winter forage and pasture condition was fair to good.

**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 .....	4	4	19	18
Fair .....	32	31	37	38
Good .....	60	61	42	42
Excellent .....	4	4	0	0

**Citrus:** Temperatures were normal for this time of the year. Daytime highs reached the mid 70s on most days and nighttime temperatures were in the upper 30s to mid 40s. Rainfall was above average. All citrus producing counties had at least a half inch of precipitation. The most recorded was in Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) at 1.96 inches, followed by Arcadia (Desoto County) at 1.95 inches. Counties in the Indian River District were beginning to show abnormally dry conditions, as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated February 3, 2015.

All processing plants were up and running. A few plants plan on closing this month, after they are finished running early and midseason oranges. Orange harvest weekly totals surpassed last season’s corresponding total by a few hundred boxes. Navel orange harvest and early tangerine harvest were relatively over for the season. Honey tangerines and colored grapefruit are now the primary varieties being harvested for fresh market. A small amount of early oranges and white grapefruit were also going fresh.

Grove activity included fertilizing, brush removal, mowing and running irrigation. Field workers across the citrus region have noticed some bloom, mostly on early variety fruit, and new growth in well cared for and fertilized trees.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Jan 25, 2015	Feb 1, 2015	Feb 8, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges .....	3,505	4,434	3,876
Temples .....	7	8	8
Navel oranges .....	20	13	9
Valencia .....	0	4	11
White grapefruit .....	58	135	114
Colored grapefruit .....	353	450	442
Sunburst tangerines .....	6	5	2
Tangelos .....	51	48	35
Honey Tangerines .....	51	49	52
Total .....	4,051	5,146	4,549

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