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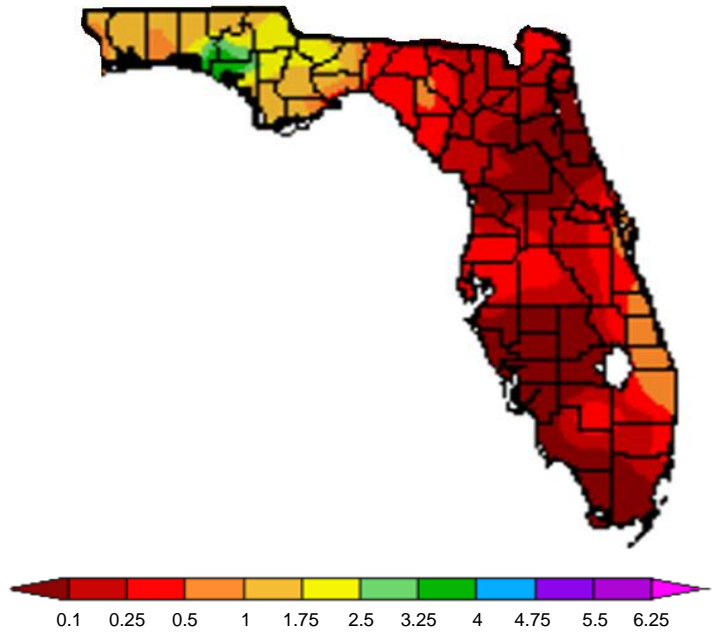
Cool Nights, Warm Days

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from none to 2.00 inches across the State. Quincy (Gadsden County) received the most rain with 2.00 inches. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 94 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 39 degrees for night time lows to 88 degrees for day time highs, across the State. The highest temperature was 88 degrees in Sebring (Highlands County). The majority of the State recorded temperatures in the 80s this past week. The lowest temperature in the State was 39 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) and Mayo (Lafayette County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

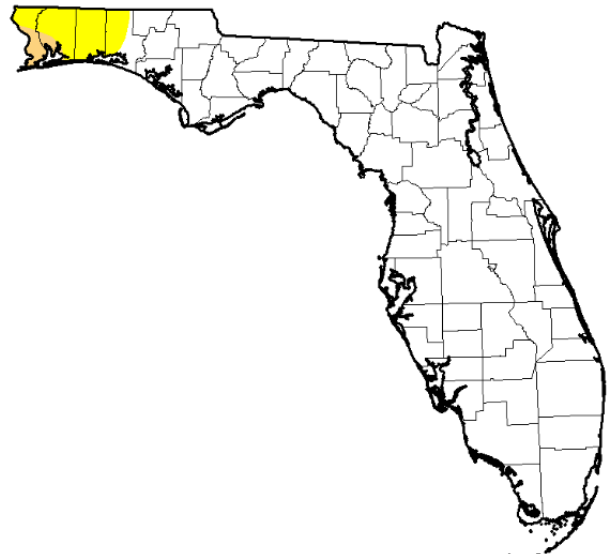
| Moisture Rating | Topsoil | | |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| Short | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Adequate | 76 | 72 | 62 |
| Surplus | 5 | 7 | 8 |

Precipitation (in)–Florida: 12/29/14 - 1/4/15



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Dec. 30, 2014



Intensity:

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

Field Crops: There was an average of 5.9 days suitable for field work this past week, slightly below the previous week. Soil moisture in the Panhandle was very high this past week. In Glades and Hendry counties sugarcane harvest continued.

Fruit and Vegetables: Flagler, Putnam, and Bradford county farmers started harvesting cabbage and cold weather crops. Potato planting continued in Flagler and Putnam counties. In southwest Florida, growers were planting spring watermelons and spring vegetables. Crops in Miami-Dade County were being irrigated. Crops harvested in Miami-Dade County were green beans, pole beans, yellow squash, zucchini, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, sweet corn, boniato, malanga, and avocado.

Livestock and Pastures: In the Panhandle, pastures improved with rain and warmer weather. Cattle began grazing on winter oats and rye. In Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties livestock producers provided supplemental feed to cattle. Statewide, the cattle condition was mostly good while 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..... | 3 | 2 | 14 | 12 |
| Fair | 26 | 25 | 39 | 42 |
| Good..... | 67 | 69 | 45 | 43 |
| Excellent..... | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 |

Citrus: Temperatures were higher than normal, reaching the mid 80s on several days across the citrus producing region. Rainfall was very light for the week. Only two counties had more than a quarter of an inch. Apopka (Orange County) and Immokalee (Collier County) both had 0.32 of an inch of rainfall for the week. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated December 30, 2014, no drought or abnormally dry conditions exist in any citrus producing area.

Processing plants are up and running at full capacity. Many stayed open on New Year’s Day, and ran into the weekend. Harvesting for early and midseason oranges included both Hamlin and Pineapple oranges.

Navel orange harvest is slowing down as the season draws close to an end. Colored and white and colored grapefruit harvest is overall running at a good pace and should continue for several more weeks. Sunburst tangerine harvesting is all but over for the season, and is slowly being replaced by Honey tangerine harvest.

Other than harvesting, grove activity is relatively slow this time of the year, but did include irrigation, mowing in preparation for harvest, and fertilizing.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

| Crop | For week ending: | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Dec 21, 2014 | Dec 28, 2014 | Jan 4, 2015 |
| | (boxes) | (boxes) | (boxes) |
| Early & mid oranges | 3,797 | 1,960 | 3,660 |
| Ambersweet | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Navel oranges | 91 | 19 | 23 |
| White grapefruit | 52 | 20 | 41 |
| Colored grapefruit..... | 379 | 161 | 268 |
| Sunburst tangerines | 126 | 30 | 42 |
| Honey Tangerines | 3 | 14 | 22 |
| Tangelos | 45 | 7 | 26 |
| Total | 4,497 | 2,211 | 4,082 |

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