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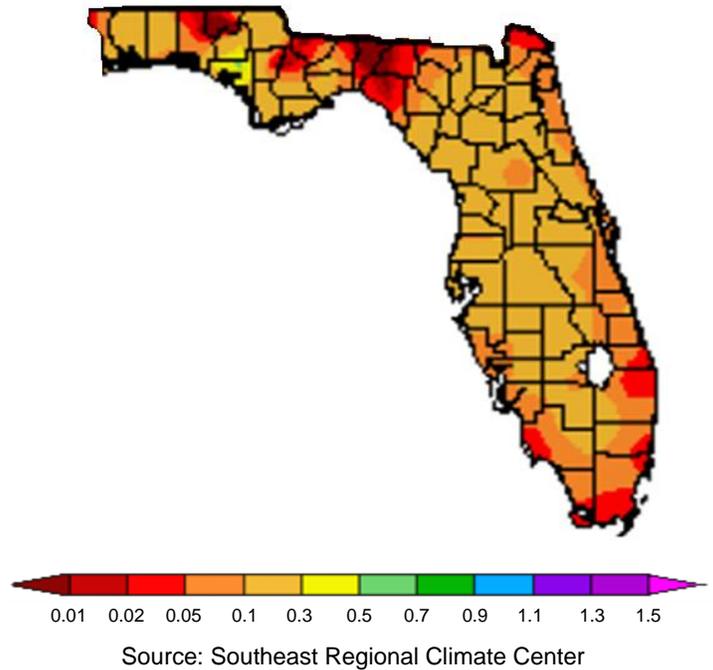
Dry Week in Florida

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), rainfall ranged from 0.01 of an inch to 0.78 of an inch across the State. Defuniak Springs (Walton County) received the most rain with 0.78 of an inch. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor, Florida was 86 percent drought free this past week. Temperatures ranged from 28 degrees for night time lows to 79 degrees for day time highs, across the State. The highest temperature was 79 degrees in Immokalee (Collier County). The lowest temperature in the State was 28 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County).

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	1
Short	26	17	12
Adequate	71	78	81
Surplus	3	5	6

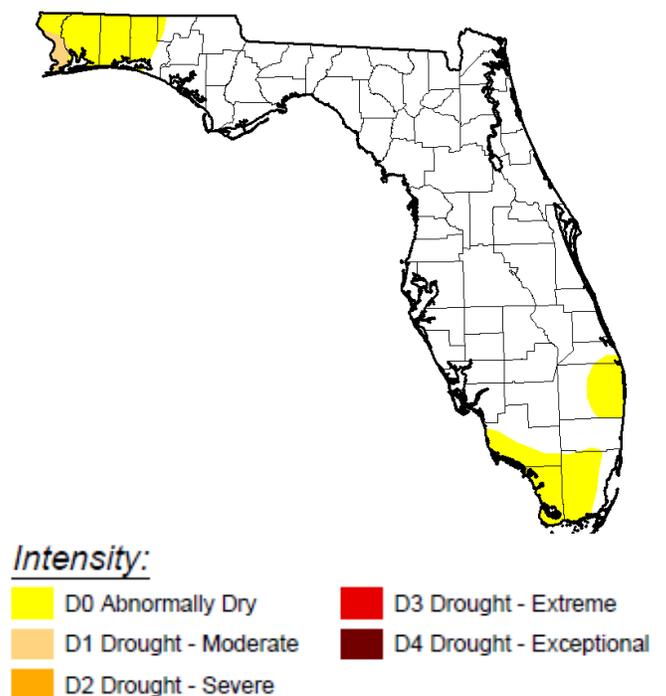
Precipitation (in)–Florida: Jan 26-Feb 1, 2015



Field Crops: There was an average of 6.3 days suitable for field work this past week, up slightly from the previous week. Field work and soil preparation for spring plantings continued in the Panhandle. Soil moisture continued to be high in the Panhandle and north Florida due to rains from previous weeks. Sugarcane harvest continued in Glades and Hendry counties.

Fruit and Vegetables: Flagler and Putnam county farmers were able to continue planting cabbage and potatoes last week. Farmers in Bradford County were harvesting strawberries, onions, greens, cabbage, and Swiss chard. They also were planting more fields of greens. Blueberry bushes in Marion County were showing signs of blooms. 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, and other tropical fruits.

U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Jan. 27, 2015



Livestock and Pastures: Some Panhandle pastures had standing water. The pasture condition decreased due to frost and flooding. In central Florida, cattle were grazing on winter rye and calves were being born. In Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties, pasture condition declined and livestock producers were providing supplemental feed as necessary. 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	1
Poor.....	4	4	18	17
Fair.....	31	31	38	42
Good.....	61	62	42	40
Excellent.....	4	3	0	0

Citrus: Temperatures were slightly cooler this week in the citrus producing area. Highs reached the upper 60s and mid 70s on most days and lows were in the 30s and 40s. Rainfall was light for this time of year. All citrus producing counties had less than a quarter of an inch of precipitation. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 27, 2015, no drought or abnormally dry conditions exist in any citrus producing area.

Processing plants were up and running at full capacity during the week. Harvesting for oranges included both Hamlin and Pineapple oranges. Weekly totals were slightly less than last season’s corresponding total. Navel orange harvest is about over for the season. Colored and white grapefruit harvest is continuing in normal amounts. Tangelo harvest is primary the Honeybell variety. Honey tangerine harvest was about normal for this time in the season.

Grove activity included running irrigation, fertilizing and spraying. Grove caretakers in some areas are applying extra fertilization and providing extra care to younger trees to get more growth. Field workers across the citrus region have noticed sporadic bloom, mostly on early variety fruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending:		
	Jan 19, 2015	Jan 25, 2015	Feb 1, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early & mid oranges	4,636	3,505	4,434
Temples	7	7	8
Navel oranges	39	20	13
Valencia	1	0	4
White grapefruit	83	58	135
Colored grapefruit.....	484	353	450
Sunburst tangerines	19	6	5
Honey Tangerines	72	51	48
Tangelos	69	51	49
Total	5,410	4,051	5,146

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