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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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 23, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 10.56 inches in Bowling Green (Hardee County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.3°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 85.1°F in Punta Gorda (Charlotte County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the upper 80s to mid 90s. Seasonal rainfall patterns continued across the citrus region. Bowling Green (Hardee County) had the most rainfall with one station reporting 10.56 inches. According to the June 20, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remained drought free.

Weekly Valencia harvest continued winding down for the season. Most processing plants have closed for the season. Primary utilization from this point forward will be fresh squeezed fruit.

Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicide under the trees, spraying, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Early oranges are larger than golf ball size, but smaller than tennis ball size. Valencias are approximately golf ball size. Irrigation was running regularly in most areas due to less rainfall compared to the previous week.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	F	Previous Year		
	June 2, 2019 (Final)	June 9, 2019 (Preliminary)	June 16, 2019 (Preliminary)	June 17, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges Total	1,940 1,940	1,320 1,320	131 131	54 54

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

Fruits and Vegetables

Blueberries, melons, and tomatoes were harvested in Walton County. Growers in Lafayette and Levy counties reported that melon harvest is nearly complete. Fields in Manatee County were being turned under for tomato, watermelon, potato, and other crops. A variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted and brought to market this week.

Livestock and Pastures

Scattered showers and warm temperatures kept pastures green throughout much of the state. Some producers, however, expressed concern that continued extreme heat may stress pastures soon. Rains from the previous week brought out flies and mosquitos in large numbers, which plagued livestock and outdoors workers. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Growers in Lafayette County reported replanting cotton due to poor quality seed and dry weather. Hay cutting was reported in Dixie, Jackson, Lafayette, and Walton counties. Soybean planting activities continued in Walton County. Sugarcane has entered its grand growth phase.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/23/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	
	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	4 19 66 11	3 18 66 13	

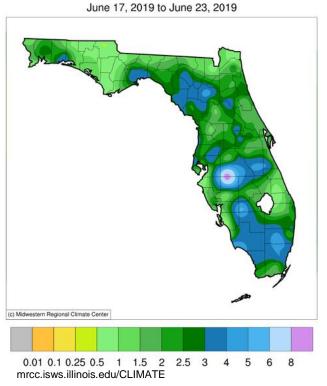
Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/23/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	97	94	100	97
Cotton - Squaring	34	17	25	20
Cotton - Setting Bolls	0	NA	0	NA
Peanuts - Planted	100	99	100	100
Peanuts - Pegging	42	18	16	27

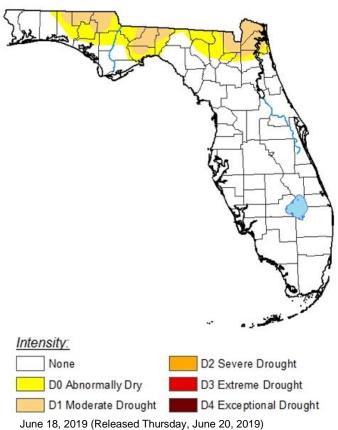
Condition for Week Ending 06/23/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	4	23	59	13
Cotton	3	16	61	20	0
Pasture & range	2	7	27	57	7
Peanut	2	10	27	59	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)



U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



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