

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

September 21, 2020 - September 28, 2020

STATEWIDE CROP SUMMARY

(Data provided by the National Agricultural Statistics Service Crop Progress and Condition Report)

General

There were 5.5 days suitable for field work. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 8.1 inches in Apalachicola (Franklin County). The average temperature ranged from 72.8°F in Chipley (Washington County) to 85.7°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture condition remained mostly good throughout the state, with recent rains providing plenty of grass and room to roam. Some producers reported that early calving had begun in some herds.

Fruits and Vegetables

A variety of fruits and vegetables continued being planted and marketed. Vegetable growers in the southern peninsula continued field preparations for fall planting.

Field Crops

Many panhandle producers reported cotton loss due to heavy rains from Hurricane Sally, and more rainfall this week prevented field work. Cotton producers reported ball rot. Panhandle peanut producers reported fungal disease and rotting, and that they were not able to harvest. Hay was cut in the central peninsula. Sugarcane harvest began in the southern peninsula.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the high 80s across the region, with a few locations in the low 90s. LaBelle (Hendry County) received 7.4 inches of rainfall, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) which received 5.4 inches. According to the September 24, 2020 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region was drought free. Next season's early oranges were approximately baseball sized, Valencia oranges were approximately tennis ball to baseball sized, and grapefruit were approximately softball in size and larger. Field workers reported less fruit drop than last season. Grove activities included mowing, spraying herbicides and nutritionals, fertilizing, removal of dead trees, planting of new trees, and general grove maintenance.

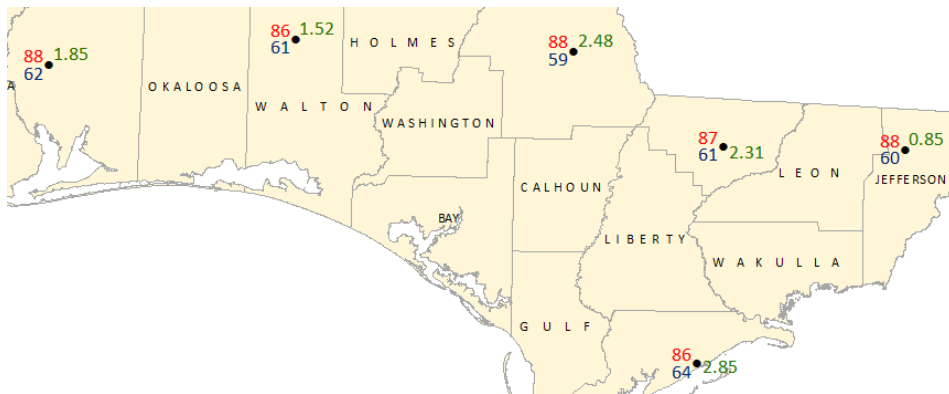
Soil Moisture Summary

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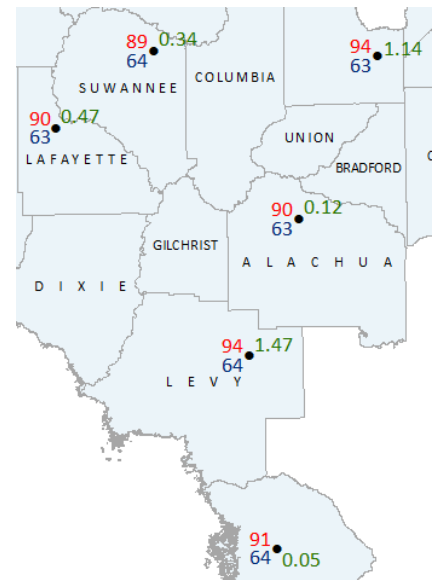
TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	0	0
Short	6	2
Adequate	57	77
Surplus	37	21

Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

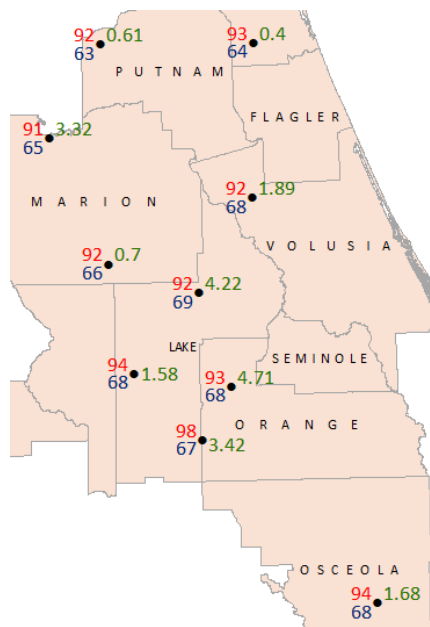
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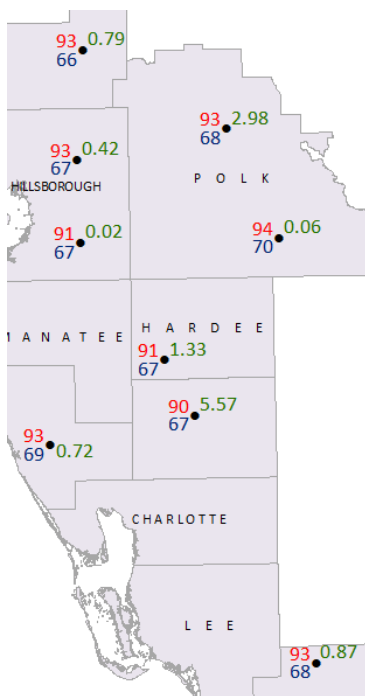
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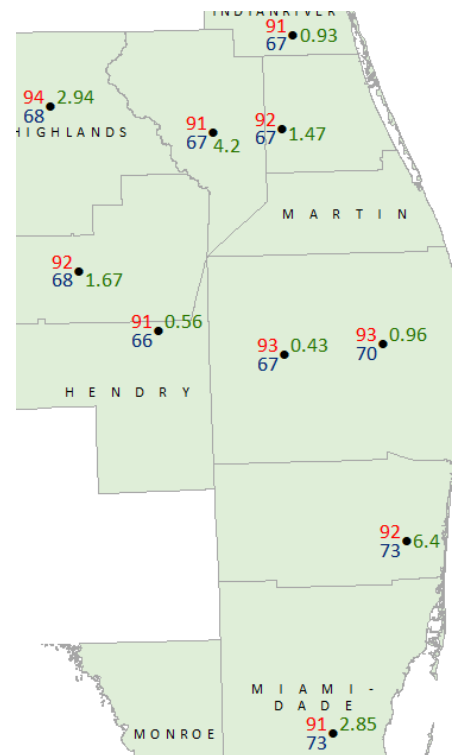
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Southwest District



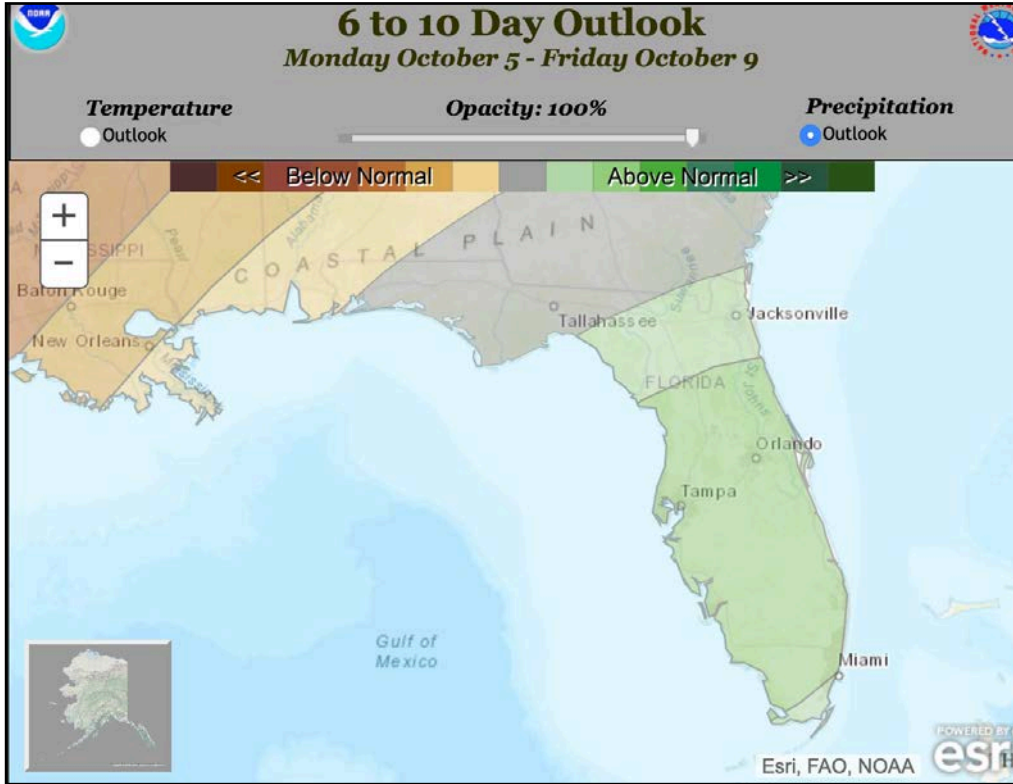
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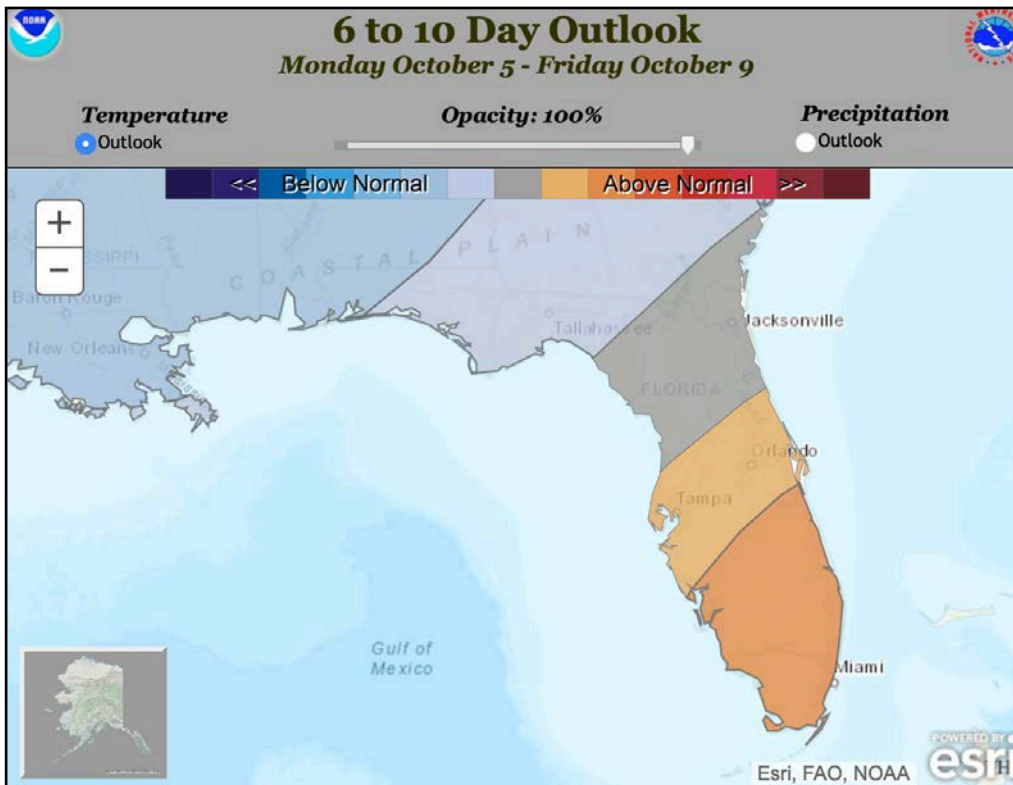
● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)



NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook

