Extension Agricultural Weather Report

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

General
There were 6.8 days suitable for field work. Precipitation estimates ranged from little rain in some locations to 0.8 inches in Opa Locka (Miami-Dade County). The average temperature ranged from 62.5°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 80.5°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures
Pasture condition remained mostly poor to fair throughout the state. Cattle condition remained mostly fair to good.

Crops
A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested last week. Dry conditions continued throughout the week, which contributed to some wind erosion. Frost damaged sugarcane harvest was nearly complete. Rice planting continued and some boniato potatoes were replanted. Corn field preparation continued and some producers began planting.

Citrus
Maximum temperatures were in the high 70s to mid 80s across the citrus growing region. There was no rainfall reported across the citrus region. According to the February 24, 2022 U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions encompassed about half the citrus growing region, including portions of the northern, central, and southern areas, and all of the western area. Moderate drought conditions formed in part of the northern area.

Early, midseason, and late oranges; Honey, Royal, Tango, and Orri, tangerines; Minneola tangelos; and red and white grapefruit were all harvested for the fresh market. Processing plants continued taking freeze damaged fruit, but were transitioning to field run Valencias and grapefruit packinghouse eliminations. Field reports indicated continued bloom and flush in orange groves, and color break in Valencias. Grove activities included fertilizing; herbicide, pesticide, and nutritional application; mowing; hedging; topping; removal of dead trees; young tree planting; and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run frequently in all areas, and canal and irrigation ditch water levels were reported to be low in some locations.

Soil Moisture Summary
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<th>TOPSOIL</th>
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Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

Northwest District

Northeast District

Southwest District

Southeast District

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

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