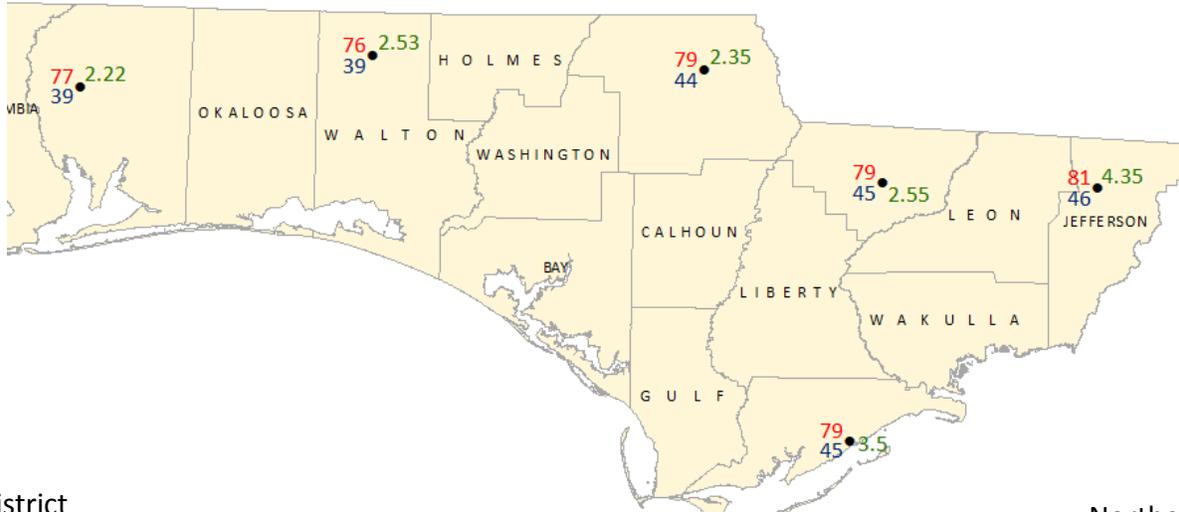


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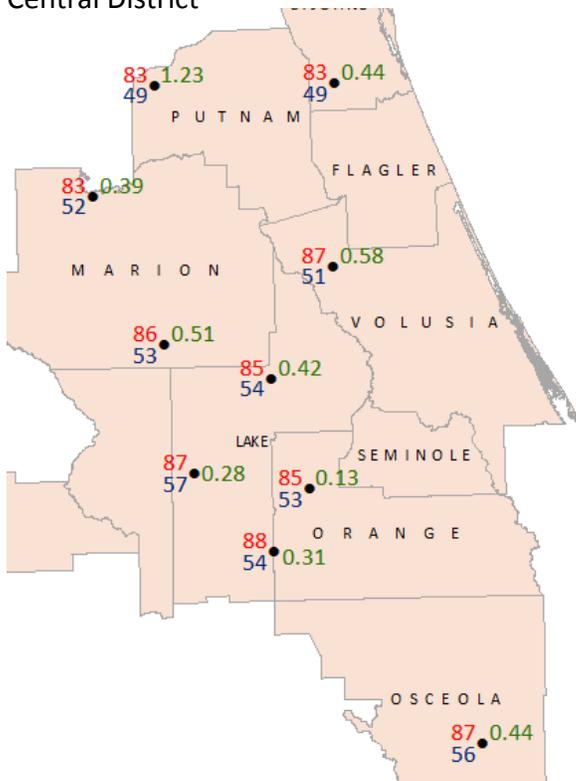
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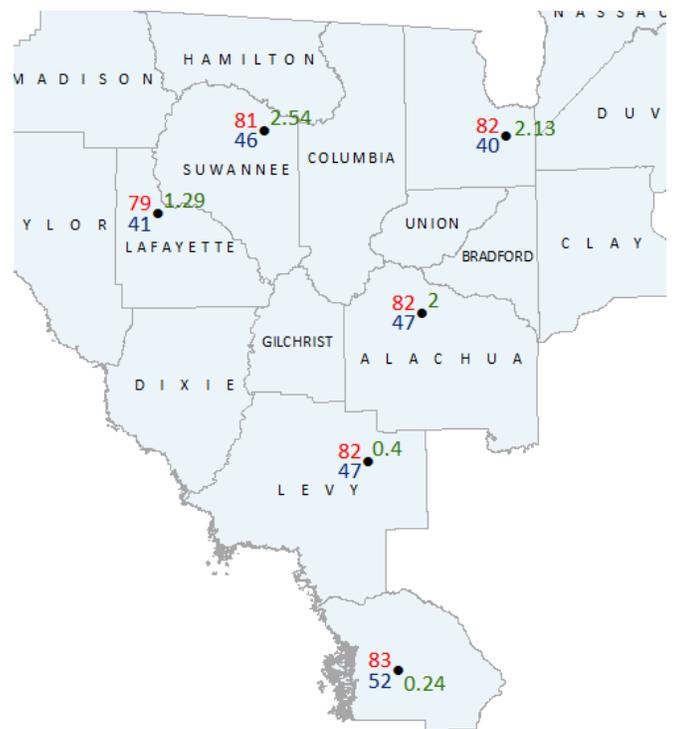
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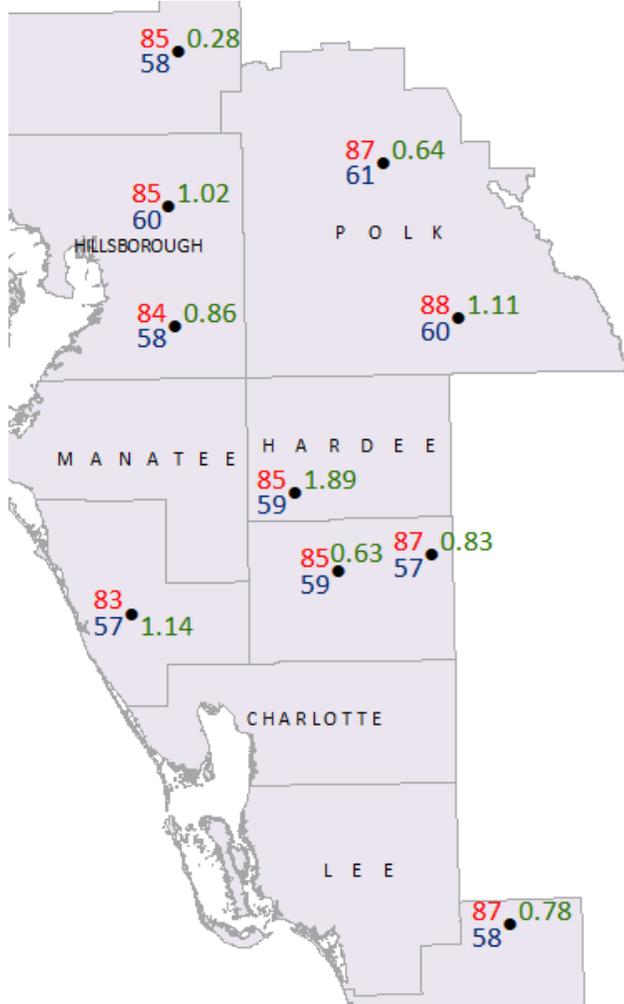


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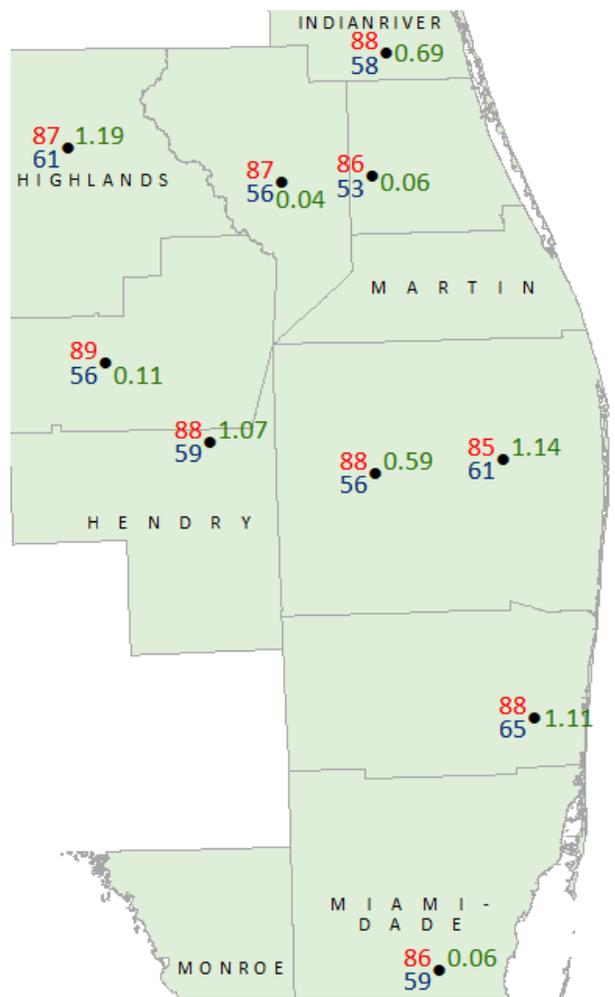


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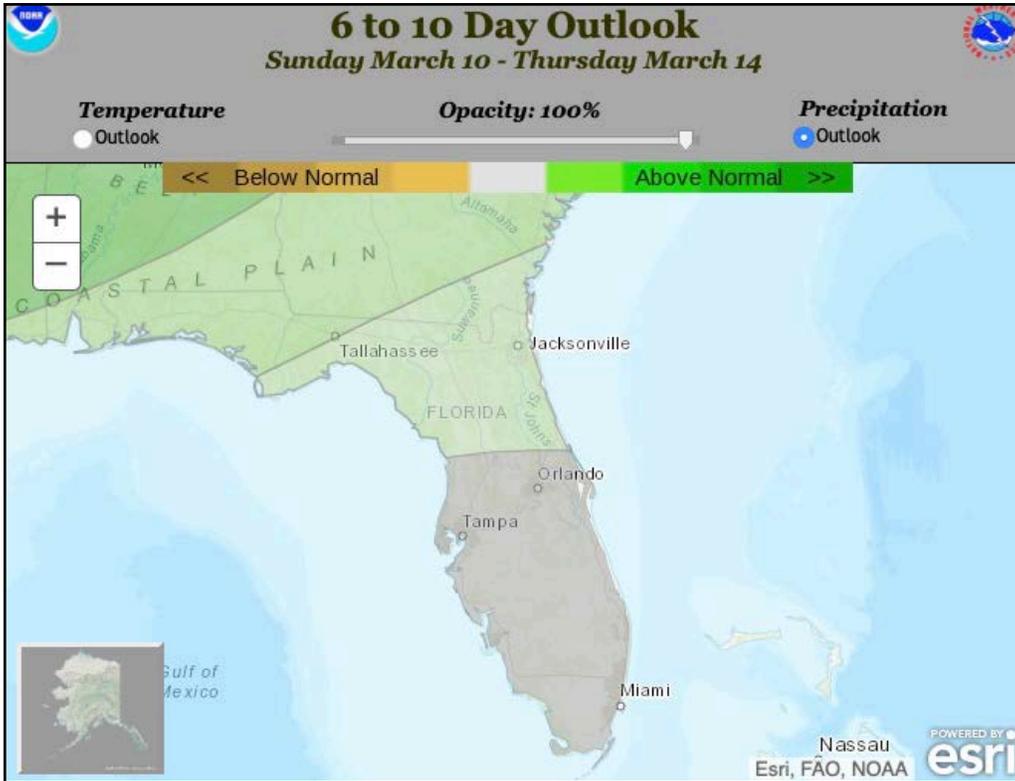


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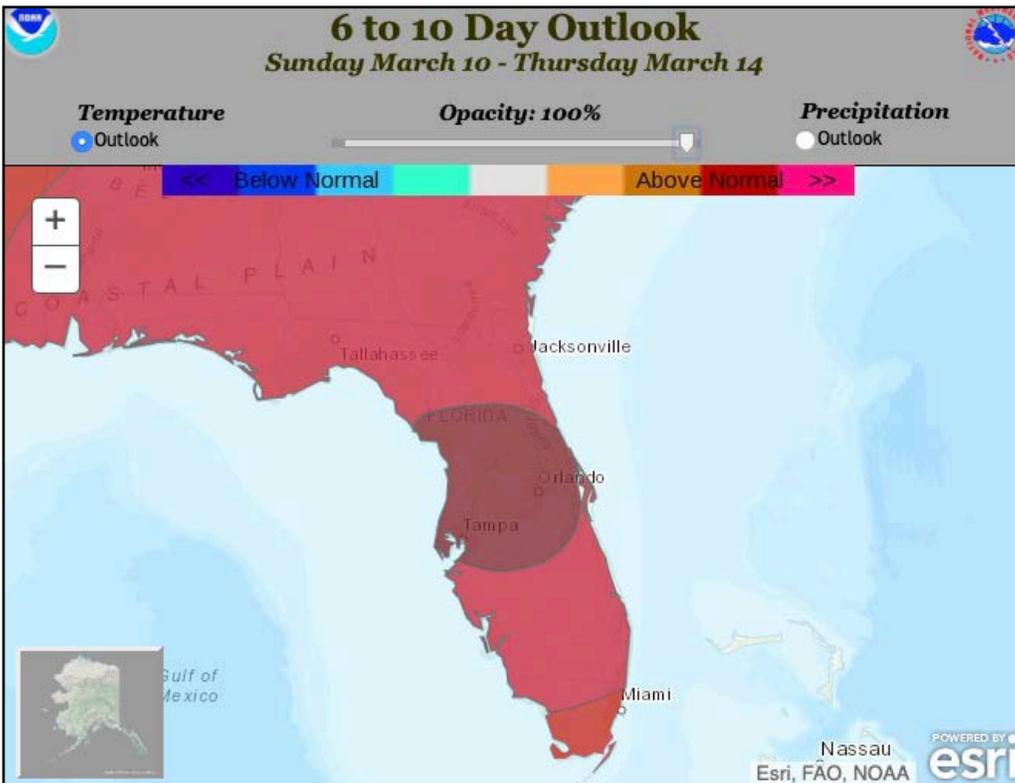


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- 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F)
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NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOKS



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook

STATEWIDE CROP SUMMARY

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

General:

There were 6.3 days suitable for field work.

The average temperature ranged from 61.2°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 78.4°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures:

Wet conditions in Holmes County caused some grazing problems.

Warmer than average temperatures caused some cattle to seek shade during the afternoons.

Overall, cattle condition remained mostly good.

Fruits and Vegetables:

Warm, wet weather continued to support disease and pest pressures on fruit and vegetable crops.

Producers in Bradford County reported sooty mold on blueberries, and anthracnose, botrytis, and angular leaf spot on strawberries.

There were reports of whiteflies on tomatoes, weevils on peppers, and mites on strawberries in Manatee County.

Gummy stem blight was reported on some new watermelon plantings in Manatee County.

Watermelon planting was under way in Alachua, Levy, and Manatee counties.

Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, green beans, herbs, malanga, squash, and zucchini.

Crops harvested included Asian vegetables, avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cabbage, cauliflower, eggplant, green beans, herbs, malanga, peppers, okra, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, and zucchini.

Field Crops:

Field preparations were underway in Suwannee County.

Growers in Lafayette County were planting field corn.

Sugarcane harvest was on track in Glades and Hendry counties.

Citrus:

Temperatures were average to above average with highs from the mid to high 80s on some days.

Rainfall was widespread across the citrus growing region, with Clewiston (Hendry County) in the southern part of the region receiving 3.02 inches.

In the western region, Bowling Green (Hardee County) received 1.53 inches.

According to the February 28, 2019 US Drought Monitor, conditions in the citrus growing region were reported to be positive, with only the Indian River District showing abnormally dry conditions.

Most newer variety tangerines were nearly over for the season.

Early and midseason orange harvest was reported to be nearly complete for the season.

Most processing plants will begin taking Valencias this week or next.

Tangerine harvest was transitioning into Honey (Murcott tangerine) and Royal tangerines. Minneola tangelos were still coming into packinghouses.

Fresh market oranges were nearly complete for the season, with pickers moving into the later Valencia crop.

About one quarter of remaining grapefruit went mostly to the fresh market.

Grove caretakers applied fertilizers and herbicides, and took care of young trees.

Hedging, topping, and discing of grove middles also took place.

Irrigation was run steadily across the region.

Most trees were in full boom across the state, with some forming fruit.

STATEWIDE SOIL MOISTURE SUMMARY

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

TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	1	1
Short	13	14
Adequate	71	79
Surplus	15	8