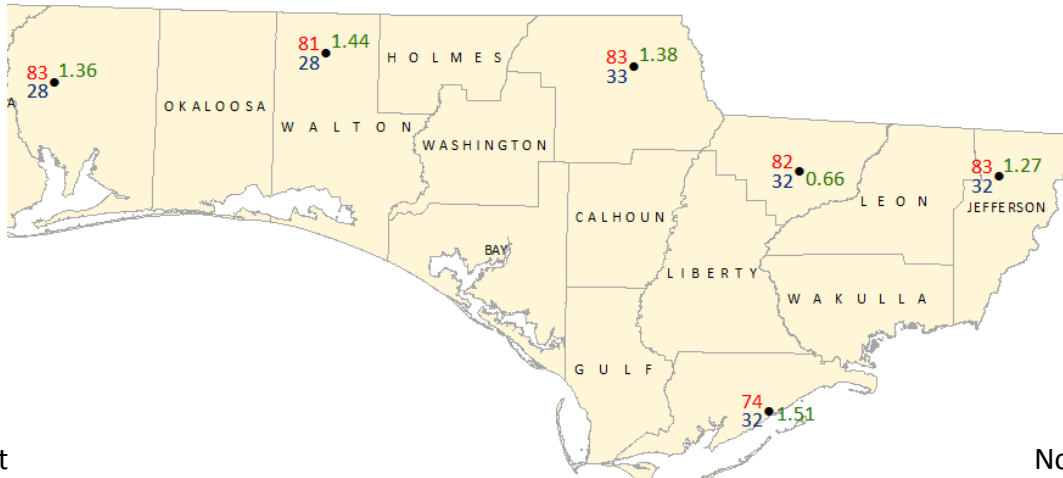


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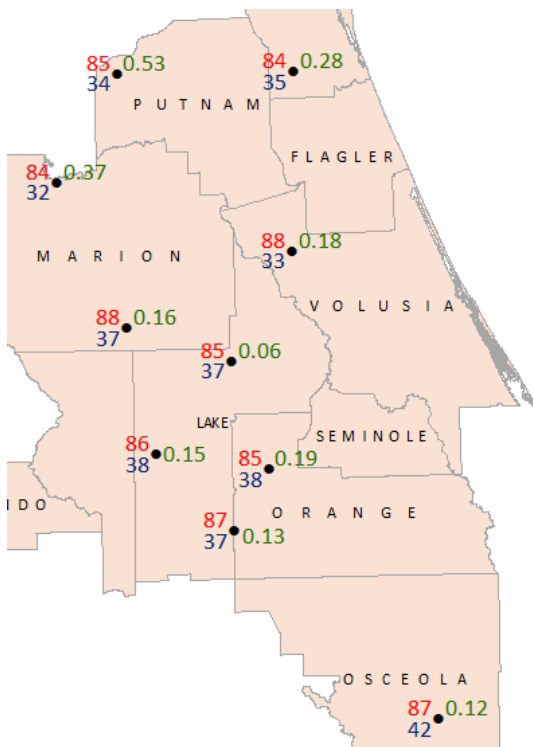
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Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

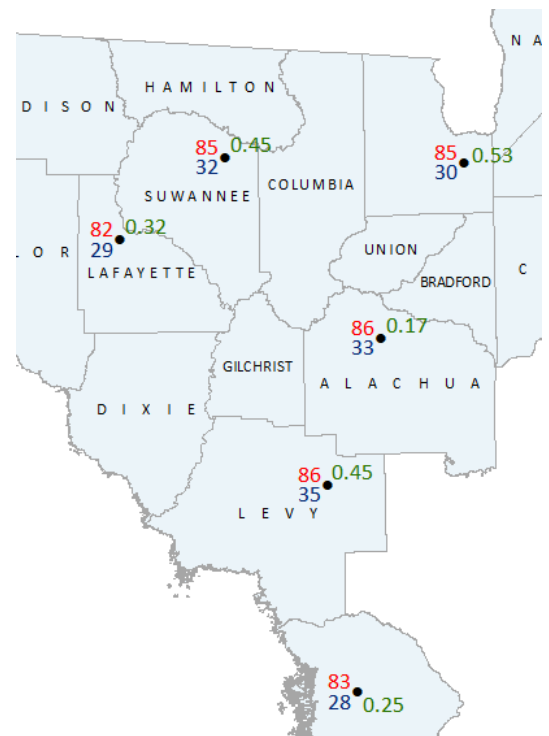
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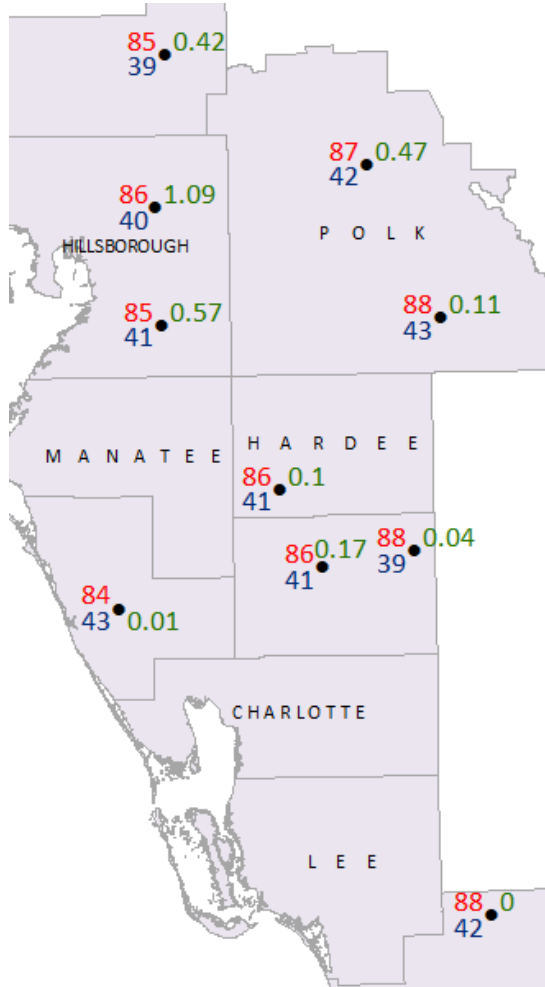


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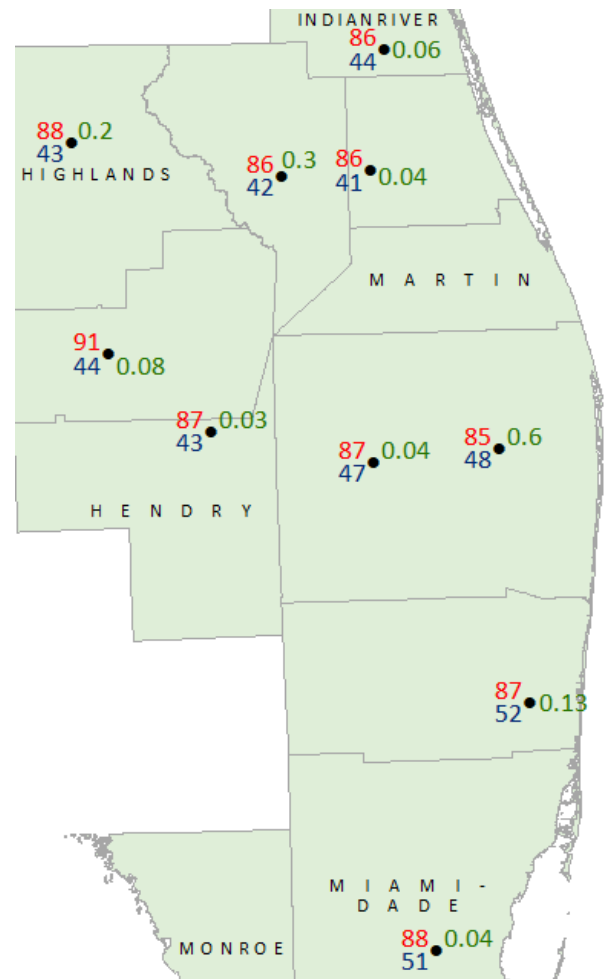


● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)

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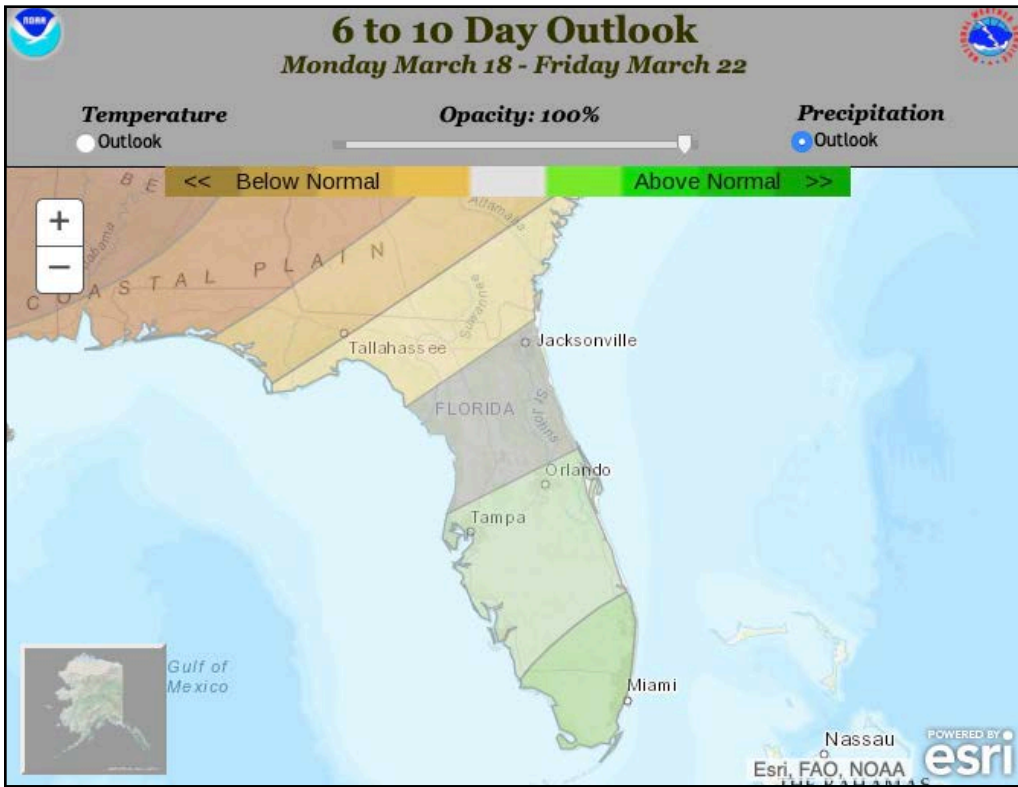


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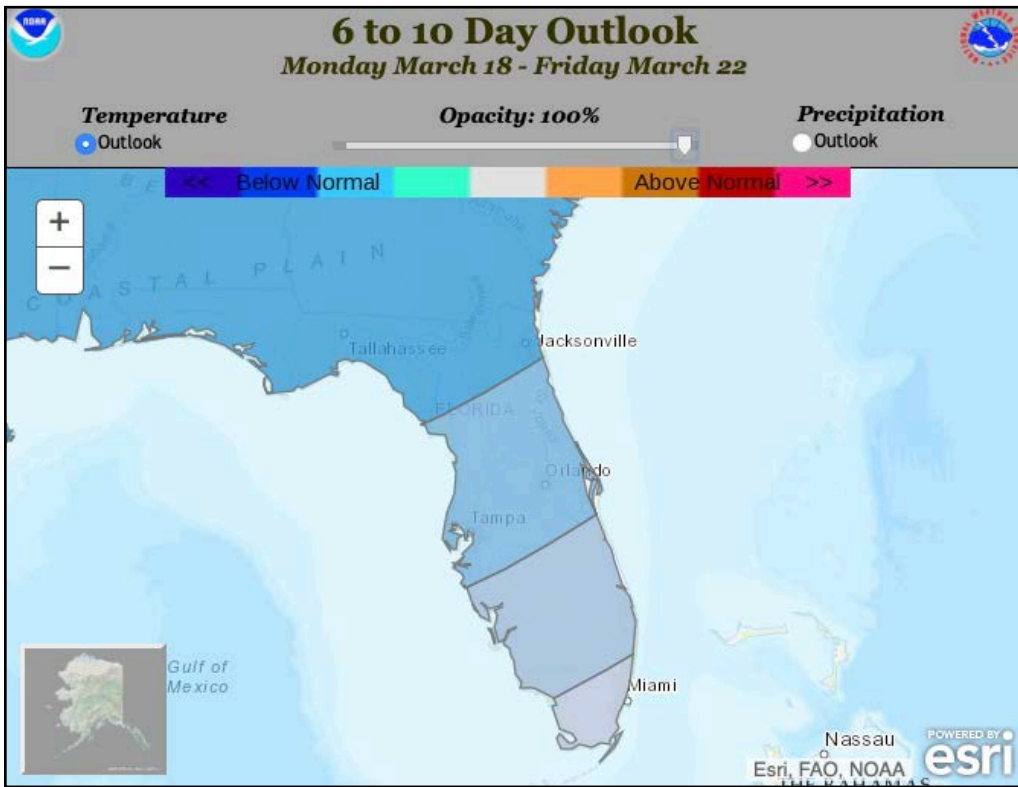


- 7-day rainfall (inches)
- 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F)
- 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)

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 6.5 days suitable for field work. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 2.2 inches in Crestview (Okaloosa County). The average temperature ranged from 50.6°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 75.6°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures:

Frost damage to pastures was reported in Columbia and Holmes counties. Improved pasture conditions were reported throughout the central and southern peninsula. Overall, cattle condition remained mostly good.

Fruits and Vegetables:

Producers in Bradford County reported sooty mold on blueberries, and disease pressure on strawberries. Pest and disease pressure on peppers and tomatoes were down this week. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, green beans, herbs, malanga, squash, and zucchini. Crops harvested included Asian vegetables, bitter melon, boniato, carrots, eggplant, green beans, herbs, malanga, peppers, radish, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelon, and zucchini.

Field Crops:

Field corn planting was reported in Suwannee, Jackson, and Lafayette counties. Field preparations were underway in Washington County. Sugarcane harvest was on schedule in Glades and Hendry counties.

Citrus:

Temperatures were cooler than average to average with highs from the mid to high 80s on some days. Rainfall occurred mostly in the upper half of the region, with Valrico (Hillsborough County) receiving 1.68 inches of rainfall, and Lakeland (Polk County) receiving 1.57 inches. The southern area and Indian River District received no rainfall to 0.2 inches. According to the March 7, 2019 US Drought Monitor, conditions in the citrus growing region were unchanged, with the Indian River District abnormally dry, but the rest of the region drought-free.

Early and midseason orange harvest was reported to be nearly complete for the season. Most processing plants were open and taking Valencias or grapefruit. Tangerine harvest was down to mostly Honey (Murcott tangerine) and Royal tangerines. Minneola tangelo harvest was winding down. Fresh market early and midseason oranges were nearly done for the season, and pickers were moving into the later Valencias, Packinghouses were mostly finished with white grapefruit. Red grapefruit was still being harvested in small quantities for the fresh market. Grove caretakers applied fertilizers and herbicides, and hedged and topped trees. 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	3	1
Short	17	13
Adequate	72	71
Surplus	8	15