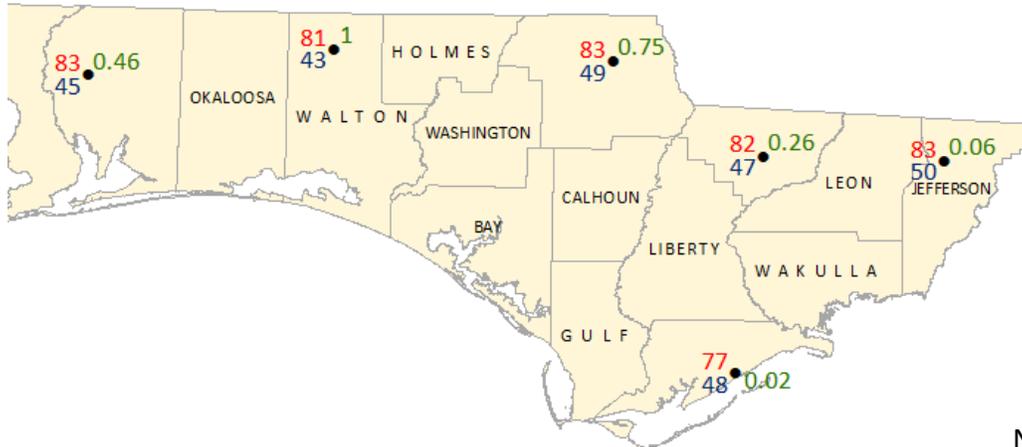


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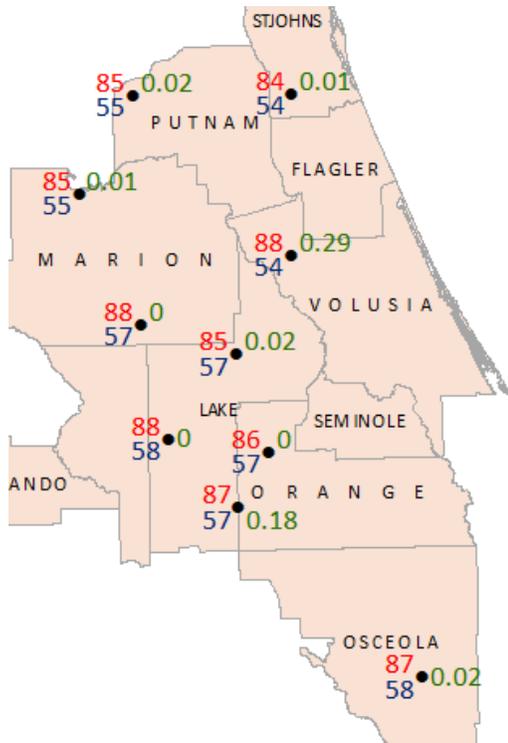
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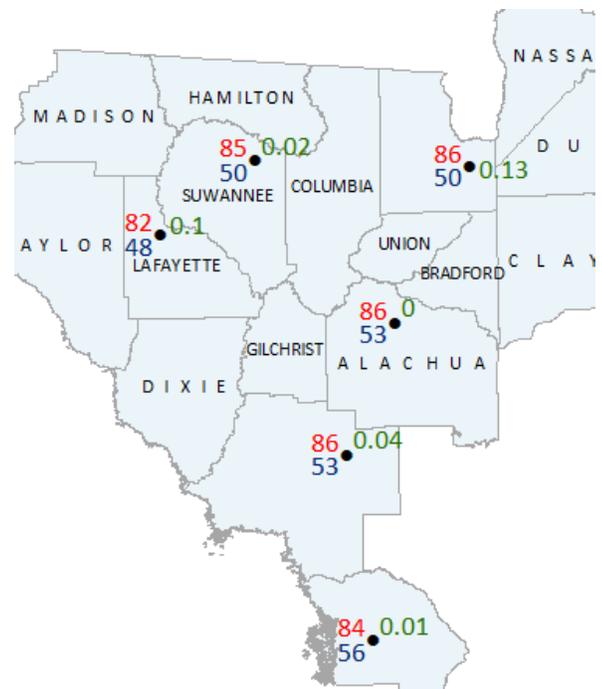
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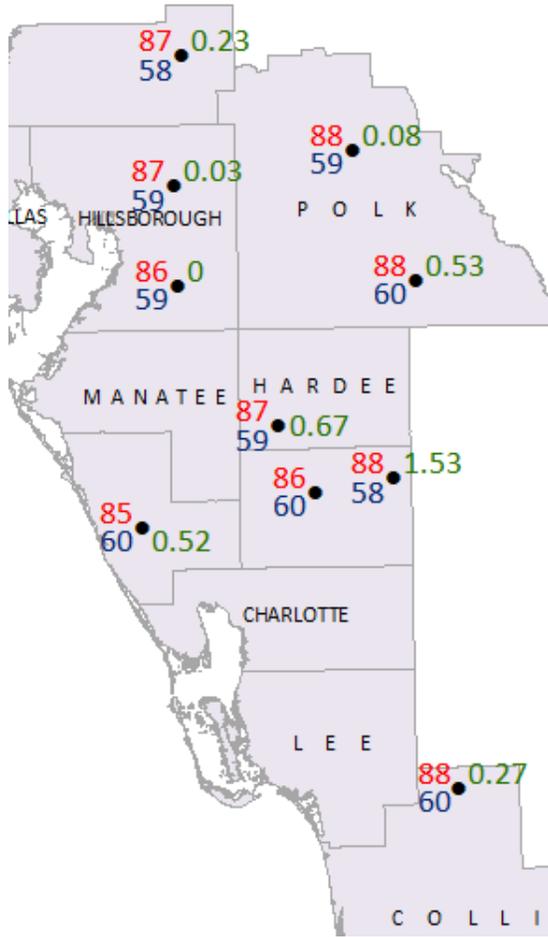


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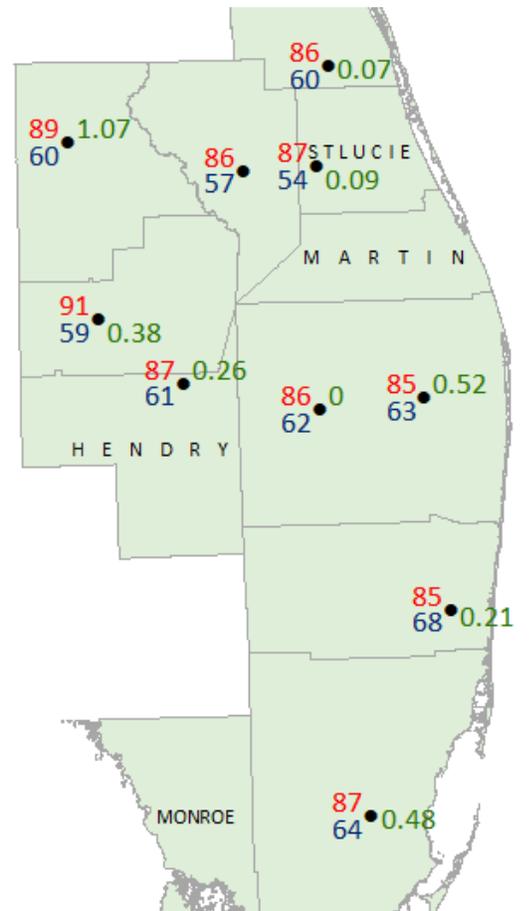


● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)

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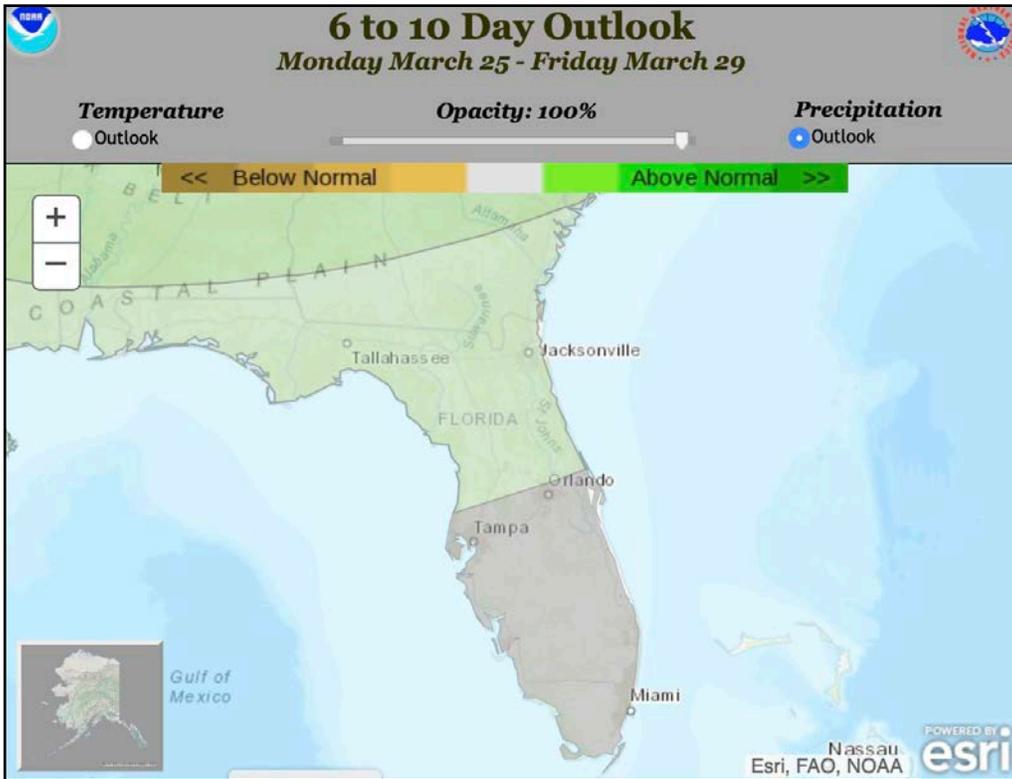


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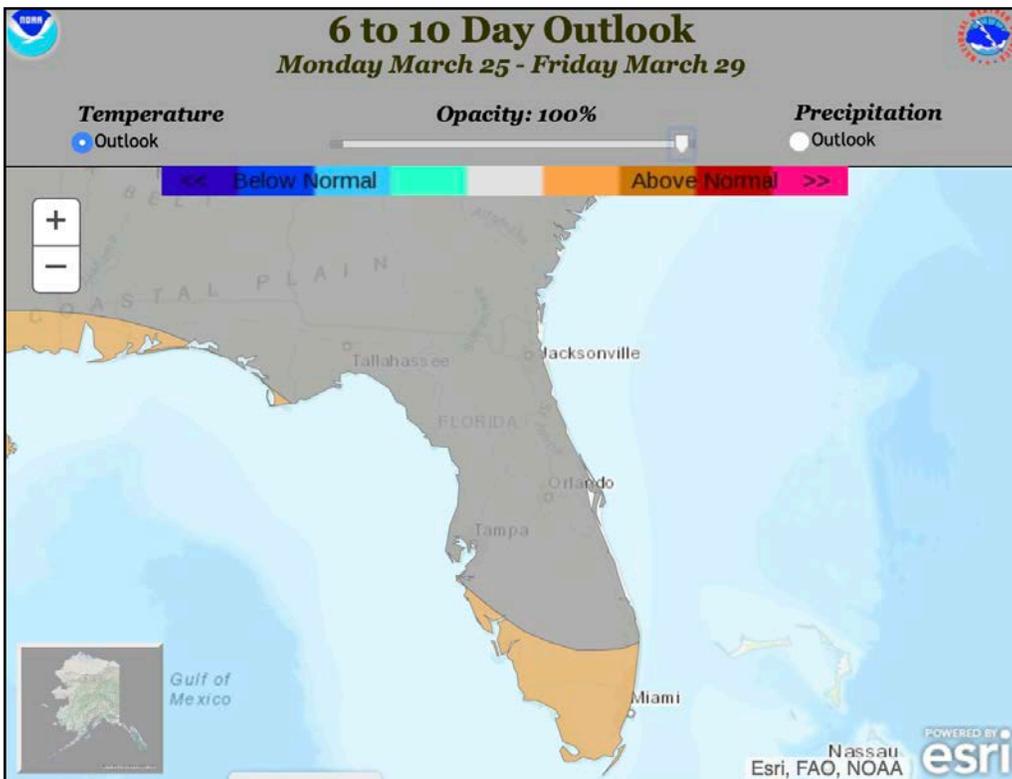


- 7-day rainfall (inches)
- 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F)
- 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)

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 6.6 days suitable for field work. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 1.67 inches in Chipley (Washington County). The average temperature ranged from 64.0°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 79.7°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures:

Improved pasture conditions were reported throughout the central and southern peninsula. St. Lucie County producers reported pastures were showing signs of distress due to lack of moisture, and that cattle were being fed supplemental hay. Overall, cattle condition remained mostly good.

Fruits and Vegetables:

Blueberries were nearly ready for harvest in Manatee County. Some growers in Volusia County planted greens. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, green beans, malanga, and okra. Crops harvested included Asian vegetables, bitter melon, boniato, cabbage, eggplant, green beans, herbs, malanga, pepper, radish, squash, sweet corn, tomato, and zucchini.

Field Crops:

Washington County producers began planting corn and continued land preparations for cotton and peanut planting.

Citrus:

Temperatures were average, with highs from the high 70s to mid 80s in all areas. Significant rainfall occurred only in a few counties. In the western part of the region, Arcadia (Hardee County) received the most - 1.14 inches. In the northern area, Clermont (Lake County) received the most rainfall - 0.25 inches. According to the March 18, 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.

Harvest of Valencia oranges was increasing, with just over 1.5 million boxes harvested for the week ending March 10th, an amount very close to this time last season.

Tangerine harvest was primarily Honey (Murcott tangerine) with some Royal tangerines going to processing plants.

Fresh white grapefruit was nearly over for the season. Red grapefruit was still being harvested in small quantities for the fresh market.

Pickers cleaned up trees that were spot picked earlier in the season and sent the fruit to processing plants.

Grove caretakers hedged and topped trees, and cleaned out grove middles of vegetation and debris.

Irrigation was run steadily across the region.

Trees were in full bloom across the state or had begun 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	3
Short	23	17
Adequate	71	72
Surplus	3	8