

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

March 16, 2020 - March 23, 2020

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 no rain in multiple locations to 1.16 inches in Jacksonville (Duval County). The average temperature ranged from 70.1°F in St. Marks (Wakulla County) to 79.3°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Dry conditions continued to negatively impact pastures. Producers were supplying hay and water to cattle. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry harvesting continued throughout the state. Watermelon planting was underway in many parts of the state. Multiple vegetable varieties were planted and harvested throughout the state, but sales were down. Pesticide application reduced whitefly pressure on tomatoes.

Field Crops

Field preparation for cotton and peanuts continued in the panhandle. Some field corn planting continued in the panhandle, and northern and central peninsula. Potatoes were progressing well in the northern peninsula. Sugarcane harvesting continued.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were warmer than normal across the citrus growing region, with Sebring (Highlands County) reaching 88°F. Precipitation was minimal, with most stations reporting less than 0.1 inch. According to the March 19, 2020 U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions persisted in all areas, with only parts of the western, northern, and southern areas drought free. Early and Midseason orange harvest was complete, while Valencia orange harvest continued strong, reaching three million boxes harvested weekly. Valencia oranges, and red and white grapefruit were being packed for the fresh market, while Honey and a small quantity of other tangerine varieties were harvested for the fresh market. Grove activities included fertilizing, hedging, topping, and spraying for prevention of post-bloom fruit drop (PFD). Most trees were in bloom, and even some showed very small fruit.

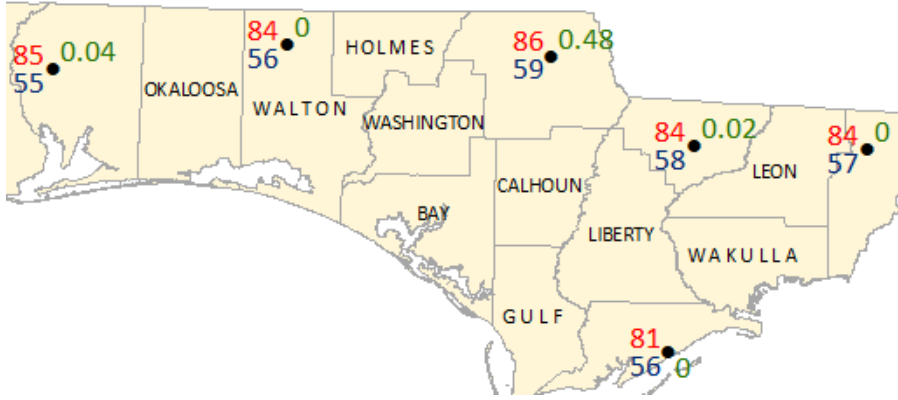
Soil Moisture Summary

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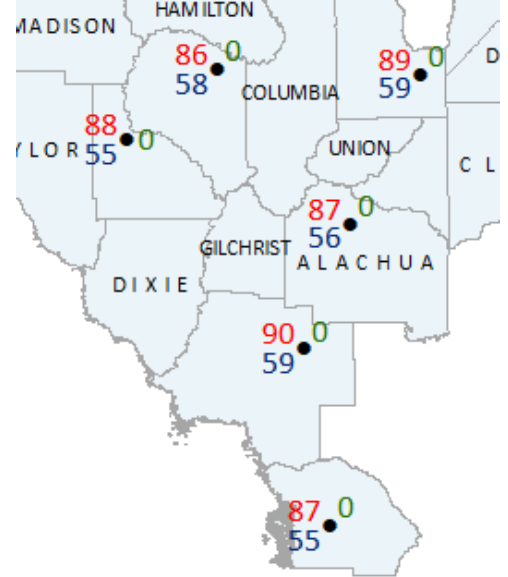
TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	8	1
Short	43	37
Adequate	49	61
Surplus	0	1

Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

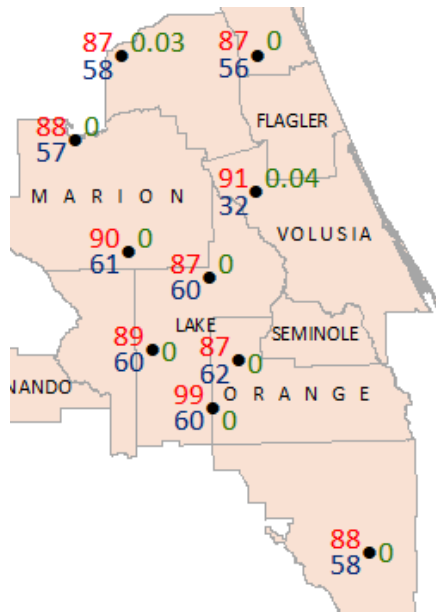
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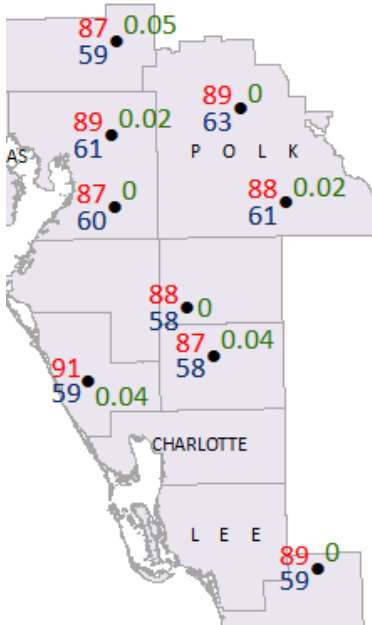
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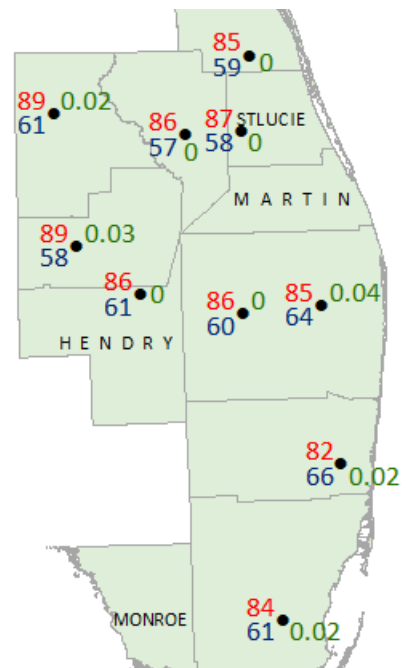
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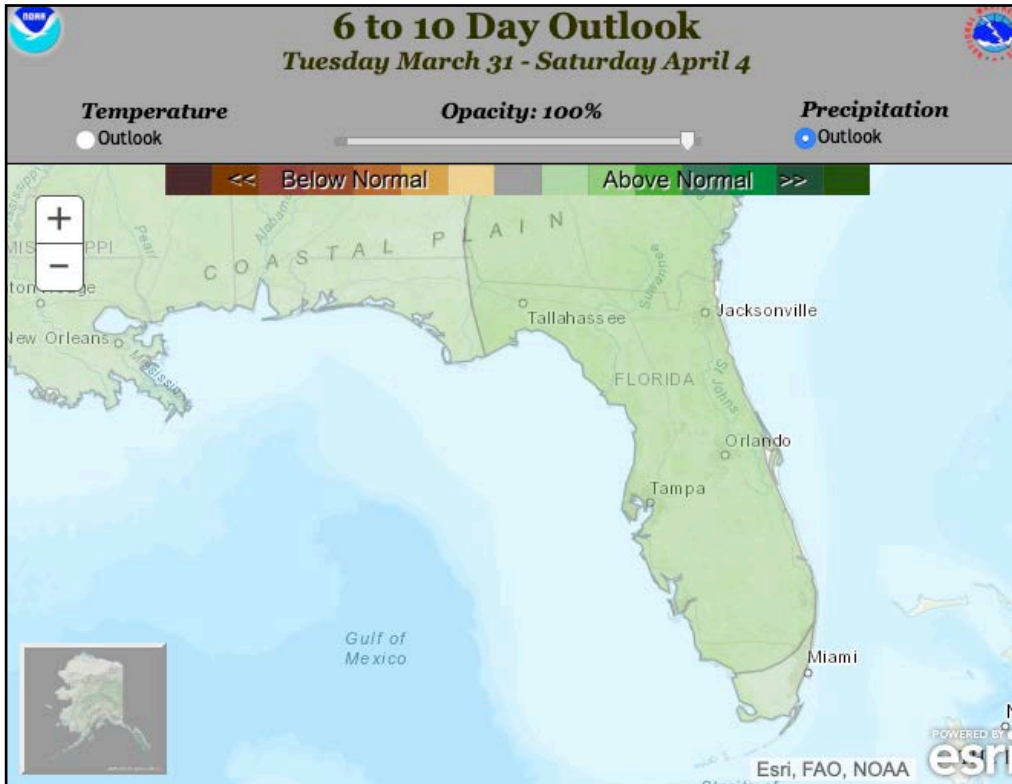
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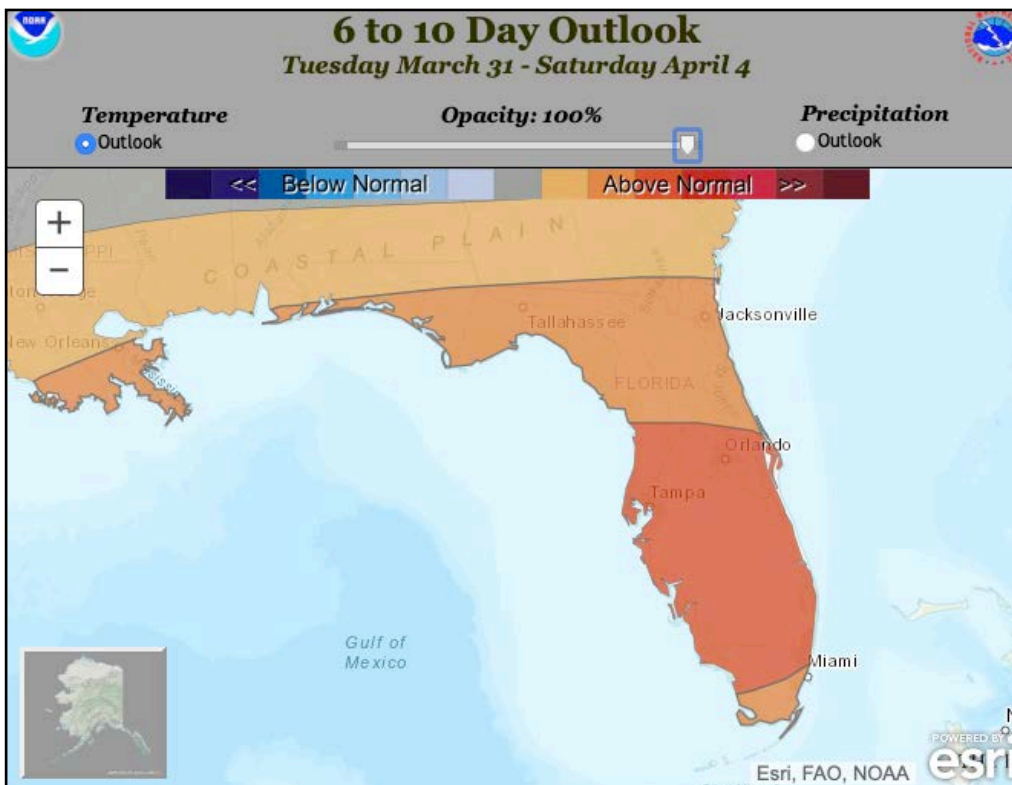
● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)



NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook

