

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

April 11, 2022 - April 18, 2022.

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 some locations to 2.6 inches in Naples (Collier County). The average temperature ranged from 66.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 83.6°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and range condition remained mostly fair to good. Many pastures were noted to be dry, so supplemental hay was fed to cattle in some locations.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested last week. Watermelon harvest continued and strawberry harvest neared completion. Producers in the panhandle continued planting corn as weather permitted, and peanut planting picked up. Producers prepared to plant cotton in the northern part of the state. Sugarcane harvest continued in the southern part of the state, but was slowed due to wet conditions.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the mid 80s across the citrus growing region, with a few locations reaching the low 90s. The citrus growing region received below normal precipitation, with Muse (Glades County) receiving a little over 2 inches, followed by Kenansville (Osceola County) at 1.2 inches.

According to the April 14, 2022 U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions intensified and expanded across southern Florida, with severe drought conditions noted in the southwestern portion of the region and moderate drought conditions in the central and southern areas.

Valencia oranges, later variety tangerines, and red and white grapefruit were all harvested for the fresh market.

Grapefruit and tangerine harvest was winding down and processing plants were expected to finish oranges by the beginning of May.

Field reports indicated bloom was over and incipient fruitlets were plentiful in orange groves.

Grove activities included fertilizing; herbicide, pesticide, and nutritional application; mowing; hedging; topping; removal of dead trees; 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.

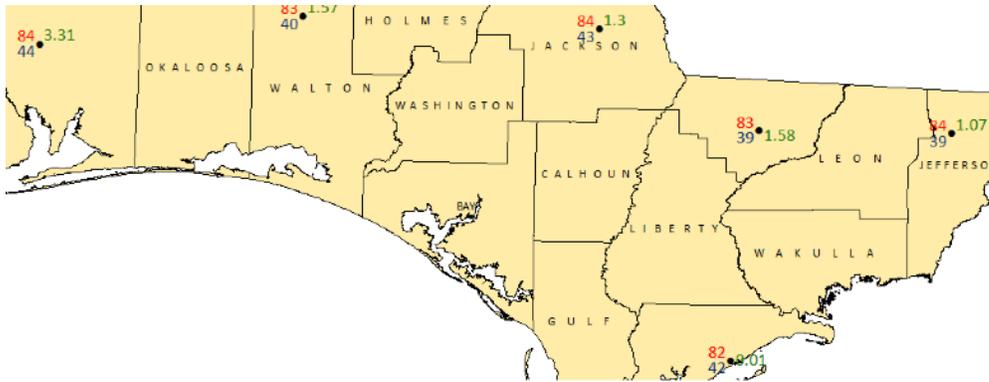
Soil Moisture Summary

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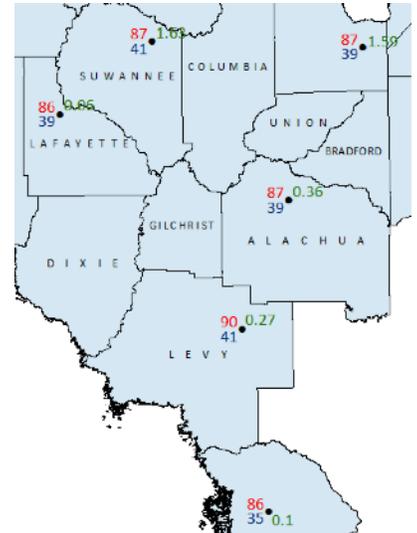
TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	2	5
Short	12	23
Adequate	80	64
Surplus	6	8

Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

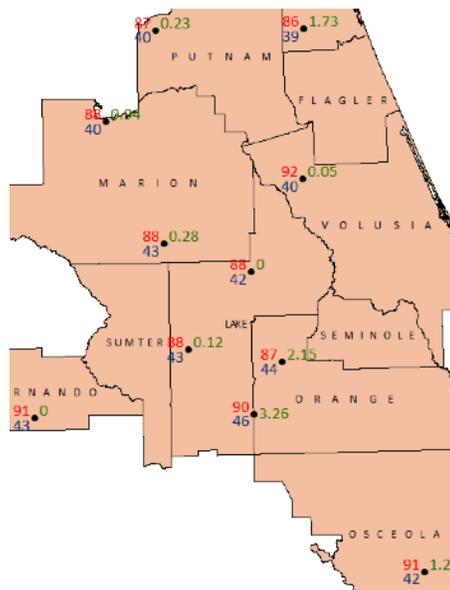
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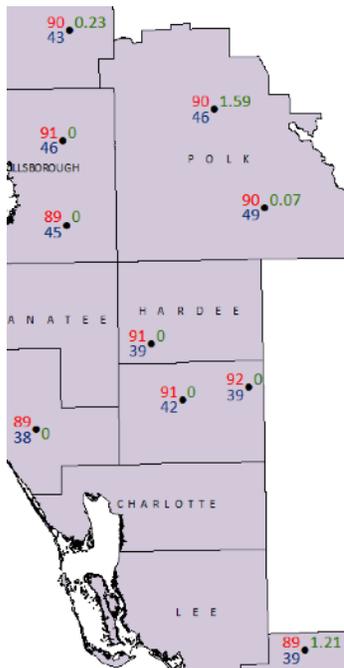
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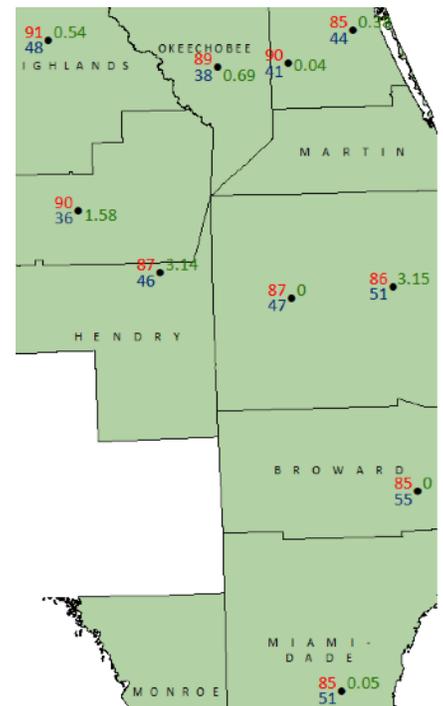
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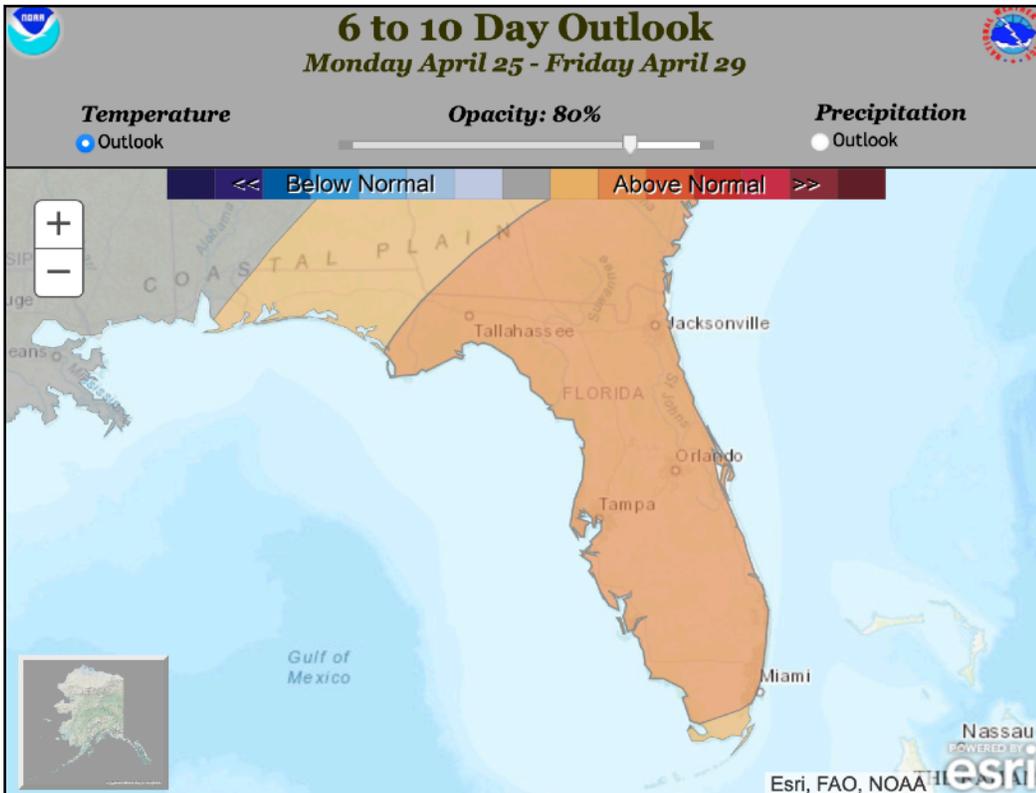
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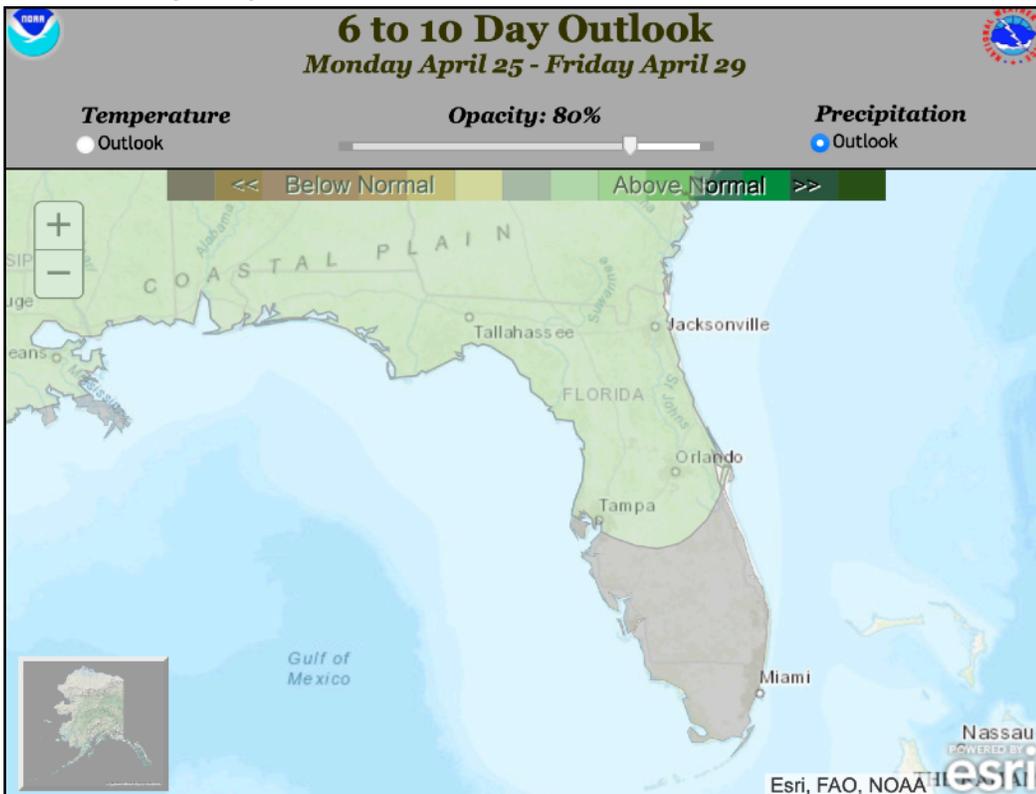
● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)



NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOKS



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook

