

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

April 29, 2019 - May 06, 2019.

Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

Northwest District





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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 6.4 days suitable for field work.

Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in multiple locations to 4.9 inches in Miramar (Broward County).

The average temperature ranged from 69.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 82.3°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture conditions improved in many parts of the state due to rain and added soil moisture.

Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Fruits and Vegetables

Watermelon harvest was ongoing in multiple counties. Watermelon fruit set was slightly behind schedule in Levy County.

The vegetable season was winding down in the southern peninsula.

Field Crops

Peanut planting continued in Escambia and Levy counties.

Corn planting was ongoing in Suwanee County.

Potato harvest continued in Flagler and Putnam counties.

Sugarcane harvesting continued in Glades and Hendry counties.

Citrus

The citrus growing region was warm all week, with highs in the mid 80s.

Polk County, in the central growing region, had the most rainfall, with multiple stations measuring more than two inches.

According to the May 2, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions were confined to the eastern portion of the citrus growing region.

Abnormally dry conditions were present only in Indian River and Brevard counties.

During the month of April, weekly Valencia harvest was about 30% more than that of last season's hurricaneaffected crop.

April harvest of later variety oranges was just under 3.5 million boxes.

Next season's crop was progressing well in healthy groves.

Fruit set on oranges ranged between marble and quarter in size.

Most groves have been hedged and topped for the new season.

Grove activities included spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Ditches and canals were low in some areas.

Irrigation was run steadily across the region.

STATEWIDE SOIL MOISTURE SUMMARY

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

TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	6	4
Short	21	28
Adequate	68	64
Surplus	5	4

