

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

August 17, 2020 - August 24, 2020

STATEWIDE CROP SUMMARY

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

General

There were 6.2 days suitable for field work.

Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in multiple locations to 9.6 inches in Apalachicola (Franklin County).

The average temperature ranged from 78.4°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 86.8°F in Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture condition remained mostly good throughout the state, but some panhandle pastures were declining due to dry conditions.

Calf weaning and shipping continued in the central peninsula.

Fruits and Vegetables

A variety of fruits and vegetables continued being planted and marketed.

Vegetable growers in the southern peninsula continued field preparations for fall planting.

Pepper and okra harvest were nearly complete in the northern peninsula.

Field Crops

Peanut growers in the panhandle continued aggressive fungicide application due to disease pressures from recent rainfall.

Corn harvest continued in the panhandle and northern peninsula.

Soybeans continued to be in good condition in the panhandle.

Hay cutting continued across the state, but was slowed in some areas by recent heavy rainfall.

Sugarcane continued to look good.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the low 90s across the region, with Clermont (Lake County) reaching 93°F.

The citrus growing region once again received widespread rainfall, with Muse (Glades County) receiving 5.9 inches. According to the August 20, 2020 U.S. Drought Monitor, most of the citrus growing region remained drought free, but abnormally dry conditions expanded along the Gulf Coast to include portions of the northern and southern areas, and moderate drought conditions extended into portions of the western area.

Next season's early oranges were approximately tennis ball sized, Valencia oranges were approximately golf ball to tennis ball sized, and grapefruit were approximately softball in size.

Grove activities included mowing, spraying, herbicide application, fertilizing, removal of dead trees, and general grove maintenance.

Irrigation was run in some areas, and field workers reported low water levels in coastal area ditches.

Soil Moisture Summary

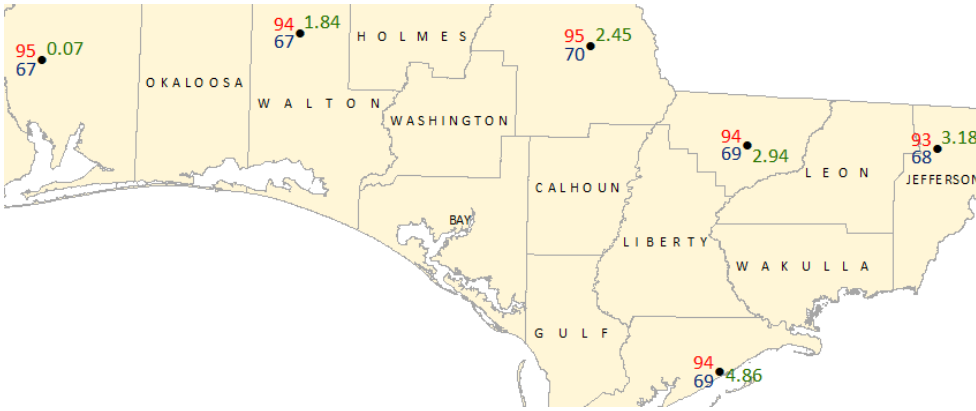
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TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	1	0
Short	11	5
Adequate	81	81
Surplus	7	14

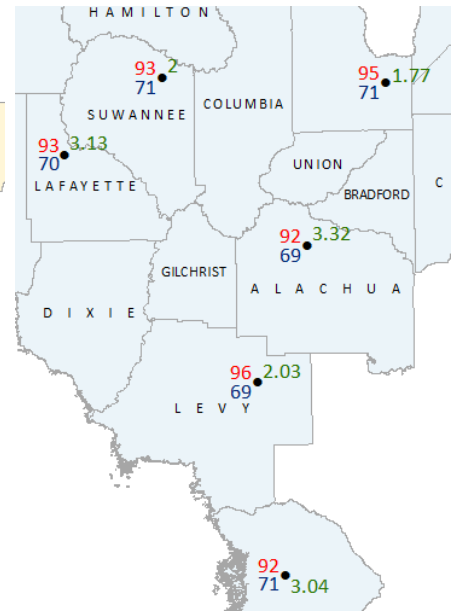


Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

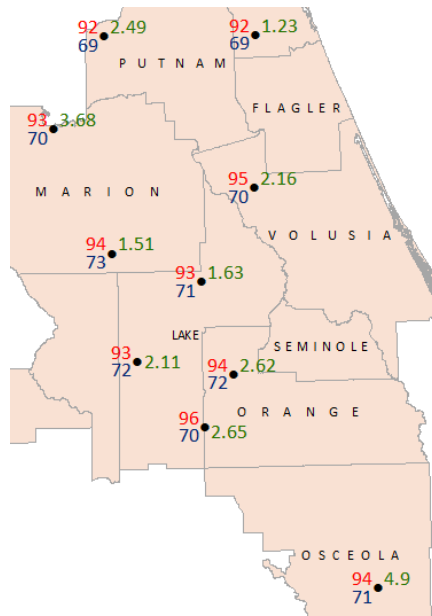
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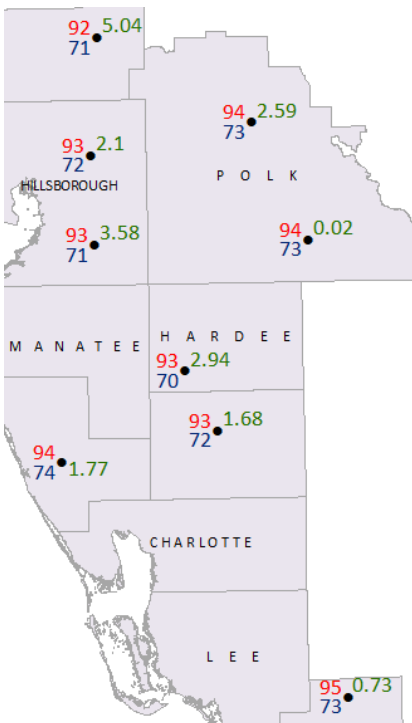
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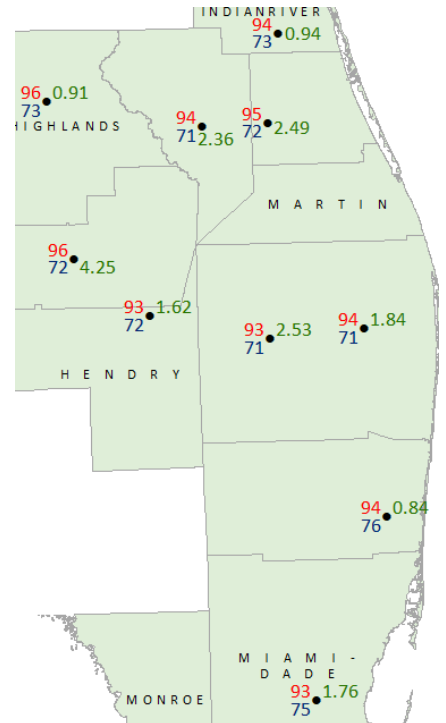
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Southwest District



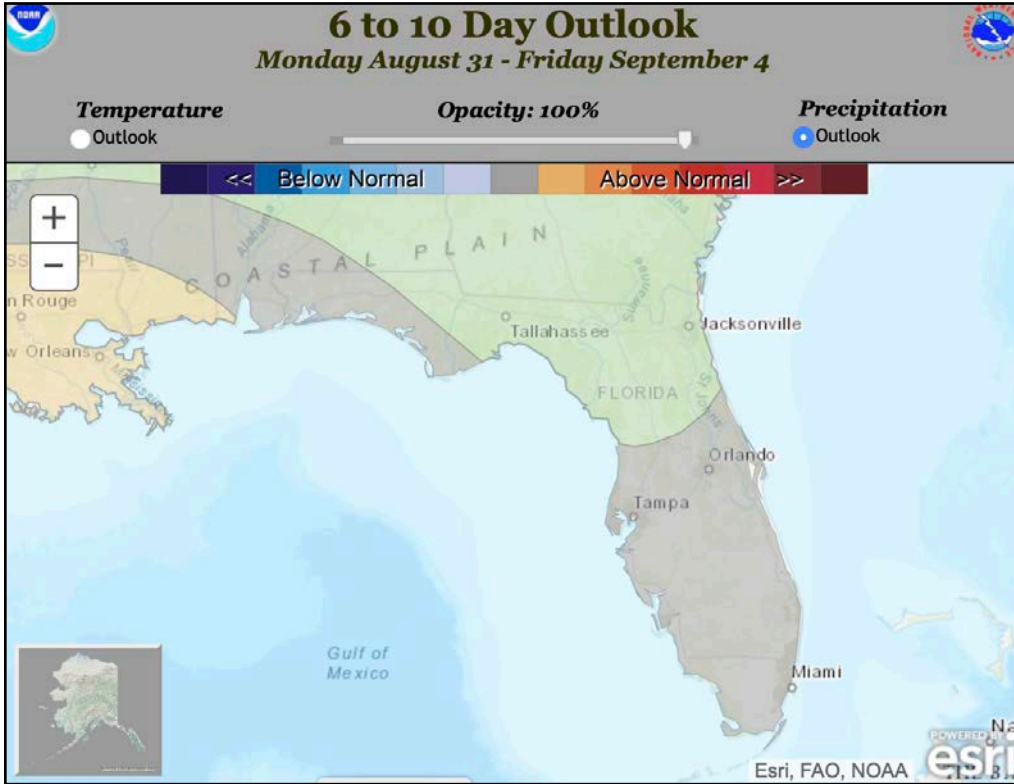
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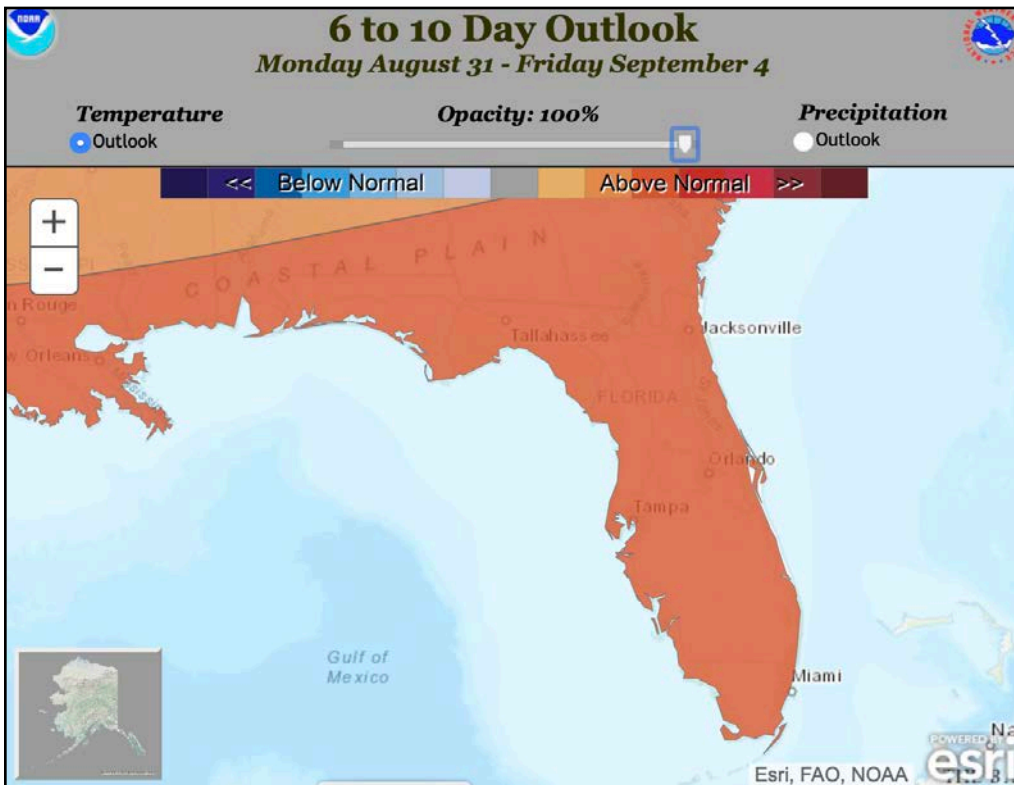
● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)



NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook

