

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

August 31, 2020 - September 07, 2020

STATEWIDE CROP SUMMARY

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

General

There were 6.3 days suitable for field work. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in multiple locations to 7.5 inches in Dade City (Pasco County). The average temperature ranged from 76.4°F in Glen St. Mary (Baker County) to 87.2°F in Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

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, and some growers laid plastic for winter crops.

Field Crops

Scattered showers caused some local flooding in parts of the panhandle. Sporadic rainfall in the panhandle affected peanut harvest, and some producers continued battling leaf spot and pod rot. Corn harvest continued in the panhandle and northern peninsula. Hay cutting and baling continued in the panhandle and northern peninsula. Sugarcane planting continued, with more expected before harvest begins in the next few weeks.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the low to mid 90s across the region, with stations in both Lake County and Sebring (Highlands County) reaching 94°F. The citrus growing region once again received widespread rainfall, with Lakeland (Polk County) receiving 4.1 inches, and Plant City (Hillsborough County) receiving 3.6 inches. According to the September 3, 2020 U.S. Drought Monitor, most of the citrus growing region remained drought free, but abnormally dry conditions persisted in portions of the western and southern areas. Next season's early oranges were approximately tennis ball to baseball sized, Valencia oranges were approximately tennis ball sized, and grapefruit were approximately softball in size and larger. 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 Indian River area ditches.

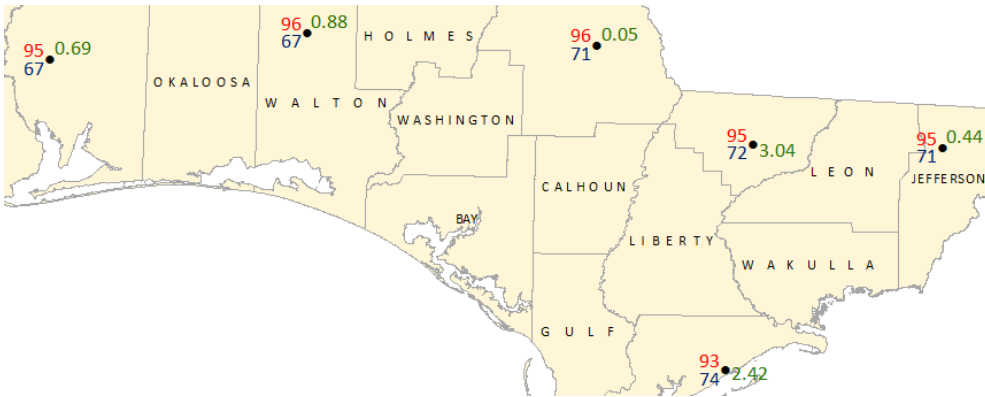
Soil Moisture Summary

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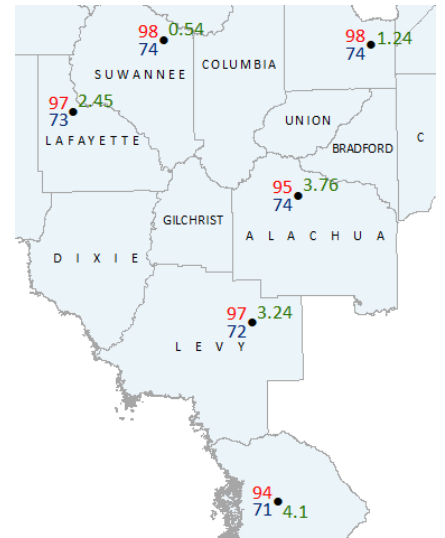
TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	1	0
Short	4	10
Adequate	80	75
Surplus	15	15

Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

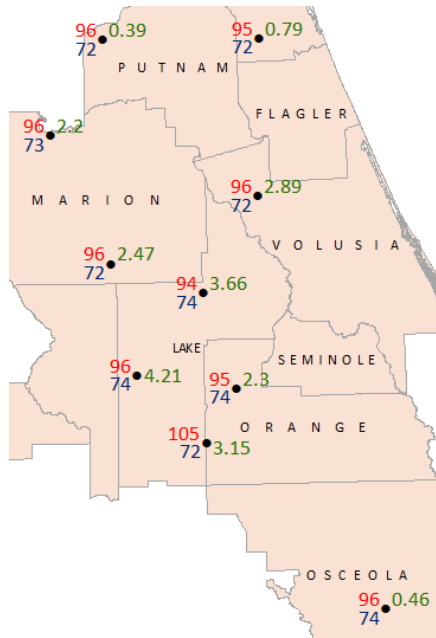
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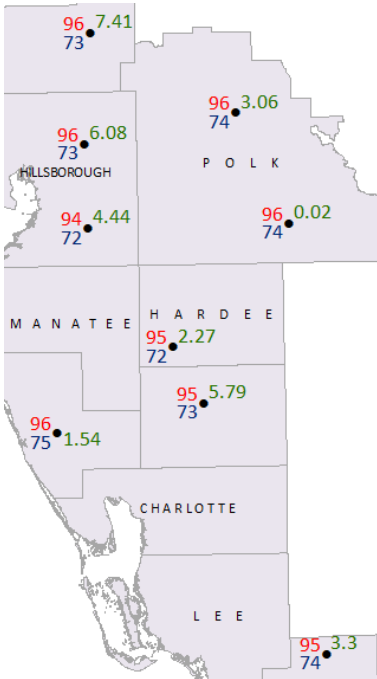
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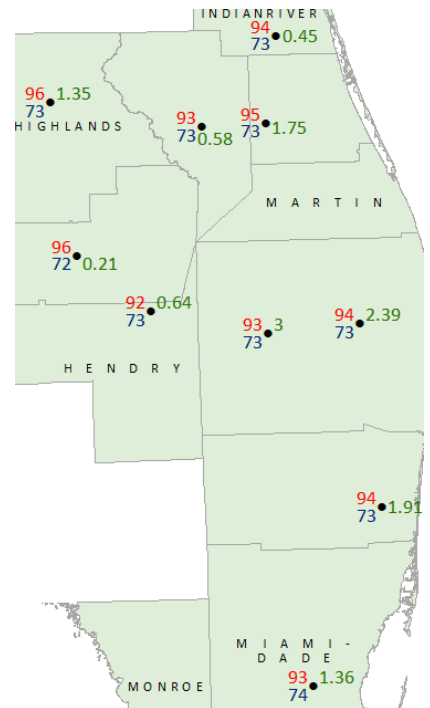
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Southwest District



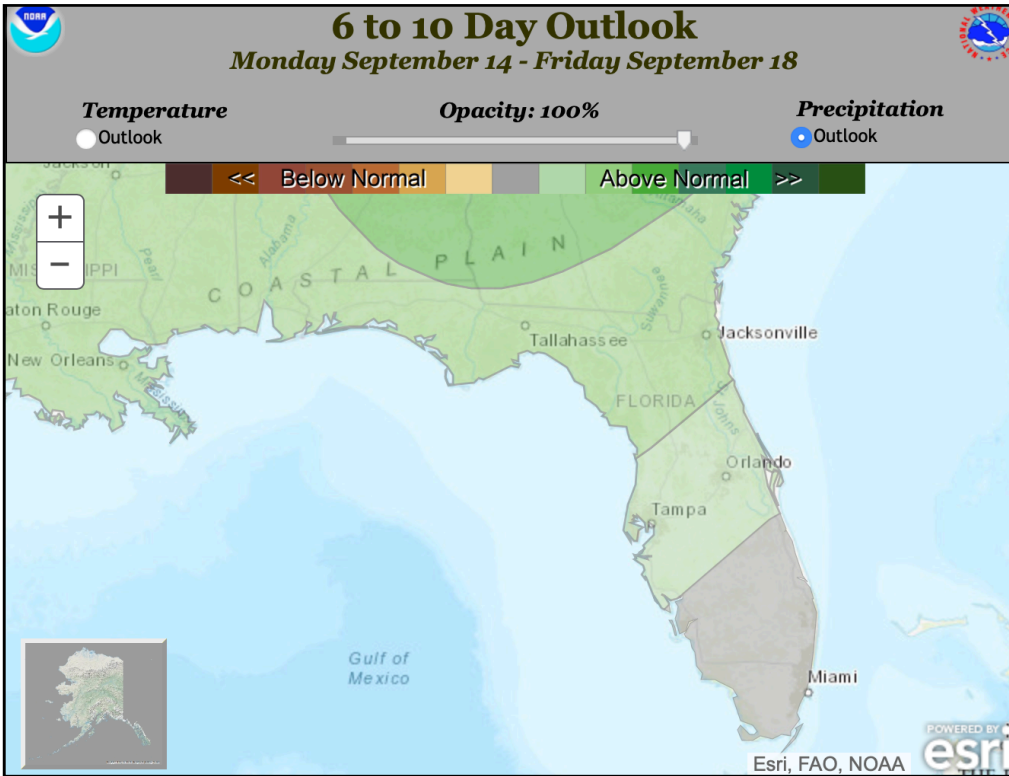
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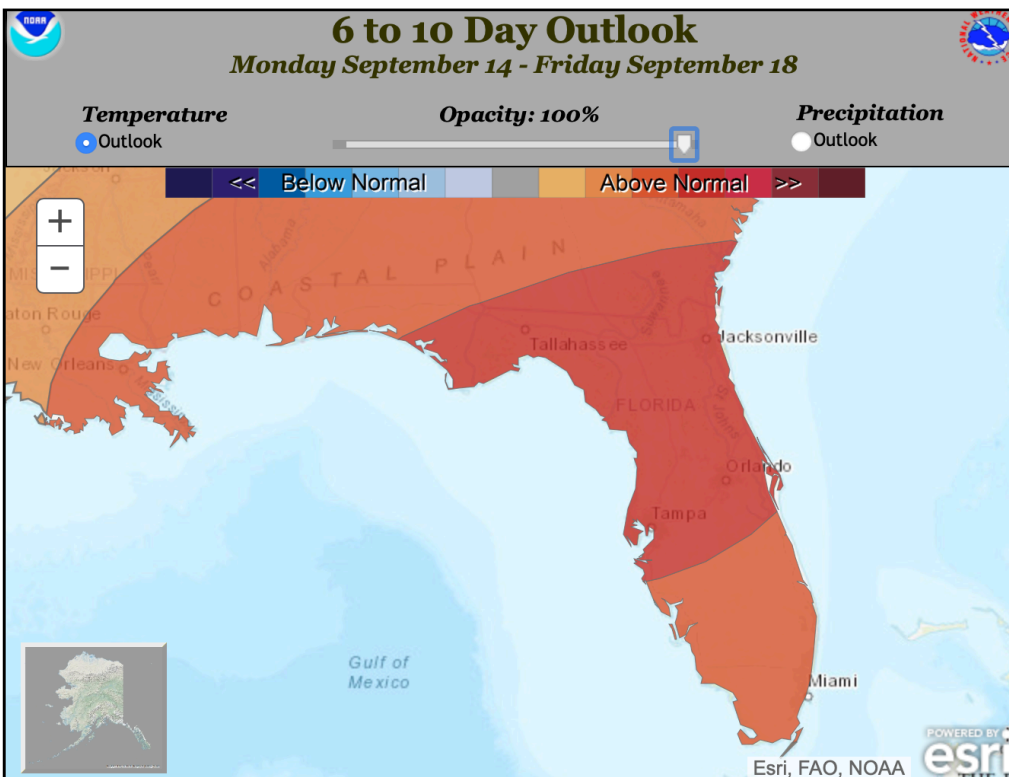
● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)



NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook

