

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

September 19, 2022 - September 26, 2022

STATEWIDE CROP SUMMARY

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

General

There were 6.5 days suitable for field work.

Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in some locations to 6.1 inches in Merritt Island (Brevard County).

The average temperature ranged from 77.2°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 88.9°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle, pasture, and range condition remained mostly good to excellent.

Lack of rainfall caused a slight decrease in crop and soil condition in some areas.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested last week, including okra, eggplant, and boniato potatoes.

Heavy rainfall in the southern part of the state once again disrupted field activities.

Cotton bolls continued to open across the state and harvest began in some areas.

Peanut digging and harvest continued across the state. Land preparation continued for fall strawberry planting.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region were in the mid to high 90s, with Plant City (Hillsborough County) reaching 97°F.

Merritt Island (Brevard County) received the most rainfall at 6.1 inches, followed by Orlando (Orange

County) at 5.4 inches.

According to the September 25, 2022 U.S. Drought Monitor, pockets around Lake Okeechobee and in St. Lucie County were abnormally dry, while the rest of the citrus growing region was drought free.

Next season's crop was progressing well, with oranges about tennis ball to baseball size, and grapefruit larger than softball size.

Grove activities included pesticide, herbicide, nutritional, and fertilizer application; limited mowing; dead tree removal; young tree replanting; canal dredging; and general grove maintenance.

Field personnel continued to observe color break on most early oranges, and some harvesting of Fallglo tangerines.

Irrigation was run in all areas as needed.

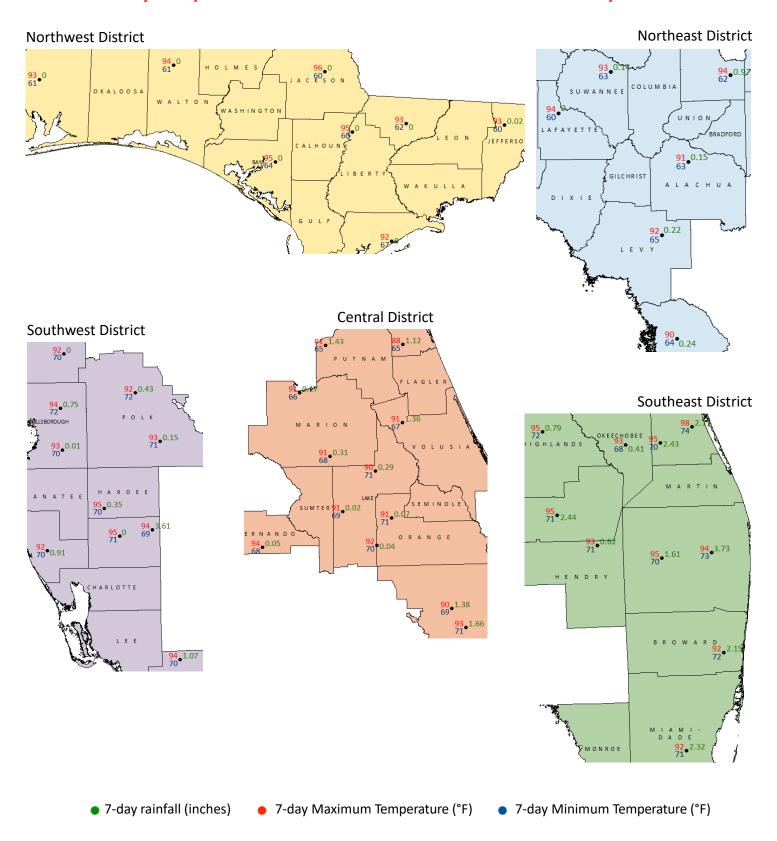
Soil Moisture Summary

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TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	1	2
Short	9	17
Adequate	74	69
Surplus	16	12

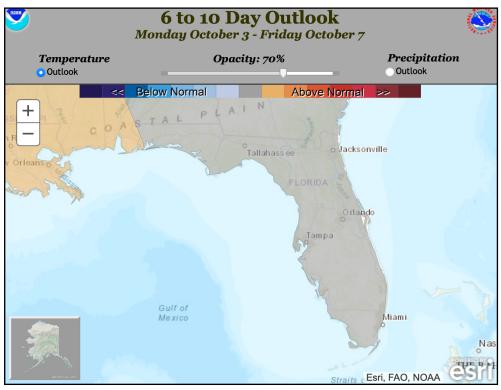


Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

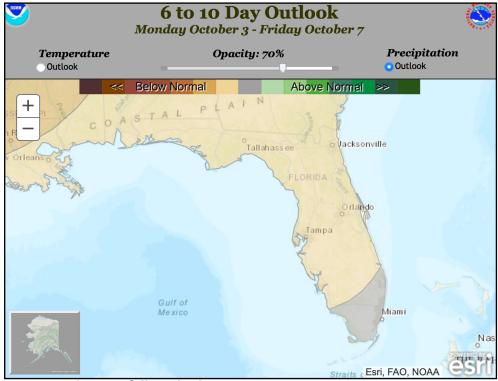




NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOKS



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook