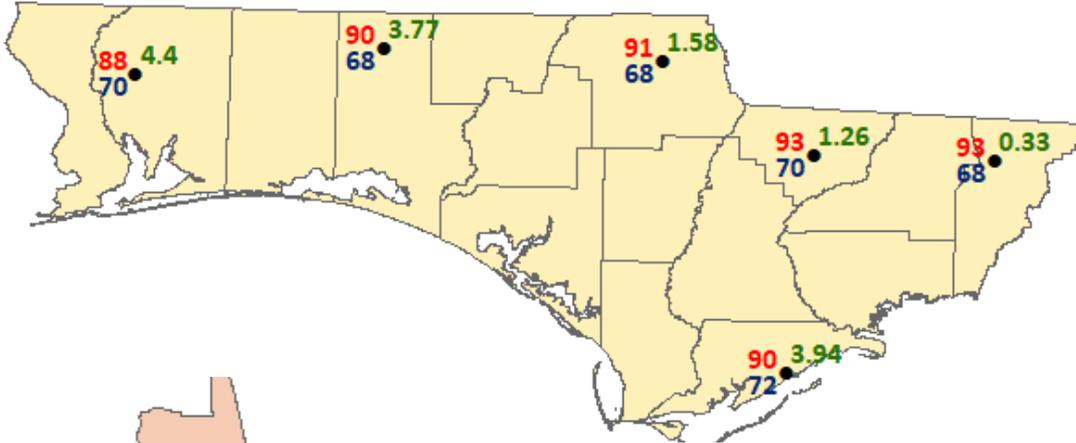


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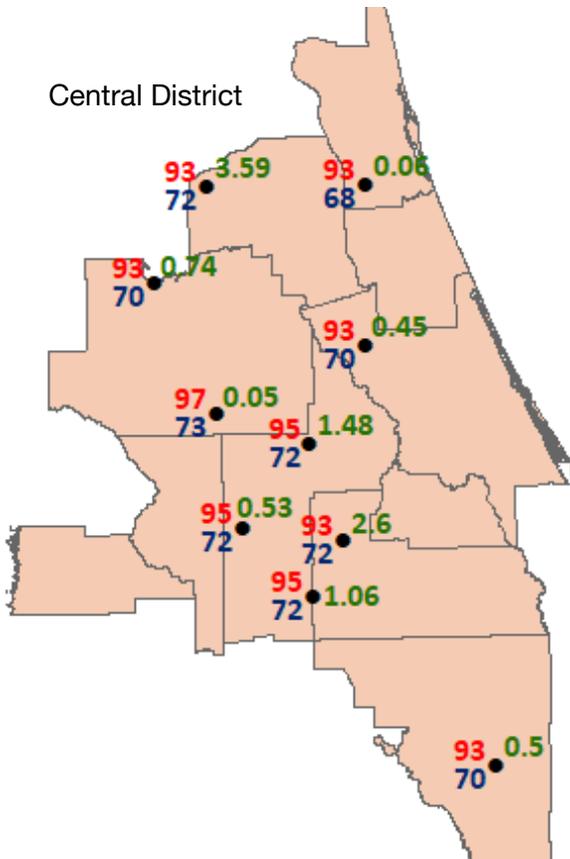
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Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

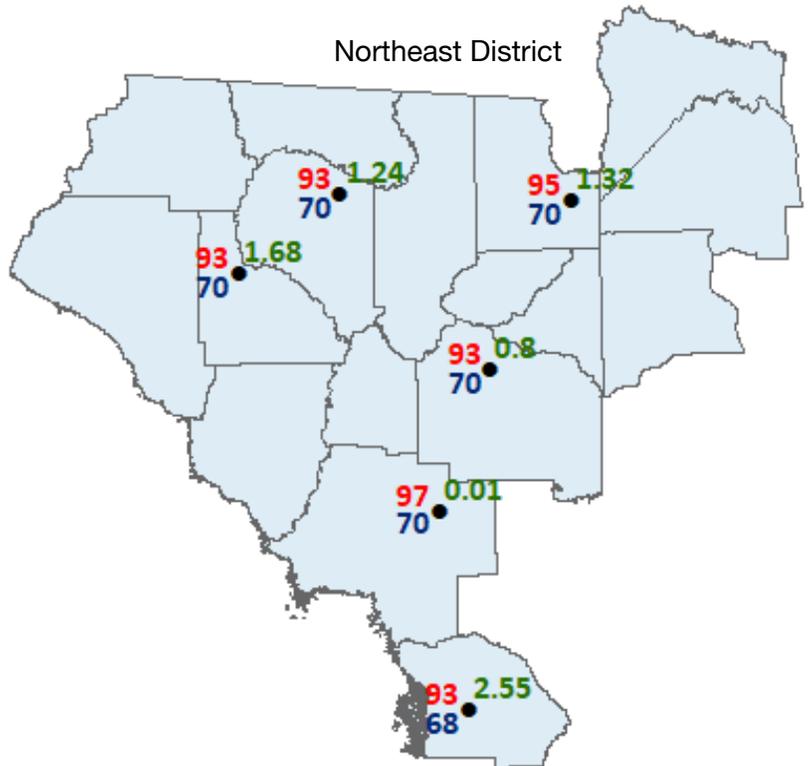
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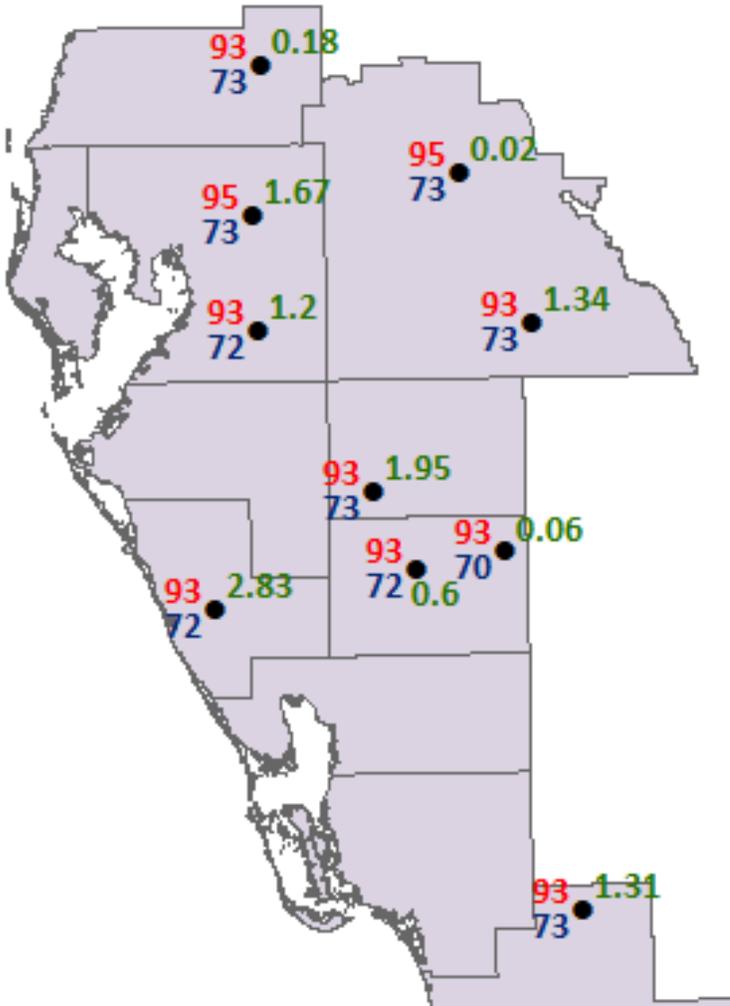


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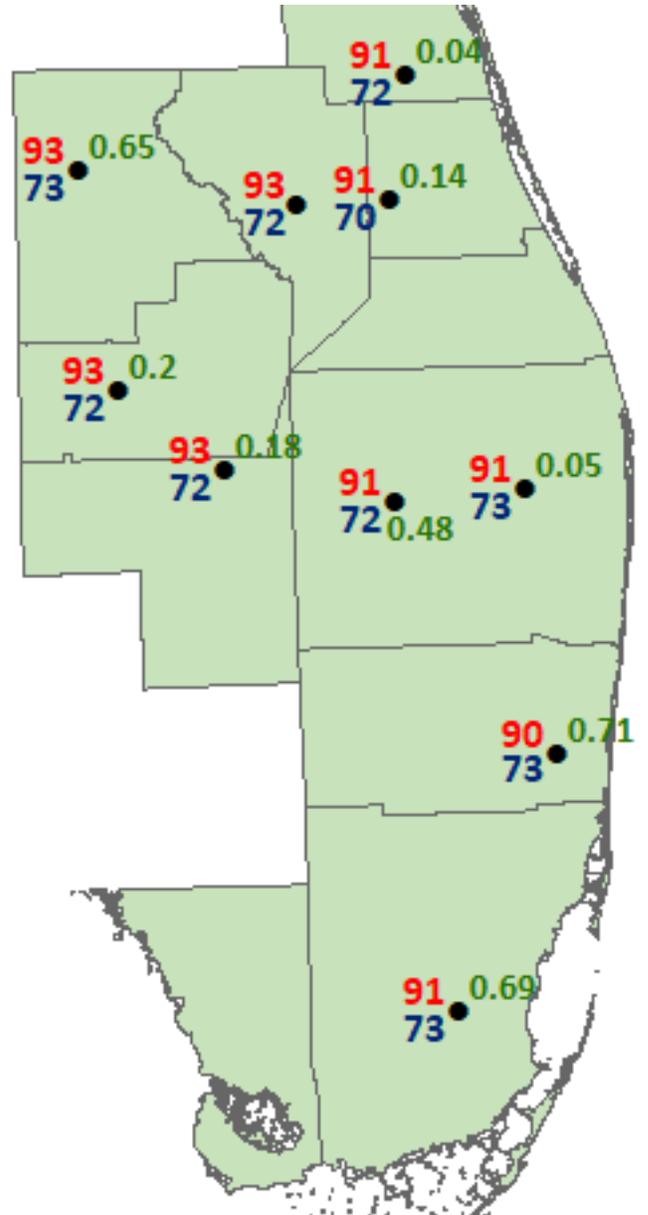


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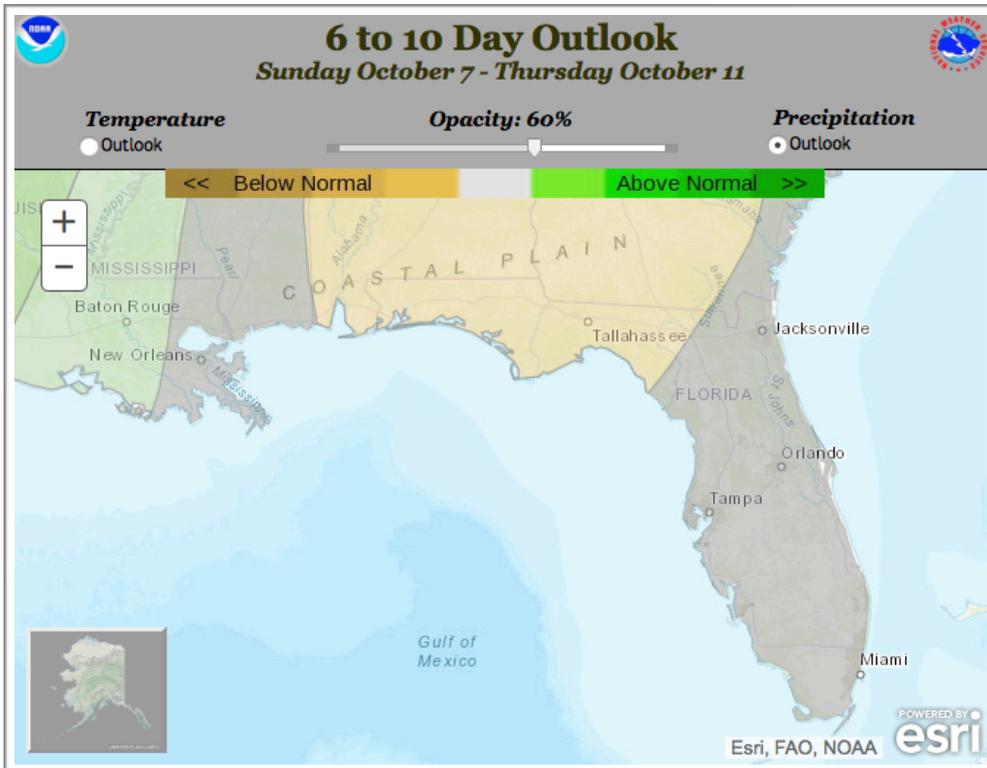


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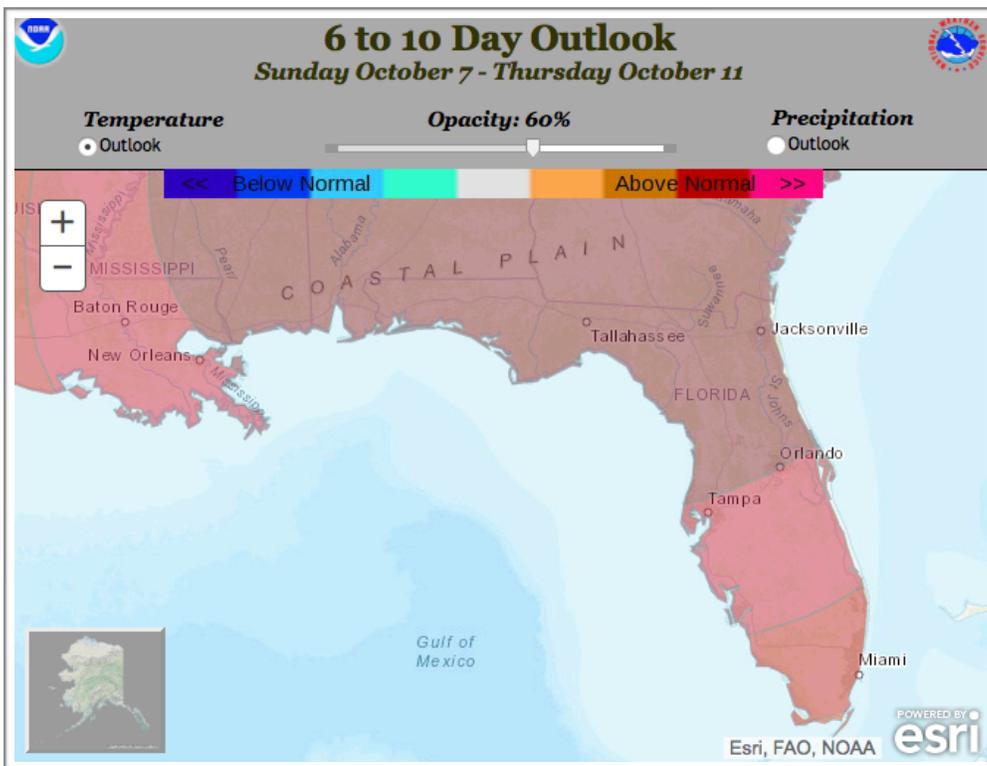


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NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOKS



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 6.3 days suitable for field work. Average temperature ranged from 78.9° F in Milton to 87.0° F in Key West and North Miami Beach.

Livestock and Pastures:

Ranchers in several counties planted forages. Limited precipitation in central FL resulted in a decline in overall pasture and range condition. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

Fruits and Vegetables:

Vegetable field winter planting preparations continued in several counties. Producers planted a wide variety of vegetable crops, many needing irrigation due to hot and dry weather. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, and okra.

Field Crops:

Heavy showers delayed fieldwork in the western panhandle. Drier conditions in Levy County allowed hay and peanut harvest to begin wrapping up, while other areas were flooded from localized, heavy rain. Sugarcane continued to look very good, nearing harvest in St. Lucie County.

Citrus:

Daily temperatures were above average in the citrus growing region. Rainfall was scattered and intermittent, with most stations recording less than one inch of rainfall. A few isolated areas recorded over two inches for the week. The entire citrus region remained drought-free (US Drought Monitor, 9/27/18). Caretakers sprayed, pulled vines, and took care of resets. Irrigation was run on a regular basis. Generally, well-maintained groves looked good, with good fruit sets and healthy trees. Owners tested maturity levels for harvest of early oranges, grapefruit, and tangerines. Packinghouses were setting up, preparing to run early variety fruit.

STATEWIDE SOIL MOISTURE SUMMARY

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

TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	10	3
Short	20	19
Adequate	58	59
Surplus	12	19