

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

October 12, 2020 - October 19, 2020

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 no rain in multiple locations to 3.2 inches in Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County).

The average temperature ranged from 71.1°F at Bob Sikes Airport (Okaloosa County) to 83.4°F at Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Pastures showed some seasonal decline and some fields were prepared for cool season forage.

Fruits and Vegetables

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

Vegetable growers continued preparing for fall planting in the southern peninsula.

Field Crops

Dry weather allowed farmers to work in the fields.

Cotton was mostly defoliated, which allowed harvest to begin.

Peanut harvest began in the panhandle, with some disease noted.

Fungus was still an issue on both cotton and peanuts because of previously wet conditions.

Hay was cut as weather conditions permitted.

Sugarcane harvest continued in the southern peninsula.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the mid 80s to low

90s across the region, with Central Florida (Lake County) reaching 92°F.

Rainfall was light and isolated across the region, with most stations receiving 0.5 inches or less. Vero Beach (Indian River County) received the most, at 0.8 inches.

According to the October 15th, 2020 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Growers continued harvesting Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines for the fresh market.

Limited red grapefruit and navel oranges continued arriving at packinghouses, and early non-Valencia oranges were still being processed in small quantities.

Next season's early and mid-season (non-Valencia) oranges were sizing above average, and fruit sets were lighter than normal for both Valencia and non-Valencia oranges.

Grapefruit quality was good, and larger than average in size.

Grove activities included mowing, fertilizing, spraying herbicides and general grove maintenance.

Irrigation was run several times in most areas.

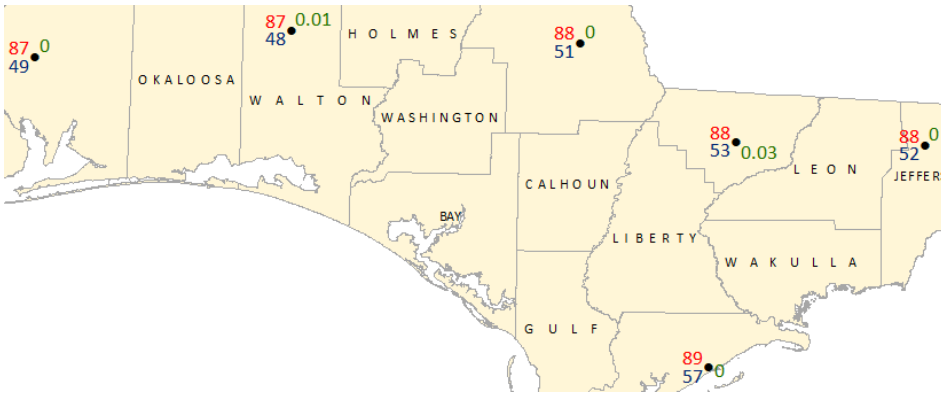
Soil Moisture Summary

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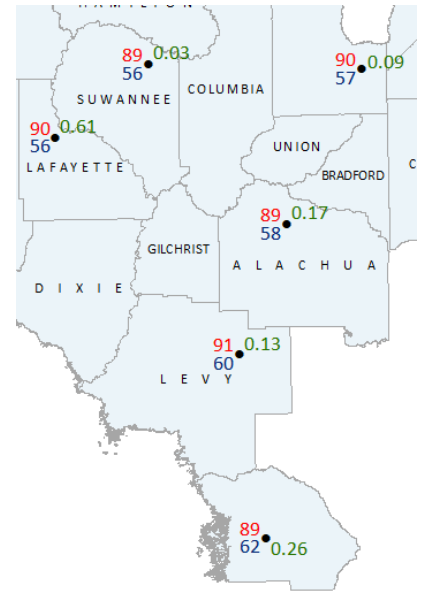
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Very Short	0	1
Short	4	14
Adequate	71	64
Surplus	25	21

Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

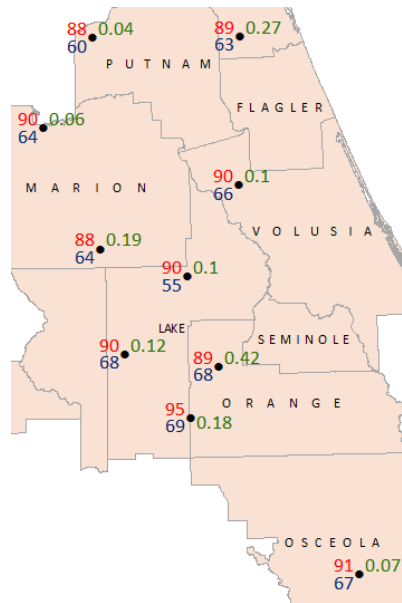
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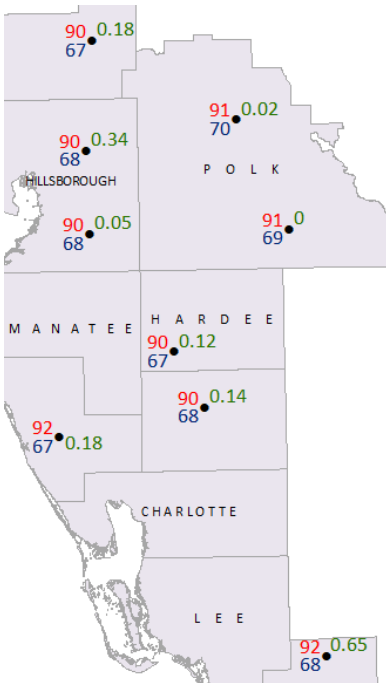
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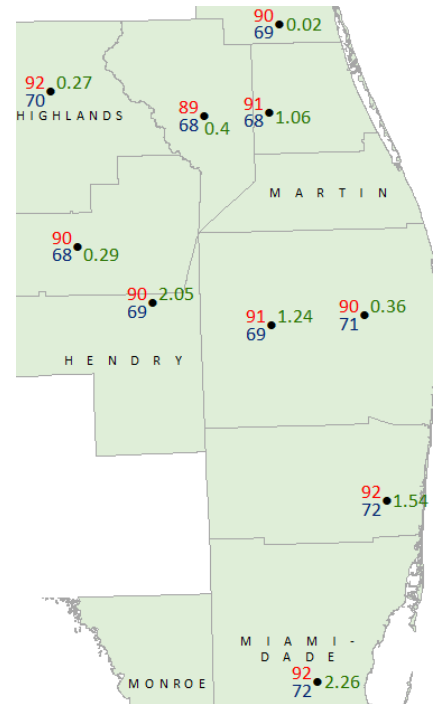
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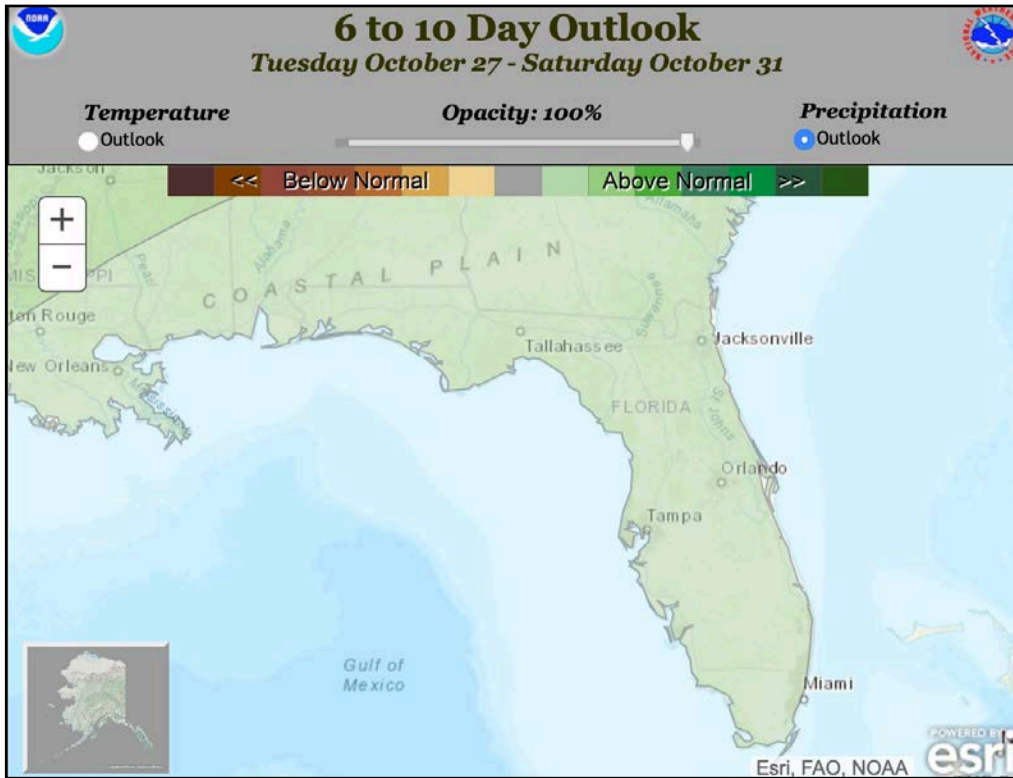
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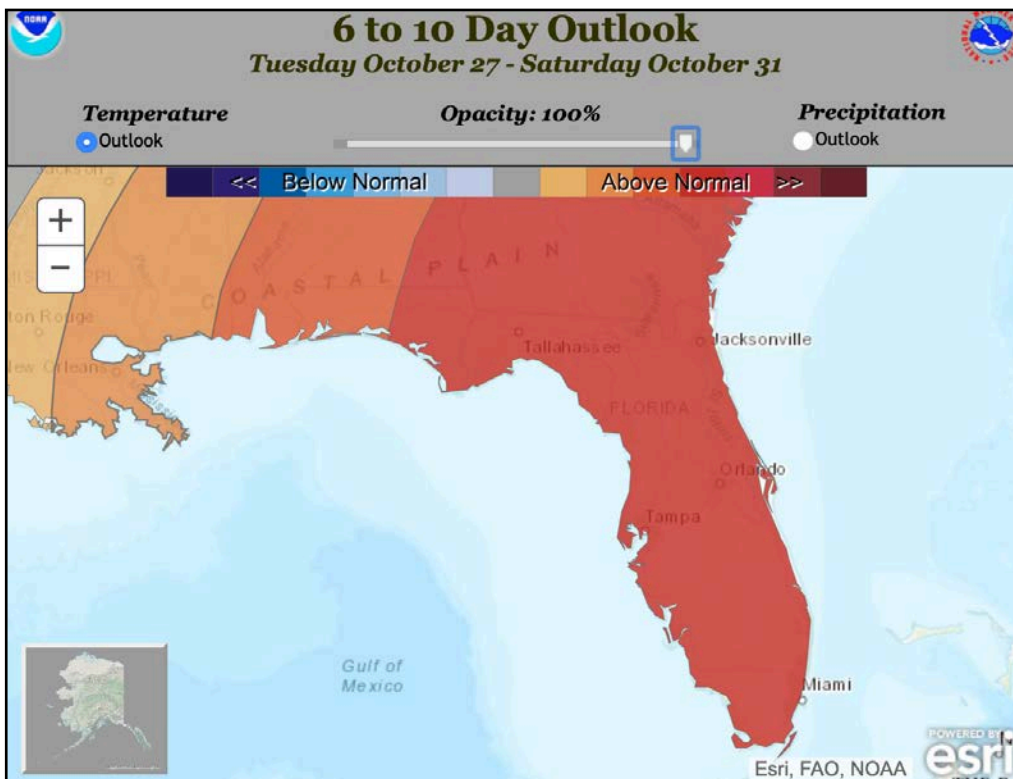
● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)



NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook

