

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

October 19, 2020 - October 26, 2020

STATEWIDE CROP SUMMARY

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

General

There were 6.1 days suitable for field work. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 13.7 inches in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County). The average temperature ranged from 71.0°F at Ochopee (Collier County) to 81.6°F at Tampa International Airport (Hillsborough County).

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture condition remained mostly good throughout the state, but mosquitos were reported to be a nuisance to cattle. 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

Wet weather limited time in the fields, especially in the southern peninsula. Cotton was mostly defoliated, which allowed harvest to continue, but slowly. Peanut harvest continued in the panhandle, but decreased yields were reported. Widespread flooding was reported in low lying areas of the southern peninsula. Hay cutting continued in the panhandle. Sugarcane harvest continued in the southern peninsula.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the 80s across the region, with Clermont (Lake County) reaching 88°F, and Lakeland (Polk County), 86°F. Rainfall was widespread, but variable across the region, with most occurring in the Indian River District. Vero Beach (Indian River County) received the most, at 4.5 inches, Port St. Lucie (St. Lucie County), 3.4 inches, and Fort Pierce (St. Lucie County), 3.1 inches. Further west, Lake Placid (Highlands County) received 3.1 inches. According to the October 22nd, 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, along with red and white grapefruit, and Navel oranges. Early non-Valencia oranges were still being processed, along with some packinghouse eliminations. Next season's crop continued progressing well. Grove activities included mowing, hedging, fertilizing, spraying herbicides and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run in areas that received less rainfall.

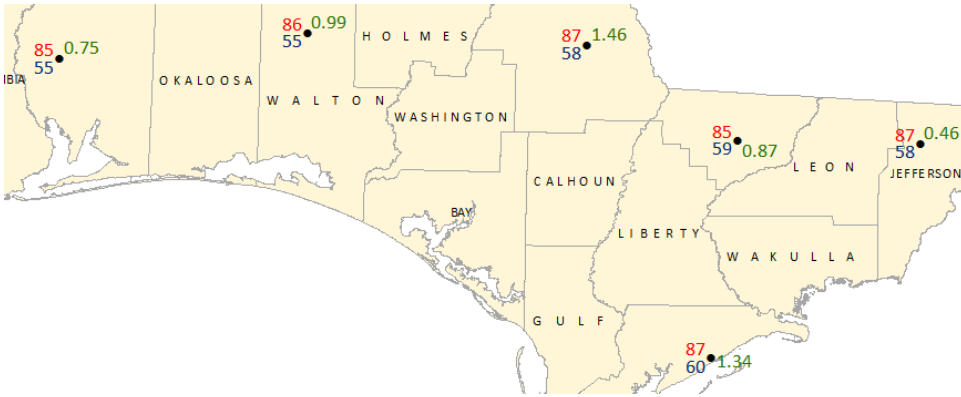
Soil Moisture Summary

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

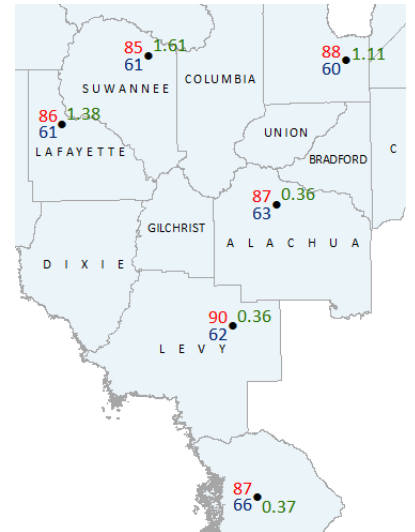
TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	1	1
Short	14	8
Adequate	64	58
Surplus	21	32

Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

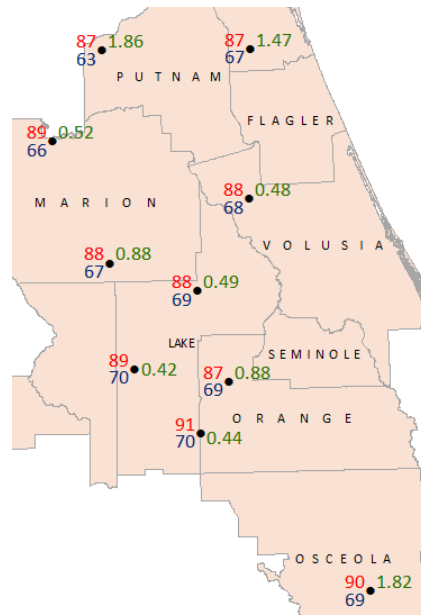
Northwest District



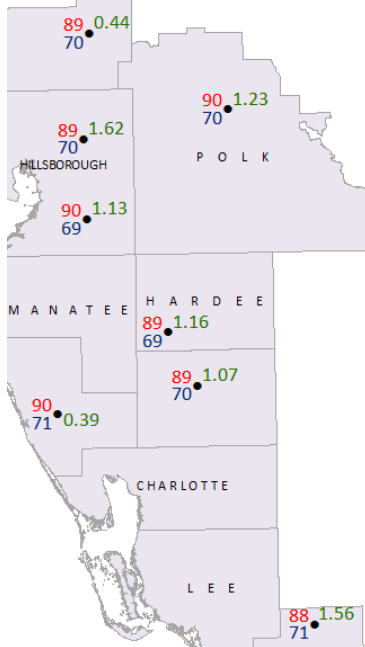
Northeast District



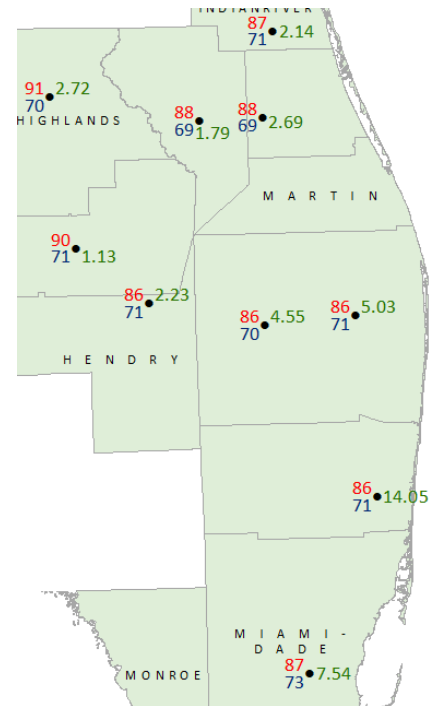
Central District



Southwest District



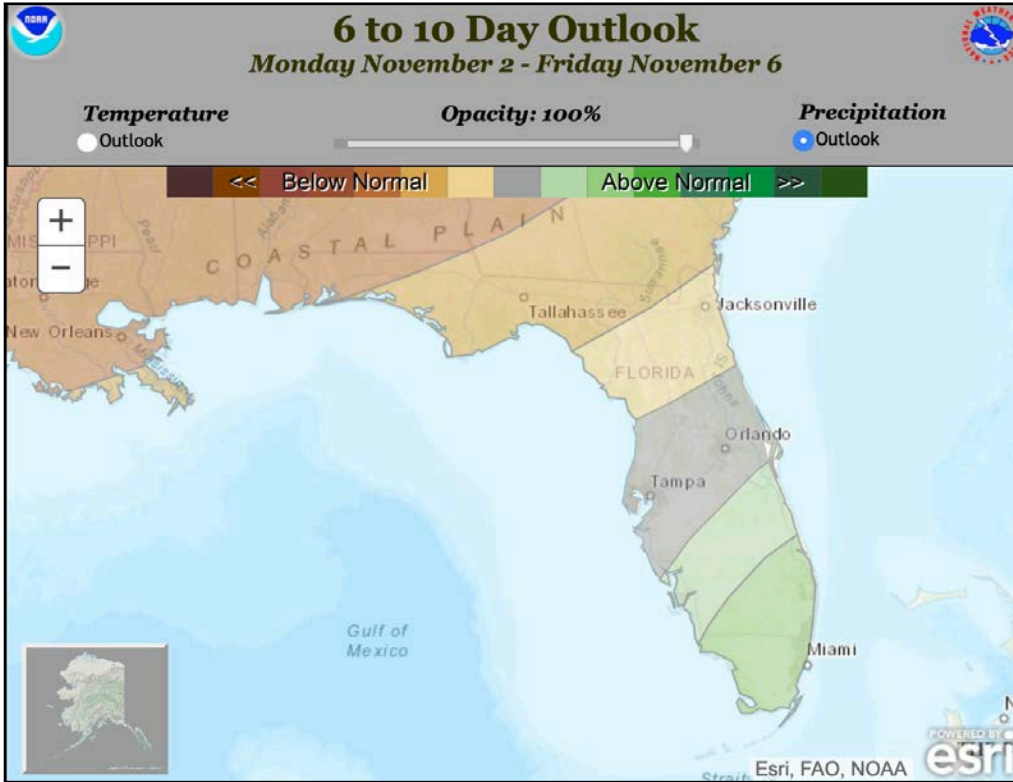
Southeast District



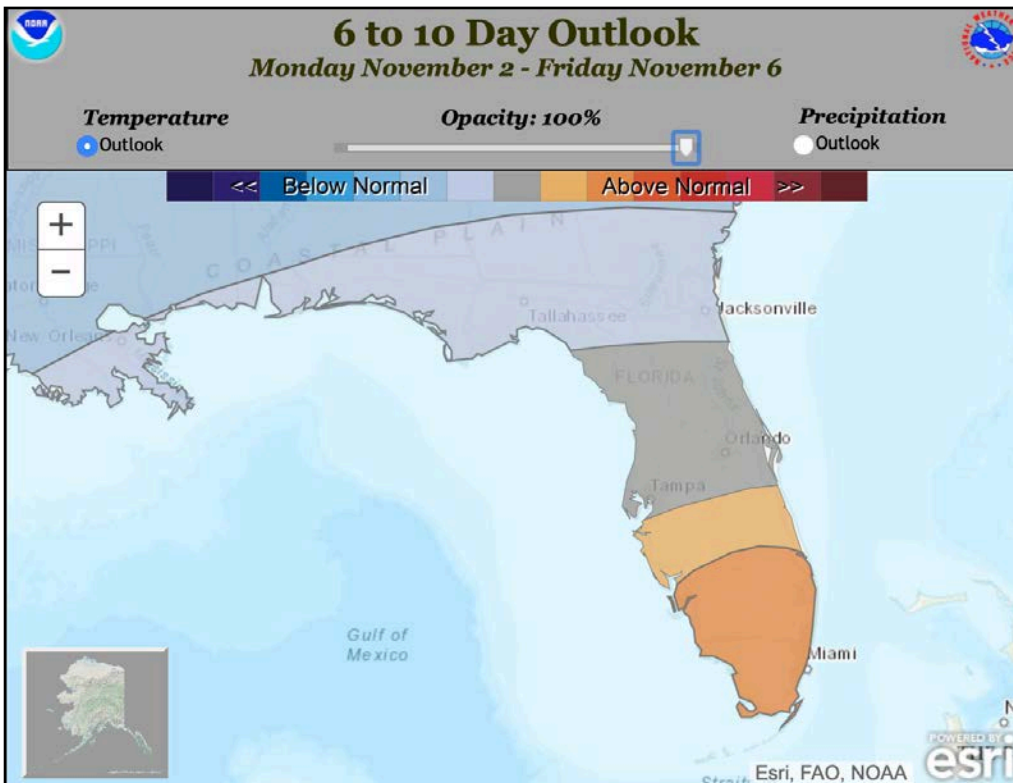
● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)



NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOK



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook

