

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

March 15, 2021 - March 22, 2021.

STATEWIDE CROP SUMMARY

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

General

There were 6.6 days suitable for field work. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in many locations to 2.5 inches in Palmetto (Manatee County). The average temperature ranged from 61.8°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 77.2°F at Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle condition remained mostly fair to good throughout the state. Pastures dried out some in the southern part of the state. Cattle were fed supplements as needed.

Fruits and Vegetables

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Dry and warm conditions allowed continued planting and harvesting activities. High winds, disease, and whiteflies negatively affected vegetable crops in the southern peninsula.

Field Crops

In the panhandle, corn was planted and fields were prepared for cotton and peanuts. Sugarcane harvest continued.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the mid to high 80s. Most stations in the citrus growing region received less than 0.1 inches of rainfall. According to the March 16, 2021 U.S. Drought Monitor,

all counties except Hillsborough were under abnormally dry conditions.

All plants were processing Valencia oranges. Mandarin harvest was slowing down, with most varieties finished for the season. Honey (Murcott) tangerines, Tangos, and a small quantity of other varieties were harvested.

Grapefruit harvest was about one hundred seventy thousand boxes weekly, with almost all white and about half of red going to processing plants.

Grove activities included, fertilizing, hedging, topping, spraying, and taking care of young trees. Irrigation was run frequently in all areas.

Most trees were in full bloom, with new growth being reported in some areas.

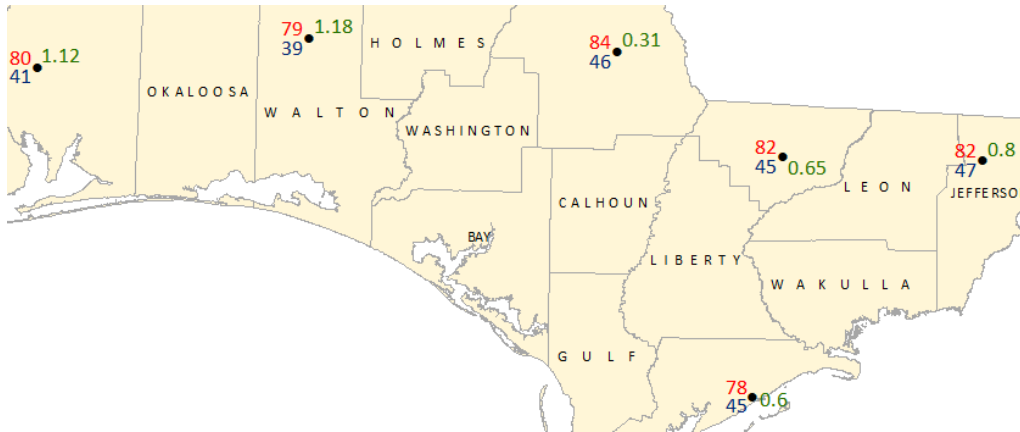
Soil Moisture Summary

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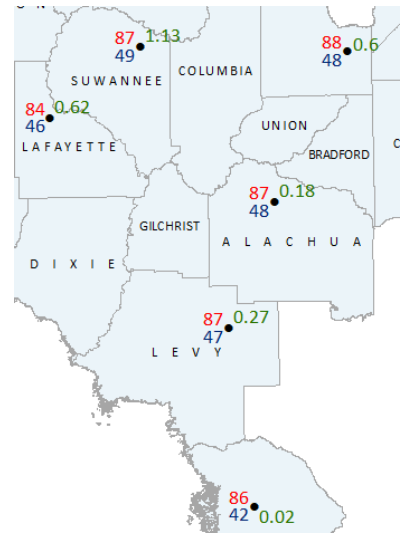
TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	1	4
Short	37	36
Adequate	61	58
Surplus	1	2

Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

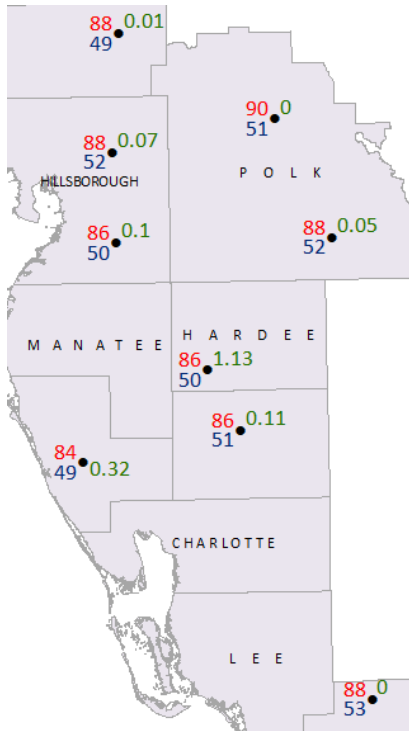
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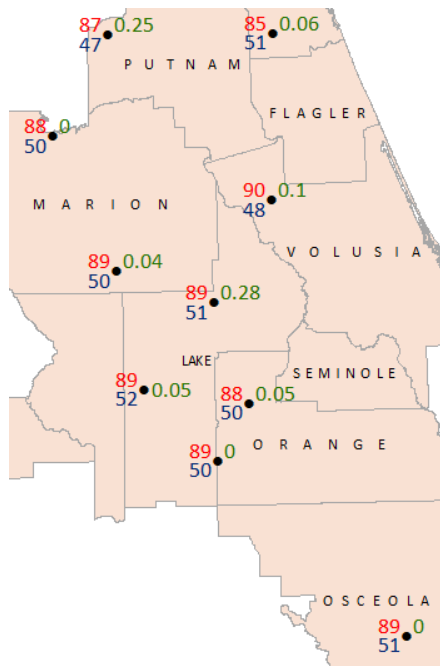
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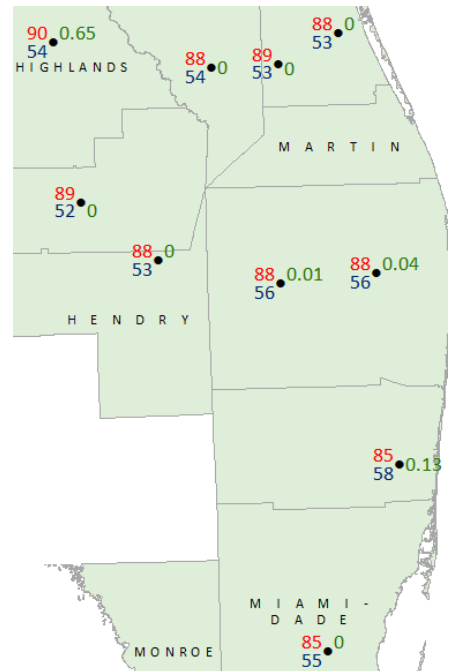
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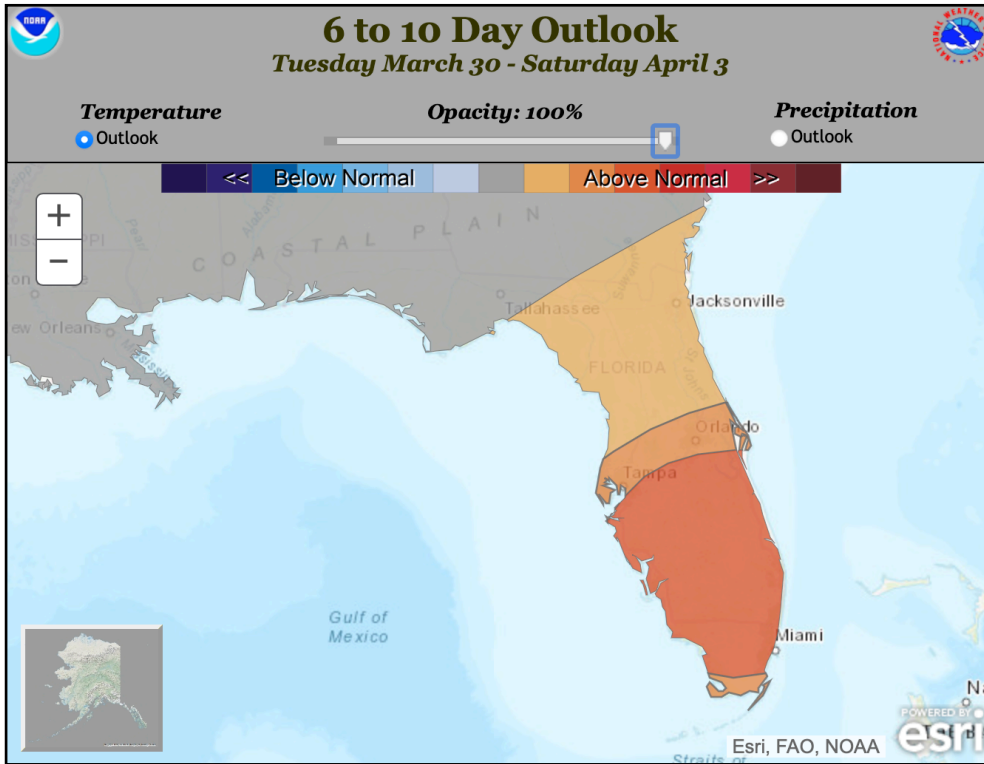
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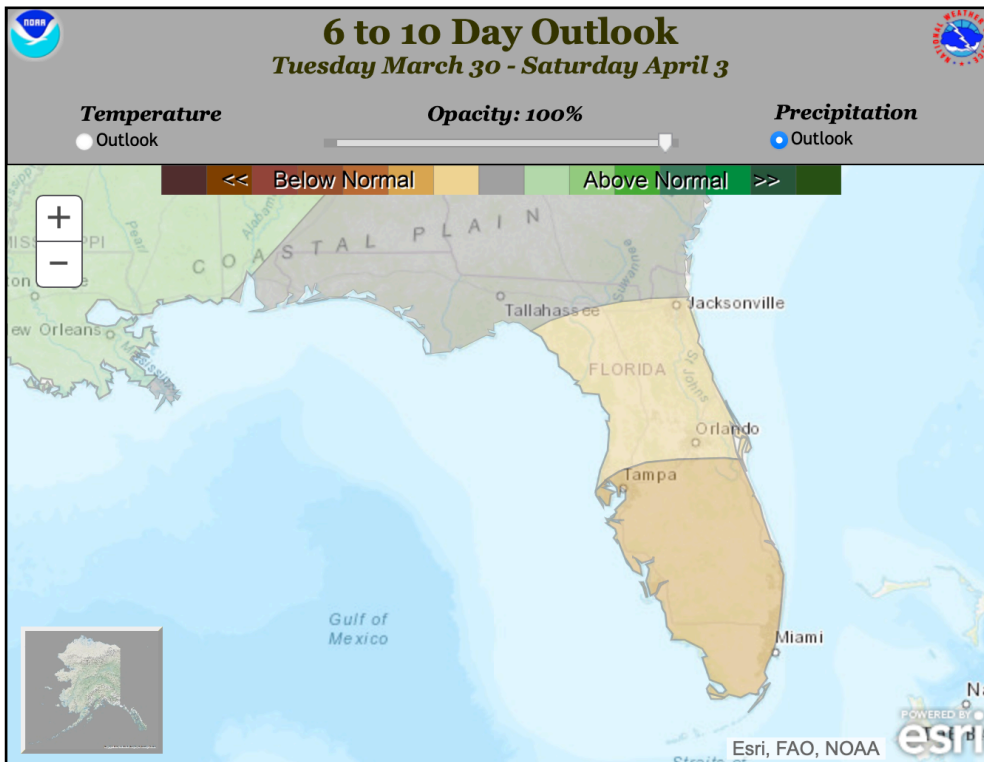
● 7-day rainfall (inches) ● 7-day Maximum Temperature (°F) ● 7-day Minimum Temperature (°F)



NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOKS



NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook

