

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

May 06, 2019 - May 13, 2019.

Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District

Northwest District



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NWS 6-10 day Temperature Outlook



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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 trace amounts in multiple locations to 7.67 inches in South Miami (Miami-Dade County).

The average temperature ranged from 73.2°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 83.2°F in Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture conditions continued to improve in many parts of the state due to rain and added soil moisture.

Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Fruits and Vegetables

The vegetable season continued winding down in the southern peninsula.

Strawberry and vegetable production was doing well in Bradford County.

Watermelon harvest is expected to begin soon in Levy County.

In Manatee County, crops in all areas were under heat stress, and there were reports of target spot and late blight in areas that received excessive rainfall.

A wide variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted and brought to market.

Field Crops

Peanut planting was nearly complete in Levy County. Potato harvest continued in Flagler and Putnam counties.

Sugarcane harvesting continued in Glades, Hendry and Palm Beach counties.

Citrus

The citrus growing region was warm all week, with highs in the high 80s to low 90s.

Stations in the northern and central growing regions received 0.5 - 1.5 inches of rainfall.

The heaviest rainfall occurred in the southern and western areas, with Arcadia (Desoto County) receiving 3.71 inches, and Lehigh Acres (Lee County) receiving 3.31 inches.



According to the May 7, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region was drought free.

Valencia orange harvest was in full swing, with over three million boxes being harvested weekly.

According to the May 6, 2019 Market News Bulletin, most plants were looking to end Valencia processing by the end of May, with a few possibly continuing into June.

Fruit set on oranges ranged between marble and golf ball in size, with grapefruit and tangerines slightly larger.

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

Irrigation was run 2-4 times per week across the region.

STATEWIDE SOIL MOISTURE SUMMARY

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

TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	3	6
Short	13	21
Adequate	78	68
Surplus	6	5