

The Week in Florida Agriculture

December 10-16, 2007

Due to drought and seasonally cool temperatures there is little forage growth in the Panhandle.

A substantial amount of late cotton still remains.

Cabbage and broccoli are being harvested; warm weather is causing size issues.

Broccoli harvest has begun; Palatka reports good quality and quantity.

Warm weather around Plant City has resulted in more irrigation and an early harvest for strawberries; crop is reported to be in good condition

Beans, corn, cucumbers, eggplant and peppers are being harvested in Central and South Florida

Warm weather has accelerated vegetable crop growth.

Sugarcane is being harvested in the Everglades.

Citrus: All major packinghouses running at full capacity. Harvested varieties include Sunburst tangerines, early and Navel oranges, grapefruit and tangelos.

Vegetable harvesting is active around Immokalee.

The quality and quantity of pre-harvest avocados, squash, beans and tomatoes in Florida City is reported to be good.