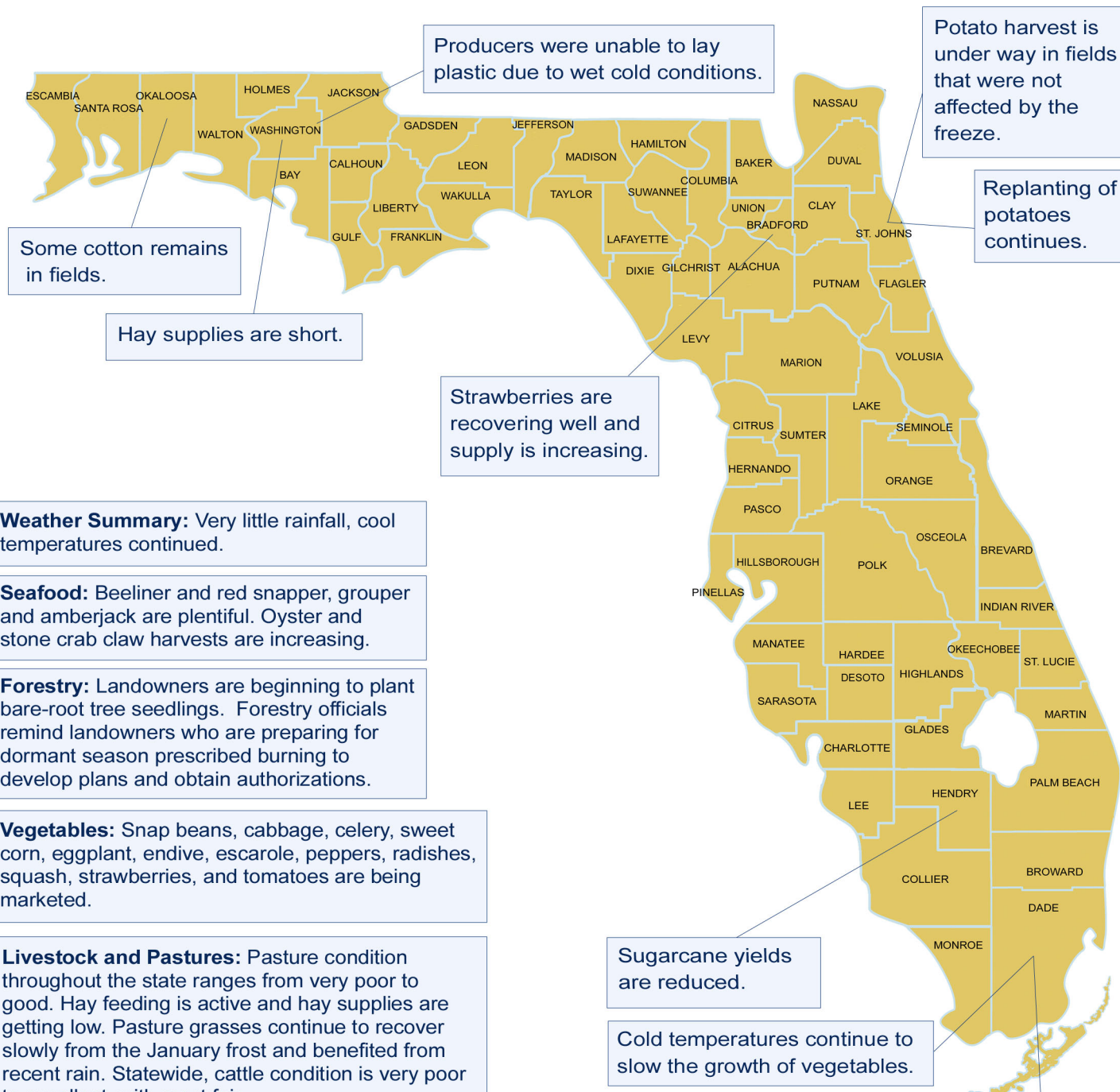


# The Week in Florida Agriculture

February 15 - 21, 2010



**Weather Summary:** Very little rainfall, cool temperatures continued.

**Seafood:** Beeliner and red snapper, grouper and amberjack are plentiful. Oyster and stone crab claw harvests are increasing.

**Forestry:** Landowners are beginning to plant bare-root tree seedlings. Forestry officials remind landowners who are preparing for dormant season prescribed burning to develop plans and obtain authorizations.

**Vegetables:** Snap beans, cabbage, celery, sweet corn, eggplant, endive, escarole, peppers, radishes, squash, strawberries, and tomatoes are being marketed.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Pasture condition throughout the state ranges from very poor to good. Hay feeding is active and hay supplies are getting low. Pasture grasses continue to recover slowly from the January frost and benefited from recent rain. Statewide, cattle condition is very poor to excellent, with most fair.

**Citrus:** One packinghouse has closed for the season, but others remain open. Varieties being packed include midseason and late oranges, Temples (included in early-mid), Valencia, white and colored grapefruit, Navels, a few tangelos, and Honey tangerines. Seventeen processors are open and accepting fruit. Early, midseason, late oranges, and grapefruit comprised the majority of fruit going to the plants.

Freeze damage to foliage is becoming more apparent and is more prevalent than originally observed.