

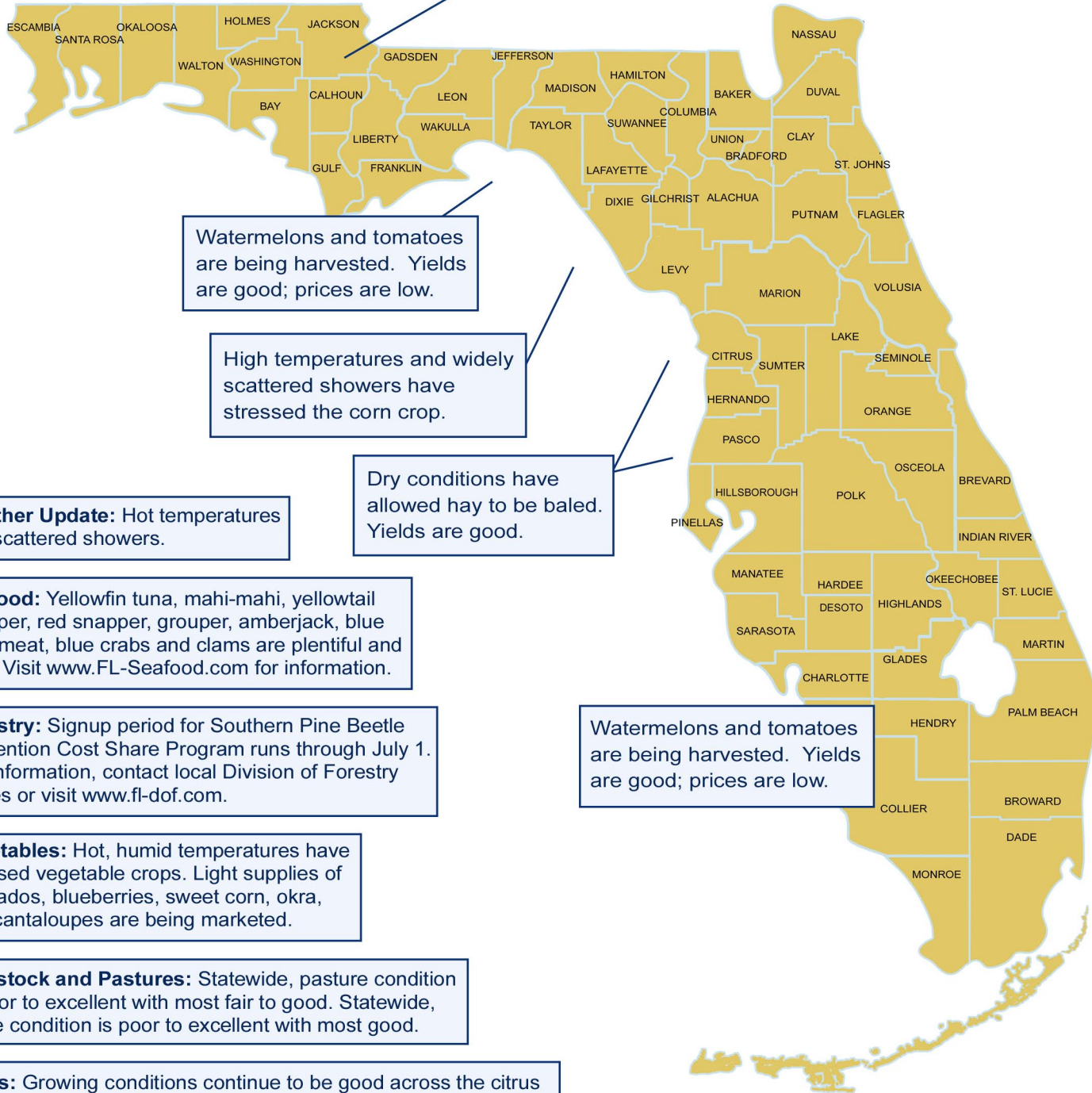
The Week in Florida Agriculture

June 21-27, 2010

Peanut, cotton, soybean, and tobacco crops are faring well.

The peanut crop condition is rated as 18 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 10 percent excellent.

Pegging of peanuts is 26 percent complete, compared to 42 percent this time last year and the five-year average of 34 percent.



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High temperatures and widely scattered showers have stressed the corn crop.

Dry conditions have allowed hay to be baled. Yields are good.

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Weather Update: Hot temperatures and scattered showers.

Seafood: Yellowfin tuna, mahi-mahi, yellowtail snapper, red snapper, grouper, amberjack, blue crab meat, blue crabs and clams are plentiful and safe. Visit www.FL-Seafood.com for information.

Forestry: Signup period for Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Cost Share Program runs through July 1. For information, contact local Division of Forestry offices or visit www.fl-dof.com.

Vegetables: Hot, humid temperatures have stressed vegetable crops. Light supplies of avocados, blueberries, sweet corn, okra, and cantaloupes are being marketed.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, pasture condition is poor to excellent with most fair to good. Statewide, cattle condition is poor to excellent with most good.

Citrus: Growing conditions continue to be good across the citrus region. A few packinghouses remain open. Varieties being packed include Valencia and a few colored grapefruit. Valencia oranges comprise the majority of fruit going to the plants.