

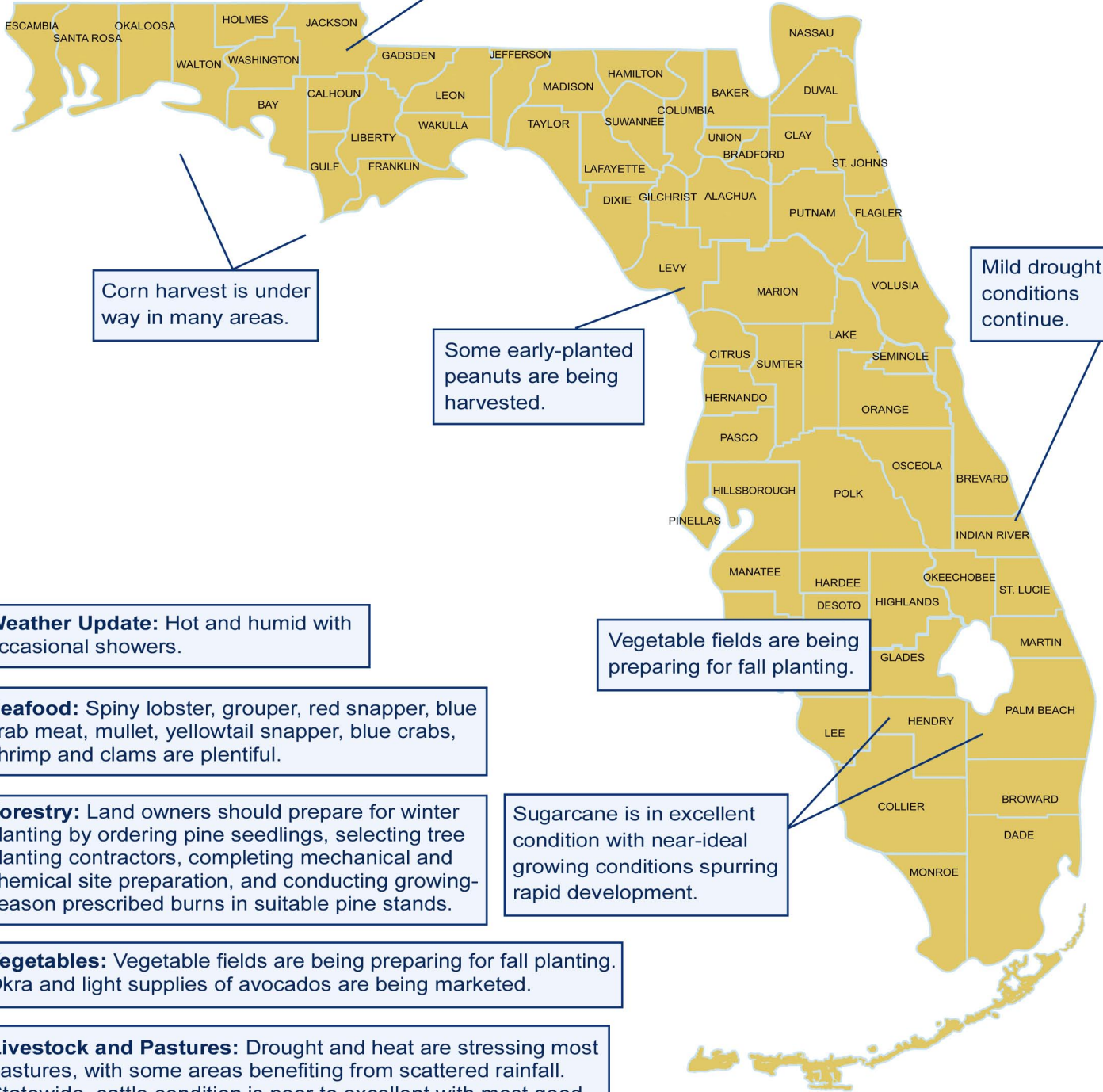
# The Week in Florida Agriculture

August 2-8, 2010

Rainfall benefited some field crops, but others continue to be stressed by hot and dry conditions.

Peanut condition is rated 11 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Peanut pegging is 92 percent complete, compared with 84 percent this last year, and the five-year average of 93 percent.



Corn harvest is under way in many areas.

Some early-planted peanuts are being harvested.

Mild drought conditions continue.

**Weather Update:** Hot and humid with occasional showers.

**Seafood:** Spiny lobster, grouper, red snapper, blue crab meat, mullet, yellowtail snapper, blue crabs, shrimp and clams are plentiful.

**Forestry:** Land owners should prepare for winter planting by ordering pine seedlings, selecting tree planting contractors, completing mechanical and chemical site preparation, and conducting growing-season prescribed burns in suitable pine stands.

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**Vegetables:** Vegetable fields are being preparing for fall planting. Okra and light supplies of avocados are being marketed.

Sugarcane is in excellent condition with near-ideal growing conditions spurring rapid development.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Drought and heat are stressing most pastures, with some areas benefiting from scattered rainfall. Statewide, cattle condition is poor to excellent with most good.

**Citrus:** Good growing conditions continue across the citrus region.