The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

AGRICULTURE Senator Perry, Chair Senator Rader, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 23, 2017

TIME:

4:00—6:00 p.m. 301 Senate Office Building PLACE:

MEMBERS: Senator Perry, Chair; Senator Rader, Vice Chair; Senators Grimsley, Powell, and Steube

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Introduction of committee members and sta	ff	Discussed
2	Overview of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, including an in-depth review of the Division of Plant Industry, Florida Fire Service, and Office of Agricultural Water Policy		Presented
	Other Related Meeting Documents		

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

ADAM H. PUTNAM, COMMISSIONER

Senate Agriculture Committee Senator Keith Perry, Chair

Department Overview January 23, 2017



Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Mission

Safeguard the Public and Support Florida's Agricultural Economy

Goals

- •Strengthen Florida Agriculture to Meet the Needs of the World's Growing Population
- Safeguard the Well-being of Florida Residents and Visitors
- Manage Natural Resources to Support Quality of Life
- Prevent and Respond to Pests, Disease and Disaster
- Exceed Expectations in Service



Divisions and Offices

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) has 18 divisions and offices dedicated to providing services to the citizens of the state and administering the statutes enacted by the Florida Legislature. Those divisions and offices under the purview of the Senate Agriculture Committee are:

- Agricultural Environmental Services
- Animal Industry
- Aquaculture
- Florida Forest Service
- •Food, Nutrition and Wellness
- Food Safety
- Fruit and Vegetable
- Agricultural Law Enforcement
- Marketing and Development
- Plant Industry
- Agricultural Water Policy

Other Divisions and Offices not under the purview of this committee

Consumer Services

Licensing

Energy

Administration

Agriculture Technology Services

General Counsel

Policy and Budget



<u>Agricultural Environmental Services</u>

Mission: To protect agriculture, the public, and the environment from unsafe and unethical products and services used for agricultural production or for managing pests.

- Feed
- Seed
- Fertilizer
- Pesticides
- Mosquito Control
- Pest Control
- EmergencyResponse



Animal Industry

Mission: To serve as the guardian of the health of Florida's livestock and poultry industries and other animal populations.

- Surveillance
- Control & EradicateDiseases
- Coordinate with Wildlife and Public Health Officials
- Rapid & AccurateDiagnostic Services
- Emergency Response



<u>Aquaculture</u>

Mission:

Supporting aquaculture production and growth for economic development while protecting the environment.

- Provide Technical Assistance
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Oyster Reef Restoration
- Assess Resources



Food, Nutrition and Wellness

Mission: To ensure that every child in Florida has access to a nutritious meal that is full of fresh fruits and vegetables and is educated on the importance of making healthy choices through outreach, partnerships, education, and oversight to ensure quality and compliance, training and technical assistance.

- National School Lunch Program
- School BreakfastProgram
- After School Snack
- Summer FoodServices Program
- Farm to School



Food Safety

Mission: To assure the public of a safe, wholesome and properly represented food supply.

Division staff proactively monitor food from farm gate through processing and distribution to the retail point of purchase.

Food Establishment Inspections

Manufacturers, Processors,
 Distributors, Retailers

Laboratories

- Only state lab fully devoted to food safety analysis
- Focus is on microbiological and pesticide contamination



Fruit and Vegetables

Mission: To meet the needs of Florida's fruit and vegetables industries through fiscally responsible quality assurance and technical assistance services.

- Inspects
 - Citrus
 - Peanuts
 - Tomatoes
 - Avocados
 - Potatoes
- Implements the Tomato Good Agricultural Practices program on farms and in packing houses
- Verifies "grade" and condition of produce received by buyers (brokers)



<u>Agricultural Law Enforcement</u>

Mission: To enforce laws which threaten the overall security and safety of the state's agriculture industry.

- AgLaw manages 23 agricultural interdiction stations
- Enforce civil and criminal laws on property owned, managed by the department (state forests, FDACS facilities, etc.) and any criminal violation involving farms or farm equipment, animals/livestock, poultry, horticulture, aquaculture or citrus products.
- Agricultural Emergency Preparedness
- Consumer Services—regulated business violations
- Florida's Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program



Marketing and Development

Mission: To drive awareness and sales of Florida's commodities by developing and expanding marketing opportunities for Fresh from Florida products and to ensure fair trade practices to reduce financial risk to the state's agribusiness community.

- Fresh From Florida
- Marketing, Trade and Promotion
- Awareness
 - -Chef and Culinary Ambassador
 - -Children, Parents and Minority Groups
- Preserving Agriculture's Legacy & Advocating its Future



Plant Industry

Mission: To protect
Florida's native and
commercially grown
plants and the state's
apiary industry from
harmful pests and
diseases

- First Line of Defense
- Exotic Invasives
- Fruit Fly Eradication
- Citrus Health Response Program
- Honeybee hive location, managed beekeeping
- Outreach
- Natural Solutions



<u>Agricultural Water Policy</u>

Mission: To help ensure the future of Florida Agriculture while preserving the state's natural resources

- Water Supply
- Mobile Irrigation Labs
- Water Quality Criteria
- Best ManagementPractices
- RegulatoryStreamlining





Fire Season Forecast January - June 2017

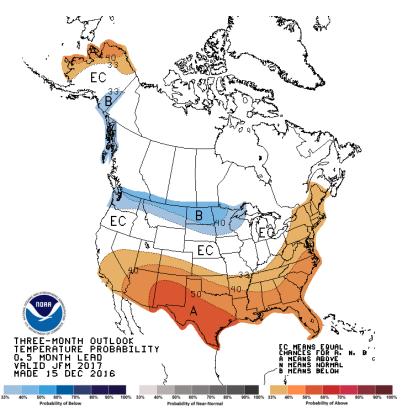


Drought Forecast

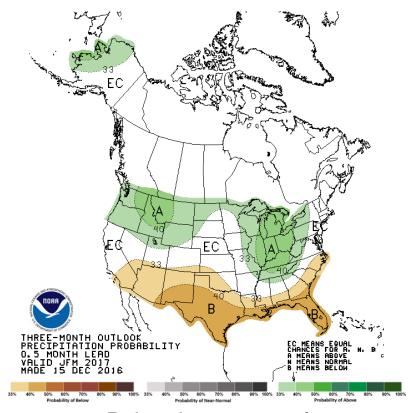
U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook
Drought Tendency During the Valid Period Valid for December 15 - March 31, 2017 Released December 15, 2016 Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4). NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the Author: end of the period (D0 or none). Rich Tinker NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Climate Prediction Center **Drought persists** Drought remains but improves **Drought removal likely** *O Drought development likely http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73



January through March 2017



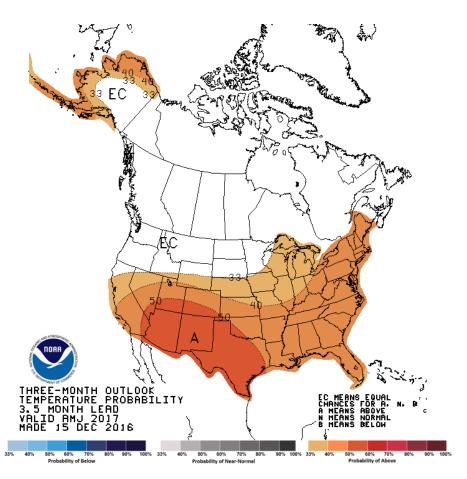
Hotter than normal

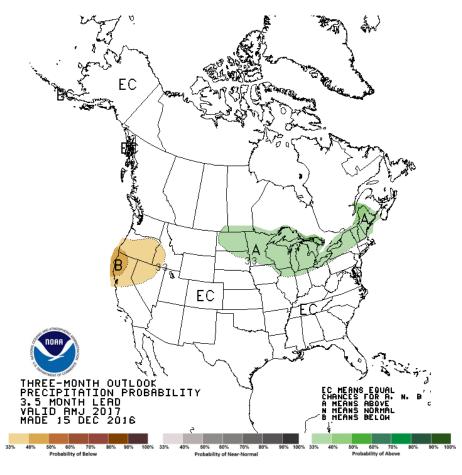


Drier than normal



April through June 2017



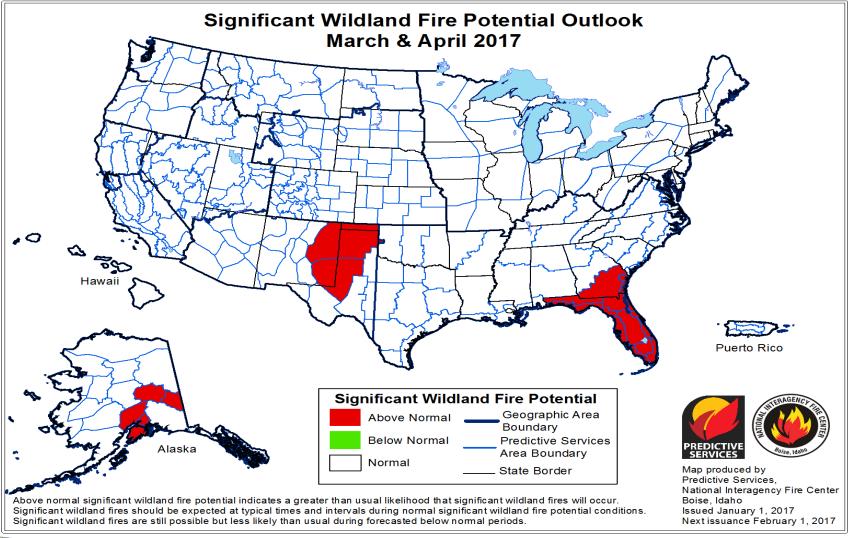


Hotter than normal

Typically our dry season



Wildfire Potential





Fire Season Influences

- La Niña expected to last through March bringing hot and dry conditions with April and May routinely being some of our driest months.
- Increasing drought conditions will limit prescribed burning operations.
- Current drought conditions are increasing across the state making more vegetation available to burn
- Cold fronts bringing freezing conditions resulting in frost killed vegetation that burns readily.



Office of Agricultural Water Policy

- Develop/Adopt Best Management Practices (BMPs)
 - Address both water quality and water conservation
 - Research conducted to validate effectiveness
 - Economically and technically feasible
- Some BMPs eligible for cost share
- Field Representatives enroll producers, provide technical assistance
- Work cooperatively with:
 - Agricultural producers and industry groups
 - Department of Environmental Protection
 - State University System
 - Five water management districts
 - Other stakeholders

- Established in 1995
- Lead for water quantity and water quality issues involving agriculture

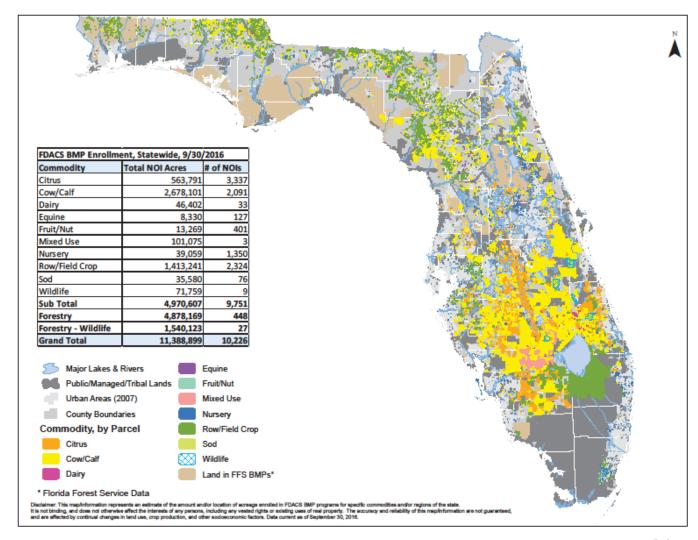


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Best Management Practices (BMPs)

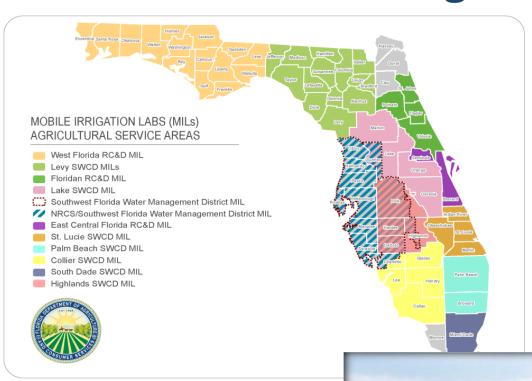
Enrollment status

- Nine BMP Manuals
- •About 10,000 enrollments covering more than 50 percent of ag land (excluding forestry)
- •33,000+ Discrete Parcels





Mobile Irrigation Labs - MILs



Twelve MILs Ag Service Areas

- Evaluate irrigation system performance
- Make recommendations for improvements
- 6,000 evaluations since 2009
- Track potential and actual water savings

More than **seven billion** gallons/year actual water savings due to implemented recommendations



Irrigation Management

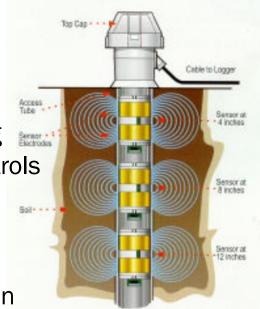


Soil moisture sensors (SMS)

Connected to recording system/automated controls

Irrigation decision management service

 Minimizes over irrigation and nutrient leaching





Florida: A Paradise for Pests



Geographic location

Unique climate

Crop diversity

Increased trade

What We Do to Prevent Fruit Fly Establishment

FDACS partners with USDA on:

Statewide trapping program

Monitor 56,000 fruit fly traps statewide – checked every 2 to 3 weeks

Sterile Fruit Fly Release Program

Sterile Mediterranean fruit flies released on Florida's gold coast – Miami-Dade into Palm Beach County and in the Tampa Bay area:

84 million sterile flies released per week

58 billion released since program inception





Tools of an Eradication Program

Methyl Eugenol traps

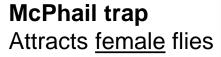
 Traps checked daily until 0 flies are detected seven days in a row.
 Then traps will be checked weekly.

McPhail traps

Traps checked every 3 days



Methyl eugenol trap Attracts <u>male</u> flies





Citrus Pests and Diseases

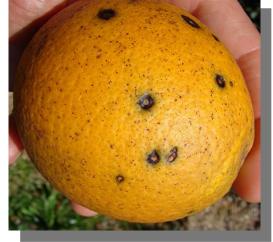


Citrus leaf miner damage Citrus leaf miner insect

Damaged leaves allow diseases such as citrus canker to infect trees

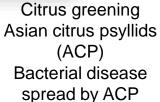


Citrus canker
Bacterial disease spread by
wind and rain



Citrus black spot Fungal disease spread by wind







Giant African Land Snail Eradication Program

Major landscape and agricultural pest

Public health threat – carries rat lungworm parasite

Eats stucco

Able to reproduce rapidly

No natural enemies





Management Approach

- 'Boots on Ground' control approach
 - ✓ Survey
 - ✓ Hand collect snails
 - ✓ Treat properties with EPAapproved insecticide added to a snail bait product (Metaldehyde)
 - ✓ Collect and dispose of debris
 - ✓ Detector dogs on duty!









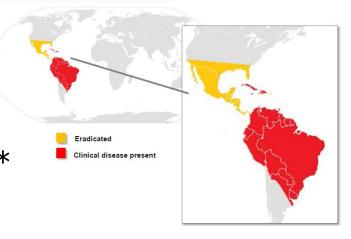
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Screwworm Outbreak Florida Keys

- Cochliomyia hominivorax (New World Screwworm)
- Foreign Animal Pest
- Can be devastating to livestock and wildlife
- Can infest humans
- Eradicated from the U.S. in 1966
- Currently in most South American countries and five Caribbean islands
- Estimated cost benefit of U.S.
 screwworm freedom is \$4.46 billion annually*





*Wyss, John H. Screwworm Eradication in the Americas, Conf. OIE 2000, 239-244 (numbers adjusted for inflation)

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Screwworm Outbreak

- Confirmed diagnosis in Lower Keys. Began multiagency response October 3
 - Extensive education and outreach
 - Interdiction station at Mile Marker 106
 - >10,000 animals have been inspected
 - Sterile Fly Release-Began October 11
 - To date > 80 million flies have been released
 - Treatment of Key deer
 - Last positive case was 1/5/17
 - 8 domestic animals and 135 key deer have been infested

Thirteen islands in the Lower Keys are known to be

infested





Zika Virus Zoonotic Diseases

- Collaborate with our human health counterparts-One Health
 - Emerging diseases 70% zoonotic*
 - Flu viruses, West Nile Virus, Ebola Virus,
 Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)...



- Zoonotic-Birth defects, other neurological effects
- Bronson Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (BADDL)-Testing mosquito samples for the virus
- > 78,000 mosquitoes have been tested from 35 counties
- 8 positive pools-Miami-Dade
- Assists with response efforts



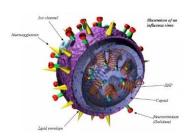


Health

*Emerging Infectious Diseases, 2004 Nov; 10(11): e28.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

- Foreign Animal Disease that can be devastating to poultry
 - > 90% mortality
 - Some strains can cause human illness possible pandemics



- Several strains are circulating in domestic poultry located in Asia, Europe and Africa
 - H5N8 strain-More contagious than 2015
 - Also killing waterfowl
- The 2015 domestic HPAI outbreak cost estimated \$1 billion*
 - Deemed the worst agricultural disaster in decades by USDA
 - 50 million birds euthanized
 - Approximately 10% U.S. laying hens and 7.4% of turkeys
 - 50 countries placed restrictions on U.S. poultry exports





* USDA, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Outbreak, Weekly National Situation Report, September 18, 2015

Bronson Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (BADDL) Protecting Animal and Human Health

Florida's only accredited animal diagnostic lab

American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD)

Florida's only lab approved through the USDA's National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN)

- Approved to perform high risk disease testing
- HPAI, West Nile Virus, Foot and Mouth Disease, Chronic Wasting Disease

Vitally important for protecting Florida's agricultural industry

Recent Initiatives

- Hired consummate laboratory director
- Improved customer service
- Added more than 25 new tests
- Improved quality control
- One Health Testing
 - Zika, Dengue, Rabies, West Nile Virus, HPAI







QUESTIONS?

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES ADAM H. PUTNAM, COMMISSIONER

Department Overview January 23, 2017

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Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SELECT COMMITTEE:

Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining

SENATOR DENISE GRIMSLEY 26th District

January 23, 2017

The Honorable Keith Perry Chairman, Agriculture Committee 335 Knott Building 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chairman Perry:

I am respectfully requesting permission to be excused from the Agriculture Committee meeting today, January, 23rd, 2017, due to my flight being diverted and circumstances beyond my control.

Sincerely,

Denise Grimsley

State Senate, District 26

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Room: SB 301 Case No.: Type: Caption: Senate Agriculture Judge:

Started: 1/23/2017 4:00:27 PM

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4:00:36 PM Call to Order **4:00:42 PM** Roll Call

4:01:28 PM Introduction of Committee Members and Staff

4:04:41 PM Overview of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

4:05:02 PM Grace Lovett, Dir. Of Legislative Affairs, FL. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

4:10:52 PM Aquaculture Overview

4:12:33 PM Food, Nuitrition, and Wellness Overview

4:13:30 PM Food Safety Overview

4:15:46 PM Fruit and Vegetables Overview
4:16:56 PM Agricultural Law Enforcement
4:17:59 PM Marketing and Development Overview

4:19:00 PM Plant Industry Overview

4:19:58 PM Agricultural Water Policy Overview **4:20:52 PM** Fire Season Forcast Overview

4:21:42 PM Jim Karels \u8211? Director, State Forester, Florida Forest Service

4:23:26 PM **Drought Forecast** 4:26:16 PM Wildfire Potential 4:26:58 PM Fire Season Influences 4:29:51 PM Question - Sen. Rader Response - Jim Karels 4:30:16 PM Follow up - Sen. Rader 4:31:22 PM 4:32:07 PM Response - Jim Karels Question - Chairman Perry 4:33:02 PM

4:33:25 PM Response - Jim Karels **4:34:29 PM** Office of Agricultural Water Policy Overview

4:34:30 PM David Cambron \u8211? Environmental Manager, FL. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

4:36:45 PM Best Management Practices

4:37:38 PM
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Mobile Irrigation Labs
Irrigation Management
Question - Sen. Powell
Response - David Cambron
Follow up - Sen. Powell

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4:43:45 PM Response - Steven Dwinell \u8211? Director, FL. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

4:45:54 PM Follow up - Sen. Rader
4:46:05 PM Response - Steven Dwinell
4:46:45 PM Florida : A Paradise for Pests

4:46:50 PM Trevor Smith \u8211? Director, FL. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

4:47:38 PM What We Do to Prevent Fruit Fly Establishment

4:49:17 PM Tools of an Eradication Program

4:49:44 PM Citrus Pests and Diseases

4:50:56 PM Giant African Land Snail Eradication Program

Question - Sen. Rader

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4:53:06 PM Question - Sen. Powell
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