The Florida Senate COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

AGRICULTURE Senator Albritton, Chair Senator Gainer, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 7, 2019

TIME: 2:30—4:00 p.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Albritton, Chair; Senator Gainer, Vice Chair; Senators Broxson, Montford, and Rader

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Presentation by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on Agricultural Best Management Practices		Presented
2	Discussion on the Impacts of Hurricane Michael on Florida Agriculture		Presented
	Other Related Meeting Documents		

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Agricultural Water Policy

Best Management Practices (BMP) Program

Senate Agricultural Committee
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Senator Ben Albritton, Chair



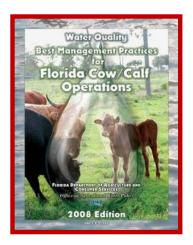
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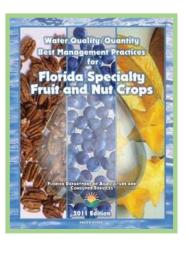
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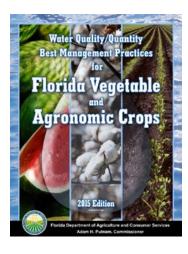
Improve water quality, conserve water and protect the environment



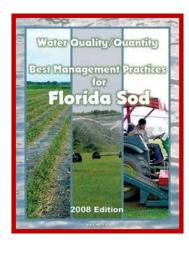
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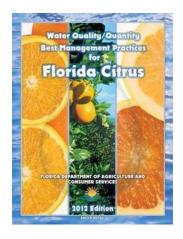


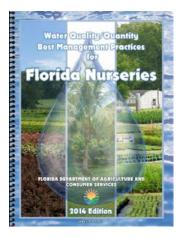


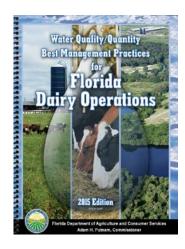


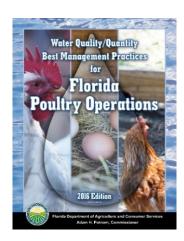












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How Do BMPs Work?

- 1. Controlling Inputs At the source
- 2. Providing Treatment Prior to discharge



How Do BMPs Help The Environment?

- Improve Water Quality by reducing nutrients specifically nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P)
- Conserve Water by improving irrigation efficiencies and/or reducing groundwater usage
- Protect Water Resources by reducing or preventing discharges of water and sediments



What Do BMPs Look Like?







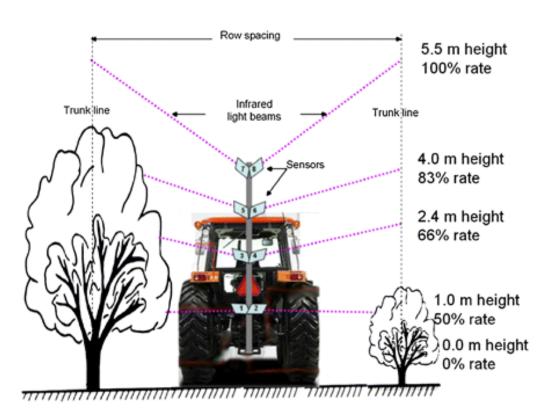
Soil Moisture Probes - Reduce fertilizer and water usage by up to 50%, provides tracking of fertilizer through soil column







Variable Rate Technology







Cover Crops - Uptake of residual N in soil, prevents erosion and nutrient loss







How Are Site - Specific BMPs Determined?

Site - specific evaluation tailored to the features of individual properties

- Soil types
- Slope
- Water features
- Size of property
- Existing infrastructure, i.e. irrigation
- Cost share available to assist with implementation

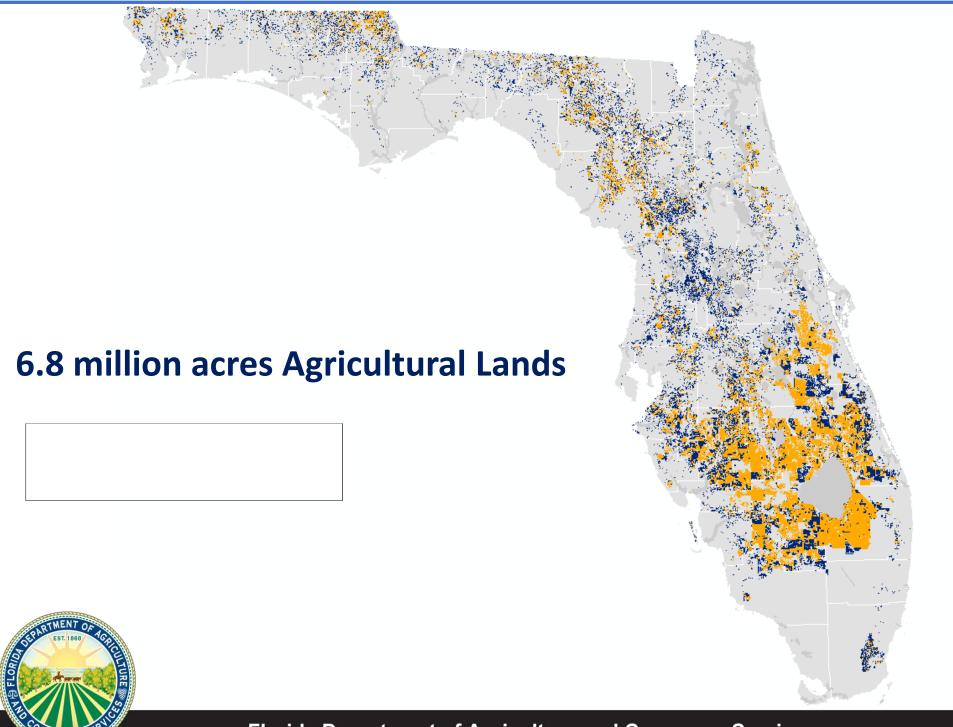


How Do We Know That Agricultural Producers Are Following BMPs?

- Required by Rule
- Annual Certification Electronic and/or staff assisted
- Implementation Verification Site Visit Performed year round through field staff site visits
- Producers implementing the applicable BMPs for their operations have a Presumption of Compliance with state water quality standards.







Thank You!

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UF/IFAS Extension & FL EDEN Response - Hurricane Michael 2018

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Angie B. Lindsey, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor & FL EDEN POC



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- Extension Disaster Education Network
- Network of about 300 "volunteers" from federal agencies, state land grant institutions
- Enhance the abilities of individuals, families, organizations, agencies and businesses to prepare for, prevent, mitigate and recover from disasters
- Serve as a national source for researchbased disaster education
- Liaisons and Point-of-Contacts (POC) at each land grant institution

UF/IFAS Overview

- Personally Impacted 84 Faculty and Staff & their families across 11 County Extension Offices
- Including 2 Research Education Centers
 (RECs) in Marianna and Quincy
- Representative at FEMA Emergency Support Function 17 Incident Command Post
- UF/IFAS assisted with FL State Agricultural Response Team (SART) distribution
- Four county offices served as distribution points for SART
- County offices were used as FEMA Points of Distribution (PODs)
- Five county offices set-up as FEMA sites
- Agriculture assessments
- Worked closely with FDACS & other SART partners to meet gaps/needs



Ag Assessments

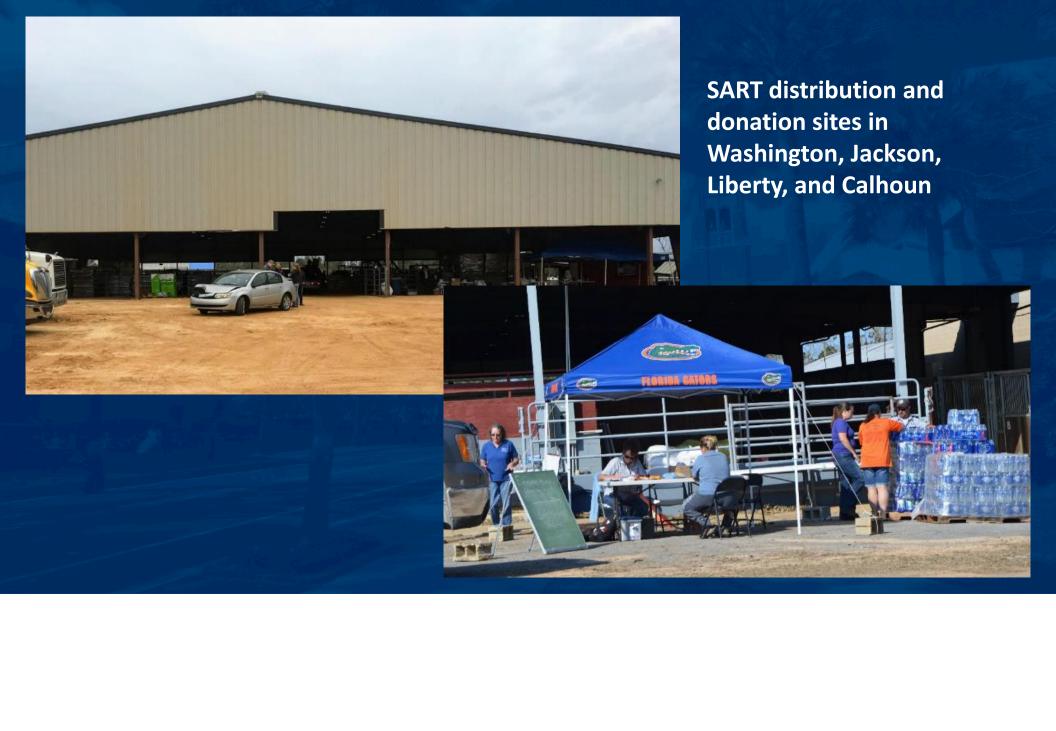
- The top five counties in terms of agricultural losses were Jackson (\$51 million), Gadsden (\$15 million), Suwannee (\$14 million), Calhoun (\$11 million), and Santa Rosa (\$6 million).
- A total of 2.809 million acres of forest land area was damaged valued at \$1.289 Billion.
- Aquaculture product loss for 2018 -2019 is estimated between 80 100% along impacted coastal communities.
- Total losses for crops and animals/animal products were estimated at \$138 million, including \$80 million for field crops, \$32 million for specialty crops, and \$26 million for animals/animal products. (as of 11/12/2018)





























Behind the Scenes Efforts

- Family Consumer Science (FCS) and 4H Agents worked Behind the Scenes to coordinate communication, supplies, & volunteer efforts
 - Provided paper hand-outs with important information and a list of resources that were distributed to communities
 - Utilized UF/IFAS Facebook to share crucial post disaster information and resources
 - Coordinated volunteer efforts with other community agencies, churches, and nonprofits to assist with tree removal and clean-up
 - Developed Public Service Announcements and education materials distributed within counties

Lessons Learned



Plan for when IFAS faculty & staff are GREATLY impacted



UF/IFAS Disaster Fund & possibly "stockpiling" supplies throughout the year



Develop efficient & effective communication strategies before and after disasters



Develop alternatives to on-line tools



Host a state-wide drill prior to next hurricane season to ensure roles, responsibilities, and timing





Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Hurricane Michael Impacts, Actions and Needs January 7, 2019

Senator Albritton, Chair – Agriculture Committee

Jim Karels, Director, Florida Forest Service

Hurricane Michael



Agricultural Impacts include:

Forestry: \$1.289 Billion Other Field Crops: \$7.28 Million

Dairy: \$6.43 Million Cotton: \$56.06 Million

Aquaculture: \$5.00 Million Cattle: \$43.31 Million

Peanuts: \$23.04 Million Fruits: \$4.35 Million

Tree Nuts: \$4.08 Million Nurseries and Floriculture: \$16.11 Million

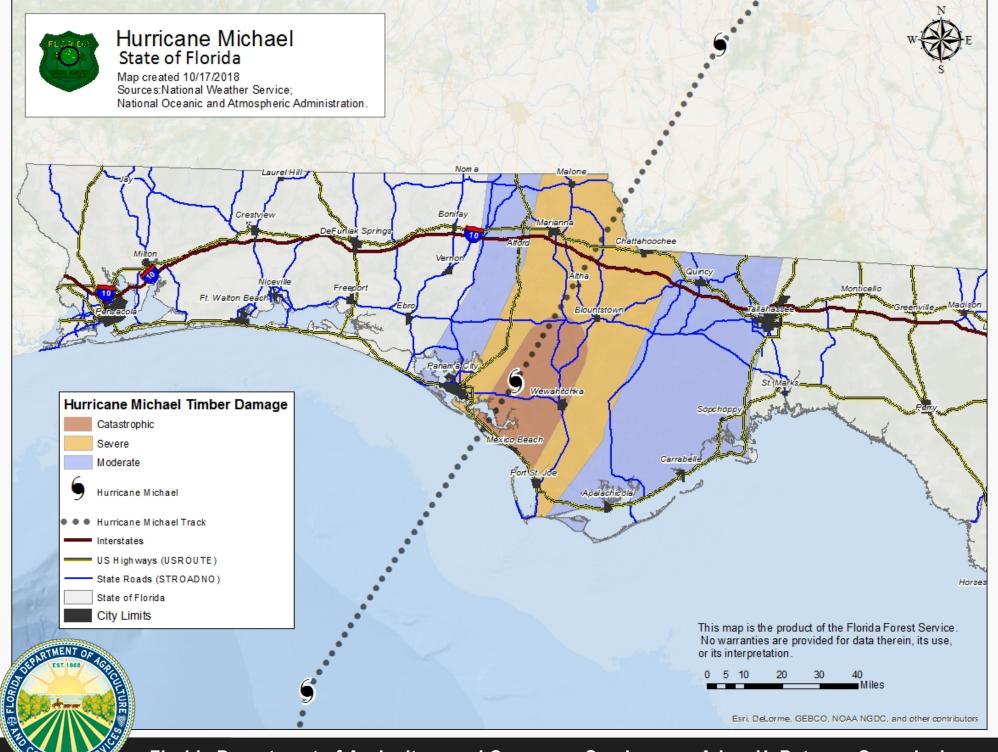
> Poultry and Eggs: \$10.02 Million Apiary: \$1.96 Million

Vegetables: \$8.61 Million Commercial Fisheries - Unable

to compile enough data

Total Losses All Commodities: \$1.475 Billion





Timber Damage Zones



Catastrophic: 20 mile swath, 347,000 ac,
 95% timber volume damaged

Severe: 40 mile swath, 1.04 million ac
 75% timber volume damaged

Moderate: 80 mile swath, 1.42 million ac
 15% timber volume damaged



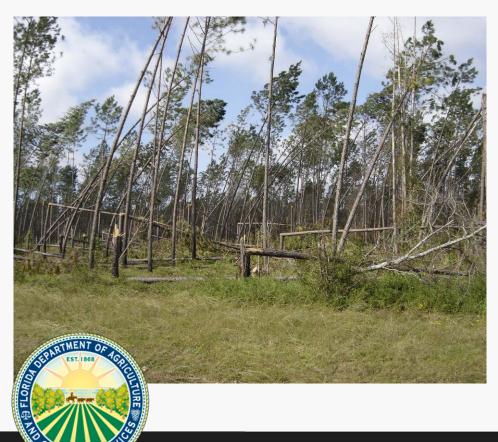
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Severe Damage

Liberty County



Calhoun County



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Moderate Damage

Liberty County





Forest Acres Affected



County Name	Catastrophic	Severe	Moderate	Total
Bay	<mark>71,422</mark>	<mark>118,616</mark>	90,870	280,908
Calhoun	150,983	172,828		323,811
Franklin			283,386	283,386
Gadsden		59,311	184,888	244,199
Gulf	124,507	<mark>141,168</mark>		265,675
Holmes			29,241	29,241
Jackson		<mark>295,628</mark>	98,501	394,129
Leon			154,245	154,245
Liberty		<mark>255,388</mark>	261,285	516,673
Wakulla			203,140	203,140
Washington			113,240	113,240
TOTAL	346,912	1,042,939	1,418,796	2,808,647



Timber Damage Values



Damage	Pine	Mixed	Bottomland	Est Value
Catastrophic – 95%	\$191,957,089	\$49,930,972	\$78,828,506	\$320,716,567
Severe – 75%	\$455,598,258	\$118,508,085	\$187,094,377	\$761,200,720
Moderate – 15%	\$123,957,506	\$32,243245	\$50,904,005	\$207,104,756
Total				\$1,289,022,043



Landowner Types Impacted



Ownership	Catastrophic	Severe	Moderate	Total Acres*
Federal	10,448	114,246	487,500	612,193
State	908	76,749	317,552	395,209
Local Gov't	165	6,275	6,214	12,653
Private	333,925	835,885	600,174	1,769,984
Other	1,466	9,785	7,357	18,608
Total	346,912	1,042,939	1,418,796	2,808,647

^{*}Data from Florida Comprehensive Statewide Forest Inventory Analysis Study

Number of Private Landowners impacted (over 16,000 total):

- 772 Catastrophic Zone
- 8,159 Severe Zone
- 7,884 Moderate Zone



Hurricane Michael Response



- Urban Search and Rescue Support
- Forestry Saw Teams opened roads throughout impact area
- Managed base camps and supported county emergency response
- Facility and Equipment damage





Private Lands Assistance



County Forester Strike Teams sent into impact area to provide:

- Landowner site visits
- Verification of damage on CRP lands
- Information on federal (EFRP) programs
- Site assessment for need of road access that can be provided by FFS saw crews to reduce risk of wildfire





Private Lands Assistance



- FFS landowner meetings provided initial information in October
- FFS providing no-cost Pile Burning Classes in November & December for 300 landowners
- FFS Foresters provided on-site assistance for landowners impacted by hurricane.



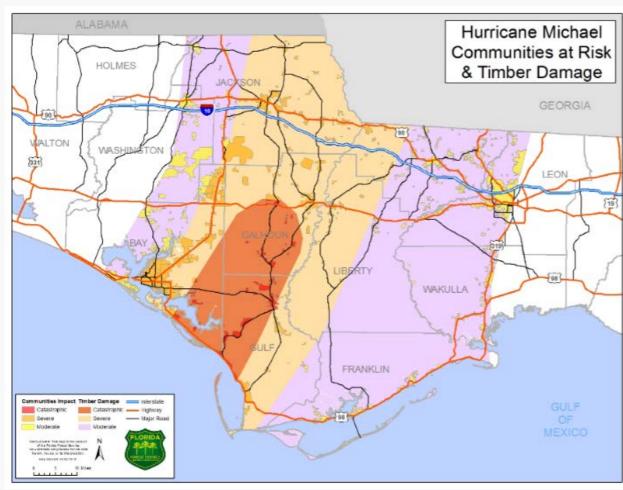




Wildfire Threat



- Increased wildfire risk to 233
 Communities
- Fire equipment access is significantly reduced
- Fuel loadings more than 10 times the normal





Prescribed Fire Impact

- On-siteInspection andBurning Zones
- Examine open burning procedures





Wildfire Mitigation Needed



- Establish fuel breaks around communities
- Manage open burning program
- Prepare for fire suppression





Summary of Impacts



2.81 million Acres impacted 71.93 million Tons – 4.4 years of annual forest harvest in Florida \$1.29 Billion in damaged resource 16,000 private landowners impacted







- Heavy fire suppression dozers
- Helicopters for inaccessible areas
- Prevention and fire mitigation equipment and outreach.











Surveillance
 and treatment
 to stop Pine
 Beetle
 epidemic and
 the spread of
 invasive species



Support rural economy through private forest land debris removal and reforestation









Support for urban and community tree restoration and replacement programs in partnership with non-profit groups



Hurricane Michael Recovery



- Federal Hurricane Michael recovery efforts include reauthorization of WHIP and state block grants including timber and agriculture
- Forest recovery at the state level:
 - Reforestation efforts
 - Reduce wildfire threat
 - Forest Pest and Invasive species prevention
 - **Urban and Community Reforestation**

Questions?



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Impact of Hurricane Michael on Florida Aquaculture



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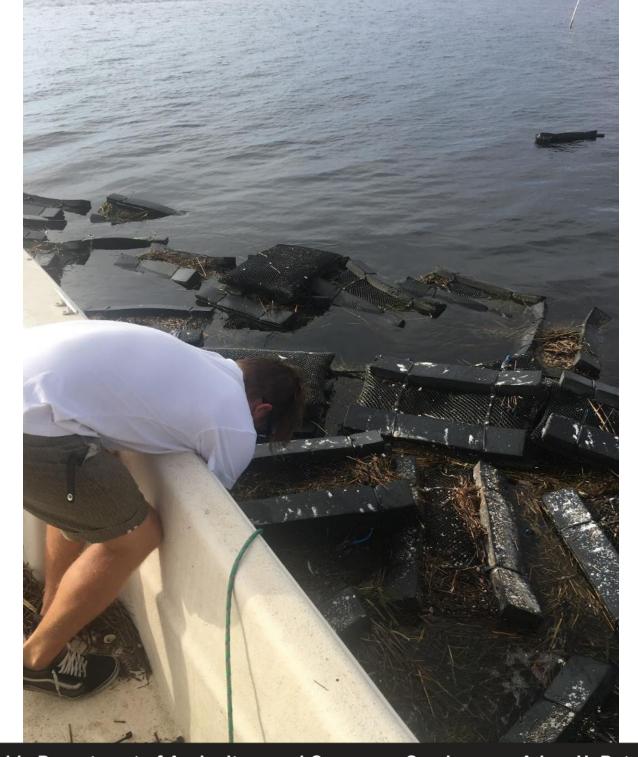














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Approximately 110 upland farms and aquaculture leases in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Jackson and Wakulla counties.

Preliminary damages to the aquaculture industry were estimated to be \$5 million.

The Fisheries Disaster Declaration by the Secretary of Commerce triggered NOAA Fisheries to conduct an impact assessment on commercial fishing and aquaculture businesses.

No data is available from this assessment due to the federal government shutdown.



Jackson County Estimated Agricultural Damage from Hurricane Michael 10/10/2018

Crop	Reported Acreage	Destroyed Acreage	Damaged Acreage	d	Damaged yield	2017 State Average
Corn	6,000	300 (5%) 95% already harvested	0%		0%	161 bu/ac
Cotton	40,500	36,450 (90%)	4,050 (10	%)	300 lb./ac	759 lb./ac
Peanuts	32,000	0% (50% had already been harvested)*	16,000 (5	0%)	1500 lbs.	3,450 lb./ac
Soybeans	3,800	3,040 (80%)	760 (20%	b)	15 bu/ac	34 bu/ac
Fall vegetables (tomatoes, squash, peppers, collard greens, etc)	3,122 acres of vegetables – 40% planted with fall crop = 1250 acres	70%	20%		Requires hand labor below harve	
Tree nuts and fruit (pecans and satsuma citrus)	785 acres	25%	70% 50-60% yield loss to		s to Satumas	
Forages	7,500	5% from debris removal in field, but 30% of barn stored hay destroyed	at 30% of barn d stored hay damaged 50% of round		1500 lbs 20% reduction expected with first frost. 33% - delayed harvest	
		30% of round bale silage destroyed with plastic torn off			will reduce quality of best hay cutting.	per acre
*Peanuts Destroyed at Buying points		*6 buying points were damaged. (1,160,000 pounds of peanuts lost at one)			s lost at one)	
Center Pivot Irrigation Systems	400 pivots in the county	85% damaged or destr	oyed			
Honey Production	850 hives	Fall bloom destroyed so beekeepers required to feed 3 gallons of syrup p for winter survival @ \$20 per hive to supplement feed lost = \$15,300		syrup per hive hive to		

Cattle Fences		15% damaged beyond repair – must be built new	75% damaged but able to repair with major debris removal expense	10% grazing loss due to damaged fences of permanent pastures before frost	
Feed, livestock and equipment barns	493 cattle operations, 265 horse farms	65% destroyed	destroyed 25% damaged to roof and walls but able to be repaired after debris removal		
Stored Grain Bins	1946 444 hij canacity 🗕	No conclusive reports yet, but expect damage of at least 40%, with 25% destroyed			
Timber	345,307 acres	20% destroyed	75% damaged with some salvagable timber possi @ 10-20% of market value before storm		

^{*} Estimates based on Extension Agriculture Agent interviews with a limited number of farmers representing major farms in the county October 16-26, 2018. Submitted by Doug Mayo, County Extension Director and Ethan Carter, Crop IPM Regional Agent - Jackson County Extension - 850-482-9620

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CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 301 Case No.: Type: Caption: Senate Committee on Agriculture Judge: Started: 1/7/2019 2:32:47 PM Ends: 1/7/2019 4:00:44 PM Length: 01:27:58 2:32:59 PM Committee on Agriculture call to order by the Chairman Albritton 2:33:15 PM Committee AA Laureen call the roll 2:33:20 PM A quorum is present 2:33:29 PM Chairman Albritton welcome all members to the first Committee Meeting **2:34:17 PM** Vice-chairman Gainer lead the Pledge of Allegiance 2:34:42 PM Chairman Albritton ask to silence all electronic device and fill out speaker cards for anyone wishing to speak. 2:36:05 PM Senator Gainer speaking on Hurricane Michael 2:36:51 PM Senator Broxson comment about the impact of Hurricane Michael 2:36:58 PM Senator Montford speaking of the impact of Hurrican Michael 2:36:59 PM Senator Montford speaking 2:37:24 PM Senator Rader commenting on Hurricane Michael 2:39:25 PM Chairman Albritton states the committee will start off with a presentation on BMP's 2:40:06 PM TAB 1 Mr. Clegg Hooks, Asst. Director, Office of Agricultural Water Policy, on Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP's) 3:02:18 PM Chairman Albritton ask guestions 3:02:33 PM Mr. Hooks answer 3:02:46 PM Senator Gainer guestions 3:02:55 PM Mr. Hooks answer **3:04:28 PM** Senator Gainer ask another question 3:05:18 PM Chairman Albritton ask a question alone with Senator Gainers' question 3:05:29 PM Mr. Hooks answer 3:05:51 PM Senator Gainer ask another question 3:05:58 PM Mr. Hooks answer 3:06:09 PM Chairman Albritton make statement 3:06:18 PM Senator Gainer speaking 3:06:33 PM Mr. Hooks speaking 3:08:00 PM Chairman Albritton speaking 3:08:09 PM Senator Gainer speaking 3:08:46 PM Mr. Hooks speaking 3:09:11 PM Senator Gainer speaking 3:09:17 PM Chairman Albritton speaking 3:09:51 PM Senator Montford speaking 3:10:25 PM Mr. Hooks speaking 3:11:02 PM Senator Montford speaking 3:11:35 PM Mr. Hooks speaking 3:12:03 PM Senator Montford speaking 3:12:08 PM Mr. Hooks speaking

3:13:20 PM Chairman Albritton ask was there any more questions making good BMP's saves

3:14:10 PM TAB 2 Discussion on the Impacts of Hurricane Michael on Florida Agriculture

money.

3:14:19 PM Senator Montford ask a question

- **3:14:26 PM** Chairman Albritton answer
- **3:15:45 PM** Dr. Angie Lindsey, Assistant Professor, University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Center for Public Issues in Agriculture & Natural Resources
- 3:26:30 PM Chairman Albritton state he will bring Dr. Lindsey back at another time
- **3:26:58 PM** Dr. Lindsey concluded her presentation.
- **3:28:45 PM** Chairman Albritton thank Dr. Lindsey for her presentation
- 3:28:51 PM Senator Rader ask a question
- 3:29:43 PM Chairman Albritton answer question
- **3:32:16 PM** Chairman Albritton thank a panel of members for coming to give us an overview of their Impact by Hurricane Michael on Florida
- 3:34:25 PM Mr. Cainnon Gregg, Pelican Oyster Co. speaking
- 3:36:34 PM Mr. Gregg is speaking on Aquaculture
- **3:37:47 PM** Chairman Albritton stated to wait until the end to ask questions.
- 3:38:22 PM Mr. Tony Hogg, Florida Beekeepers Research Foundation speaking on Beekeepers
- 3:42:56 PM Mr. Mack Glass, Cherokee Ranch speaking on cattle
- 3:45:22 PM Ms. Caroline Dauzat, Rex Lumber speaking on timber
- 3:49:21 PM Mr. John Alter, Alter-Bevis Farm will also be speaking on timber
- 3:49:36 PM Senator Gainer speaking
- 3:49:50 PM Ms. Dauzat speaking
- 3:50:10 PM Ms. Dauzat speaking
- 3:50:23 PM Mr. John Alter speaking
- 3:56:32 PM Mr. Jeff Pittman, speaking on Peanuts/Cotton
- **4:00:24 PM** Chairman Albritton stated no further business before this committee Senator Gainer moves we adjourn
- **4:00:36 PM** without objection we are adjourned.