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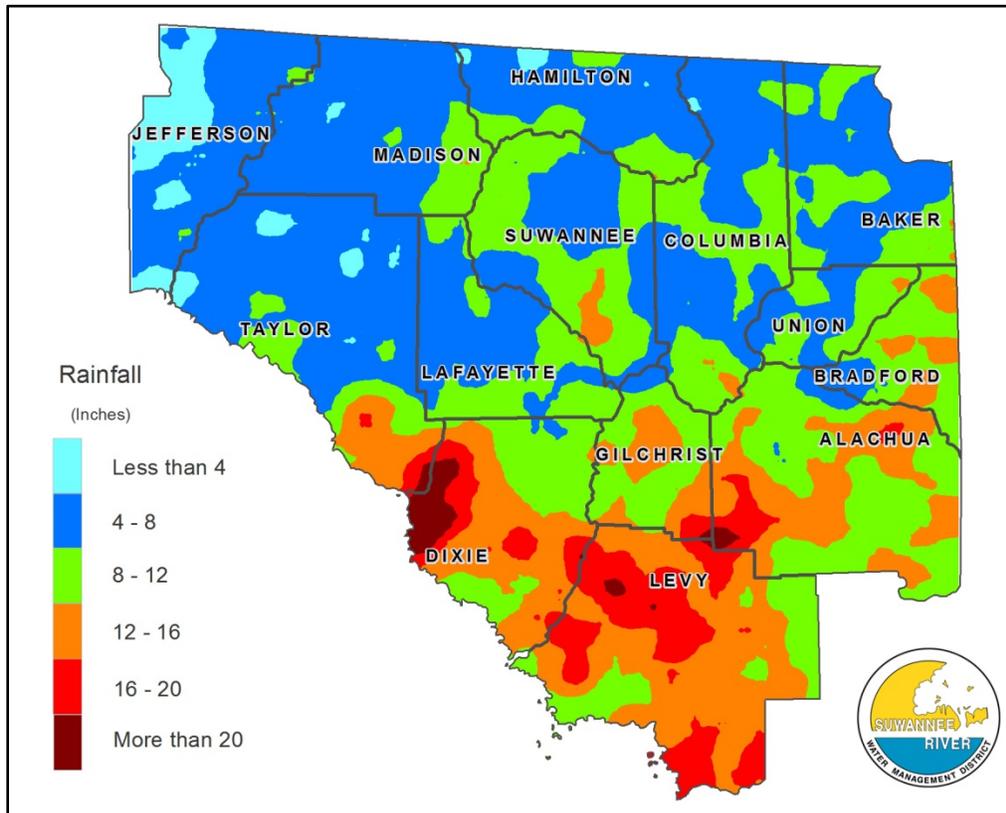
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August rainfall across Suwannee River WMD



August 2015 rainfall estimates throughout SRWMD.

LIVE OAK, FLA, September 10, 2015 – August was a rainy month for most of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District). Rainfall throughout the District on average was 9.19 inches. However, rainfall amounts varied significantly from the northern portion of the District to the southern portion. The average for rainfall amount for Jefferson County was 4.5 inches, compared to the southern portion of the District experienced 10 inches and up to 25 inches. Parts of Dixie and Levy counties received average rainfall totals over 14 inches. Jena and Chiefland received amounts in excess of 20 inches.

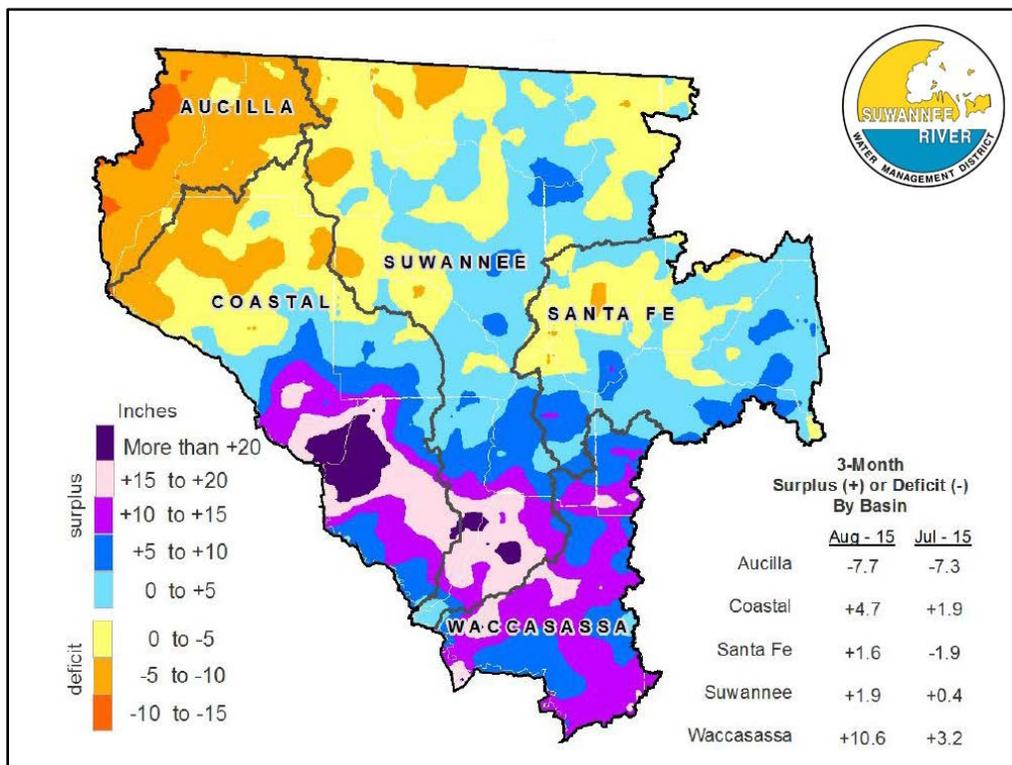
The highest daily total of 4.89 inches was recorded at the Fanning Springs rainfall station on August 1.

All major hydrologic basins showed improvement, with the Waccasassa Basin increasing its surplus over 7 inches.

Twenty-one spring groups were measured during the month of August. Spring flows increased during the month as groundwater levels in the Middle Suwannee and Santa Fe River basins increased. Fanning and Manatee springs were measured at their highest flows since 2010.

All District monitored lakes showed water level increases during August with the exception of Sneads Smokehouse Lake in Jefferson County and Andrews Lake in Taylor County. Several lakes rose more than a foot during the month with Lake Sampson Bradford County rising 1.8 feet to 132.8 feet.

Groundwater levels in upper Floridan aquifer monitor wells increased in most areas of the District. The area near the mouth of the Aucilla River improved to normal status compared to last month's low condition.



3 Month Rainfall Surplus Deficit by River Basin through August 31, 2015.

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