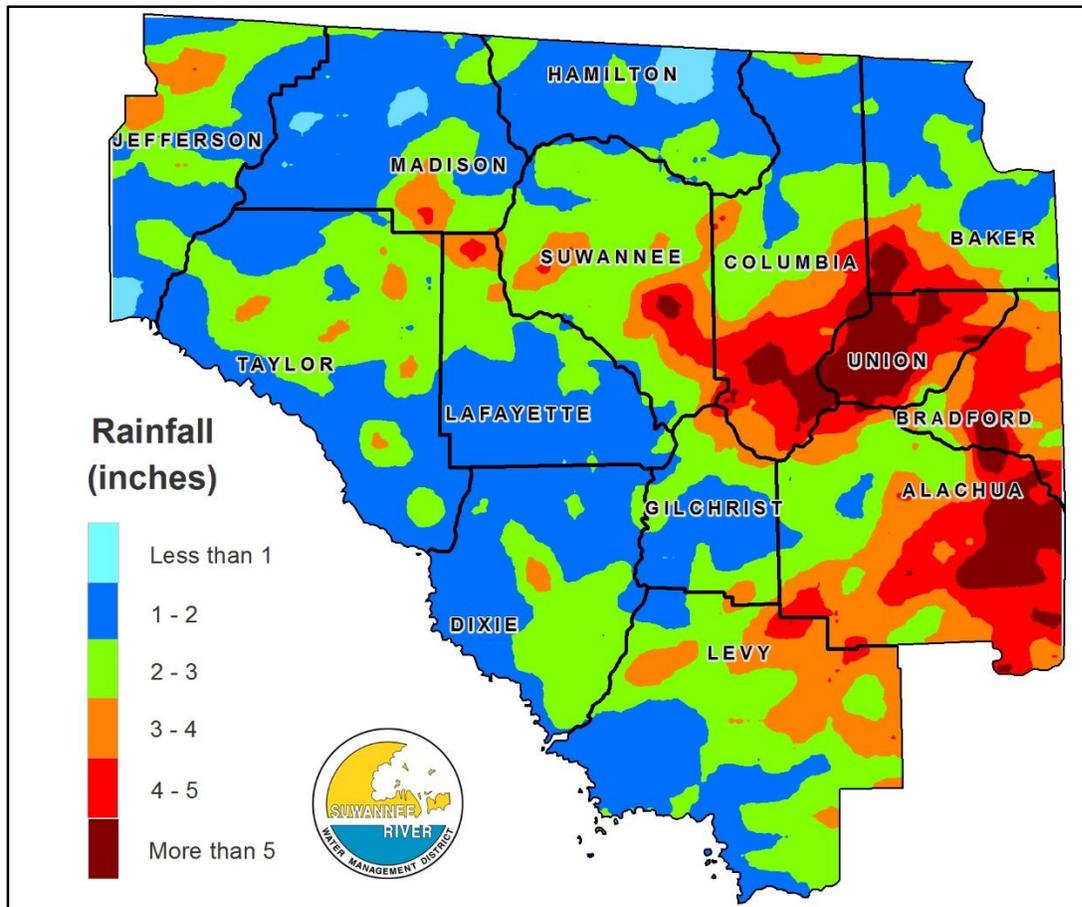


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May 2016 Hydrologic conditions across SRWMD



Estimated rainfall totals for May 2016 across SRWMD.

LIVE OAK, FL June 17, 2016 – The average rainfall during the month of May across the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) was 2.62 inches, which is approximately 20 percent below the long-term average May rainfall of 3.27 inches. Highest rainfall amounts fell in the eastern portion of the District.

Union County received just over 5 inches of rain during May. In contrast, Jefferson and Madison counties received about a third of the normal rainfall for the month, 2.05 inches and 1.75 inches respectively. The highest gaged monthly rainfall total of 5.62 inches was recorded in Baker County. The lowest gaged monthly total of 0.98 inches was recorded in Lafayette County. The highest daily total of 4.49 inches was recorded in Columbia County.

The rainfall average across the District for the 12-month period ending May 30 was 51.4 inches, whereas the long-term average is 54.7 inches. The cumulative 12-month deficit improved to 3.3 inches.

Most District river level stations began the month of May in the normal range of flows and trended downward as the month progressed. The decline of river levels during the month alleviated brown-out conditions and allowed springs to flow.

Generally, during May, the majority of District monitored lakes levels decreased. Six were recorded below average levels as the month ended. Similarly, groundwater levels in Upper Floridan Aquifer monitor wells declined across the District. All but two of the District's roughly 100 monitoring wells recorded decreased groundwater levels, but were for the most part in their normal water level range. Along the coastal areas of Dixie and Levy counties, groundwater levels were below/above normal water level range.

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