



**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **SFWMD Rainfall E-Briefing: Deficits Continue**

*A majority of monitored coastal wells show a decline as dry conditions persist*



*(SFWMD, 3-12-09, Click on picture for larger version.)*

*A popular airboat launching ramp at the Everglades & Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area recreation site sits nearly dry as airboat trails disappear in drought conditions.*

**West Palm Beach, FL** – In an effort to keep the public informed about the dry conditions gripping much of the state, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is issuing the following latest conditions report.

The SFWMD is closely monitoring water levels and is urging residents and businesses to conserve water and follow landscape irrigation restrictions to stretch the public supply. More information about limits by area is available on the District's [water restrictions](#) Web site.

**As of March 16, 2009**

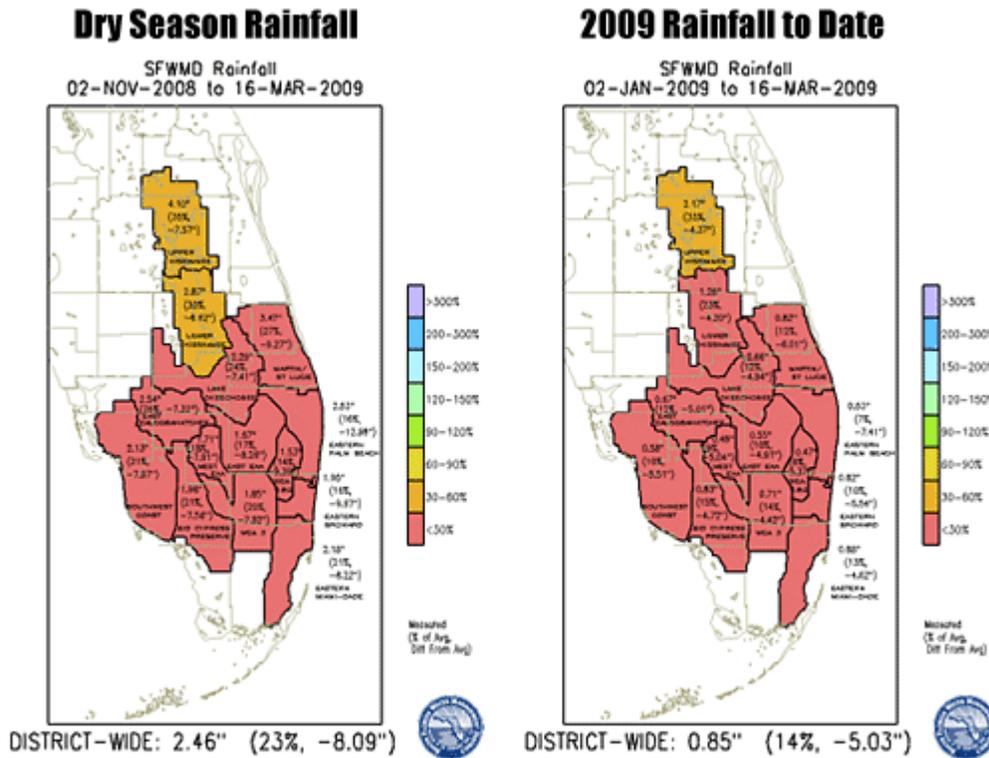
RAINFALL to Date, Jan. 2 - March 16: + 0.85 inches

DEFICIT to Date, Jan. 2 -- March 16: - 5.03 inches

DRY SEASON DEFICIT, Nov. 2, 2008 - March 16: - 8.09 inches

LAKE OKEECHOBEE: March 16, 2009: 12.42  
 March 16, 2008: 10.19

**Rainfall Maps**



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**About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*