



January 28, 2022

Dear Florida Honeybell Customer,

Why does it seem we growers always blame the weather?

Florida Honeybells got off to a slow start this year due to near record high temps we experienced in December.

The weather in November was seasonably cool and perfect for ripening up the most incredibly sweet, navel oranges we've had in more than 10 years. Unfortunately December was the opposite, with extremely hot weather for weeks. That's exactly what we don't want for our Honeybells when they're trying to ripen up.

Warm December days also confused the Honeybell trees into thinking Spring had arrived as they shifted from ripening their fruit to growing new leaves and blooming when they should have been finishing their ripening process.

The good and the bad of it...Finally the last two weeks have been much colder so the Honeybells are now ripening up in a more normal fashion. We do have to keep returning to our trees each week in order to clip all the newly ripened fruit off as of course they don't all ripen at once. The ripe fruit tastes great but it makes for slow harvesting. Our packers can only pack as fast as our harvesters can pick. What used to take us 2 weeks to pick, pack and ship is taking us 6 weeks so please be patient. Of course we know you want your Honeybell gifts to arrive soon but we also know you want them to taste great and no one can rush Mother Nature. (Note- See Weather Channel December 2021 heat; January 2022 cold images below. Occasionally winter storms may also slow Honeybell shipping until normal temperatures return to package's destination.)

Sun | Day

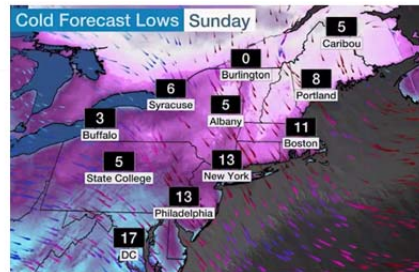
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SSW 14 MPH

Sunny. Near record high temperatures. High 87F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.



Heavy Snow, Strong Winds and Coastal Flooding Ahead

As always, Honeybell orders are shipped out in the order they are received, first in first out. Those who ordered earliest between September and November have already shipped. Those who ordered in December are shipping weekly and the latest orders that we received in January will go out after them. Eventually everyone gets their Florida Honeybells but 2022 sure has been a lesson in patience for all of us.

Thanks so much for your order, we appreciate your business at Al's Family Farms.

Yours truly,

The Schorner Family