



United States Department of Agriculture  
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**Florida Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 8, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.03 inches in Tallahassee (Leon County) to 5.44 inches in Vero Beach (Indian River County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 68°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 77°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County). Although many areas of the state received at least some beneficial rainfall, some of the dryer areas reported difficulty in planting field crops.

Weekly Valencia orange harvest was still going strong, but due to less availability, and a few rainy days, utilization dropped below the three million box level. Harvest of all other varieties was relatively over for the season.

Field workers reported seeing irrigation running several days last week. Growers continued the fight against greening, and controlling psyllid population. Trees in well cared for groves look good. Most are holding fruit as large as marble size for next season’s crop. Resetting of several varieties of citrus is going on, mostly in the center of the state. Other grove activities included fertilizing, spraying, hedging and topping.

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/8/16**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	4	7	8
Short.....	32	32	35
Adequate.....	60	56	53
Surplus .....	4	5	4

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending		
	April 24, 2016	May 1, 2016	May 8, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia .....	3,654	3,159	2,877
White grapefruit.....	7	3	0
Red grapefruit .....	22	5	5
Honey tangerines.....	15	11	6
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>3,178</b>	<b>2,888</b>

**Citrus**

Temperatures were above average on most days during the week. Maximum daily highs reached at least 90 degrees in all citrus producing counties. The highest temperature was in Sebring (Highlands County) at 93.65 degrees. Thunderstorms early in the week produced above average rainfall in several citrus counties. Vero Beach (Indian River County) had the most rainfall at 5.44 inches, followed by Kenansville (Osceola County) at 5.05 inches. All stations received at least average rainfall, and nine of eighteen monitored stations received two inches or more of rainfall. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated May 3, 2016, only Putnam County and a portion of Marion County in the most northern part of the citrus region were abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus growing counties were drought free.

**Fruit and Vegetables**

Potato harvest has begun in Flagler and Putnam Counties. The planting of beans and peas continues as well as melon harvesting in Dixie County. Dryer weather in Okaloosa County helped farmers get a handle on strawberry diseases in the fields this week. Blueberry and peach harvest activities continue in Charlotte and Glade Counties. The vegetable season is winding down and growers are cleaning up harvest in several southern counties. There are still a wide variety of crops coming to market, to include bitter melon, cantaloupe, collards, cucumber, eggplant, green beans, herbs, kale, malanga, okra, peppers, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelon, and a variety of specialty items.

### Livestock and Pastures

Showers in many parts of the state helped to maintain pasture conditions. Some areas that had been dry for a few weeks received light rainfall, which improved pastures. Washington County reports that perennial pastures are seasonally improving. Other reports from north and north central counties noted dry conditions persisting and a good rainfall needed.

### Condition for week ending 05/8/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	4	36	54	6
Pasture & Range...	3	8	40	46	3

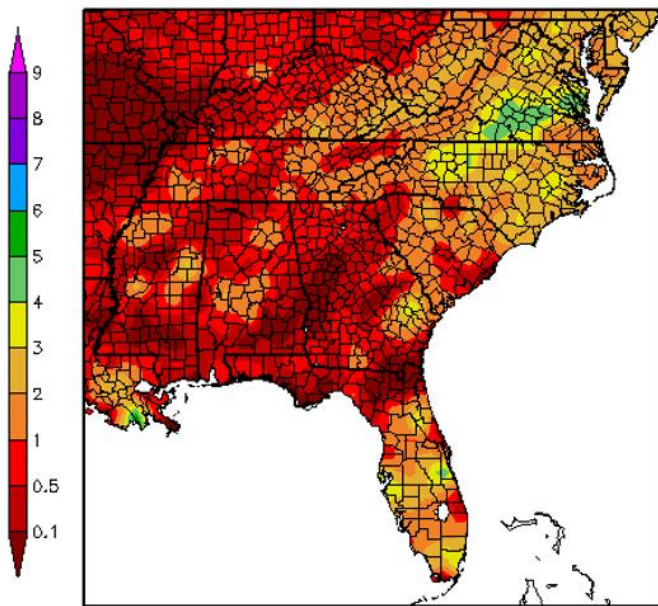
### Field Crops

Cotton planting continues in Walton, Jackson, and Okaloosa Counties, and corn planting is ongoing in Walton, Flagler, and Putnam Counties. Peanut planting continued this week in Washington, Gilchrist, and Levy Counties, but there were reports that some fields were too dry to plant. Some sugarcane fields in Palm Beach County received rain which delayed harvesting, but only for a day or two. In general, sugarcane harvest is going well in Palm Beach, Hendry, and Glades Counties. Hay cutting and baling was reported in several counties in the Panhandle and north central parts of the state.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/8/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Planted.....	46	25	27	32

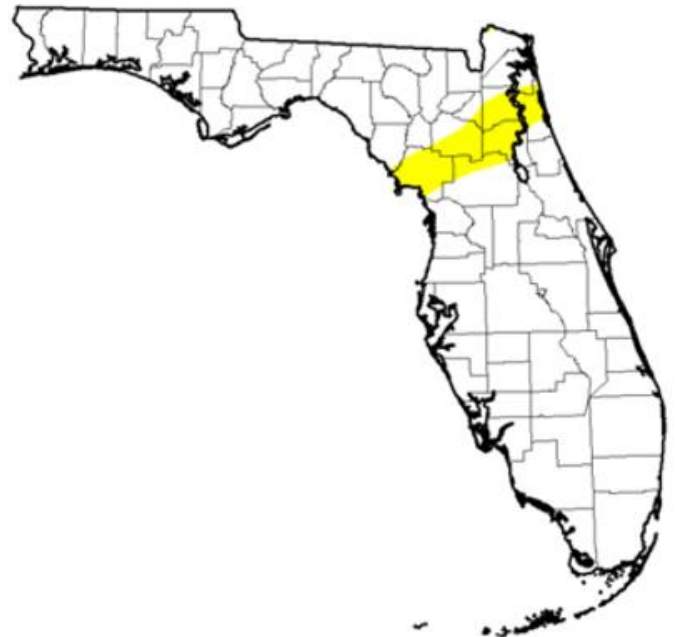
Precipitation (in)  
5/2/2016 - 5/8/2016



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<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



#### Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>