



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 10, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple counties across the state to 1.33 inches in Palmdale (Glades County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 80.8°F in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 86.7°F in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The past week brought very warm and dry weather conditions for the state assisting field crop harvest but causing increased need for irrigation for fruits and vegetables.

Citrus

Temperatures were well above average on most days, reaching the mid to high 90s in all areas. The highest temperature was in Lake Alfred (Polk County) at 99.46 degrees. Only one of the eighteen monitored stations recorded rainfall more an inch for the week, far less than what is typical for this time of the year. Canals and ditches are still at acceptable levels due to adequate rainfall over the past several weeks. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated July 5, 2016, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

To manage the health and productivity of HLB affected groves, growers are fertilizing, trimming, hedging and spraying. Other cultural practices include applications of summer oils, nutritional sprays, and resetting of young trees. Some growers are removing dead and heavily infected trees as they have time and resources. Irrigation is being run two to three times a week in most areas.

Fruits and Vegetables

The hot and dry weather has increased the need for irrigation across the state. Land is currently being prepared for planting in southern Florida. While late melons and vegetables are being harvested in Jackson County, and melon harvest has concluded in Levy County. Crops being harvested this week included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, and other tropical fruits. Crops being planted include okra, boniato, malanga, bitter melon, and summer cover crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures in Washington County are reported to have become overly dry while the lack of rain has helped low lying flooded pastures in southern Florida.

Field Crops

Field crops have benefited from the warm and dry temperatures as tobacco is being harvested in Lafayette and Bradford counties and corn is being harvested in Lafayette and Levy counties. The dry conditions have also allowed hay to be cut. In Miami-Dade County sugarcane is reported to be about four feet high and in need of rain.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/10/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	6	3
Short	21	19	12
Adequate	56	60	75
Surplus.....	13	15	10

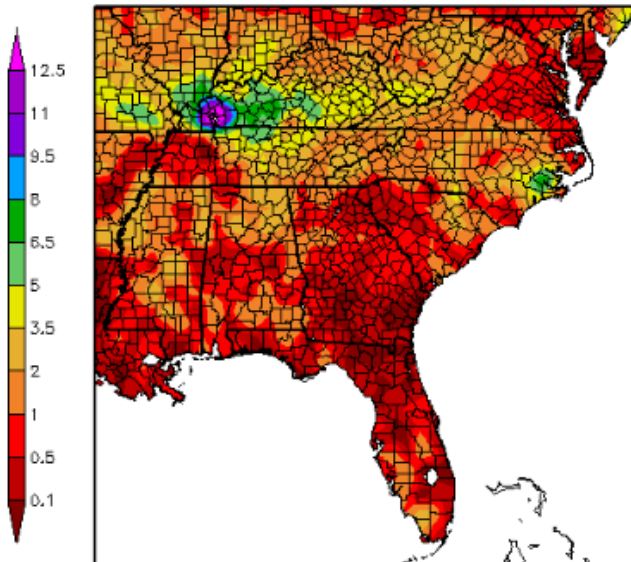
Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/10/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Pegging.....	80	61	69	60

Condition for week ending 07/10/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	22	66	8
Pasture & Range...	3	8	26	47	16
Peanuts.....	0	2	31	60	7

Precipitation (in)
7/4/2016 - 7/10/2016

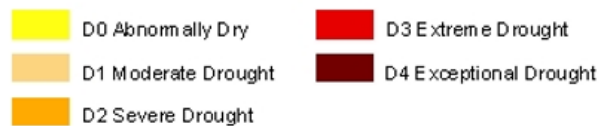


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



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