



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 24, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.01 inches in Carrabelle (Franklin County) to 4.32 inches in Arcadia (DeSoto County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78.3°F in Joshua (DeSoto County) to 84.5°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Although there were some areas with rainfall, most of the state remained relatively dry again this week. The high heat index, common during this time of year, is adding stress to some dryland crops.

Citrus

Temperatures were about average in citrus producing counties, reaching the low to mid 90s in all areas. The highest temperature was in Dover (Hillsborough County) at 95.88 degrees. All but two of the seventeen monitored rain stations had significant rainfall during the past week. About half the stations had two or more inches. The most was in Arcadia (Desoto County) at 4.32 inches, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) at 4.04 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated July 19, 2016, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Field workers reported seeing spraying activities over the past week, mostly for the greening disease. Reports were that most growers were irrigating several times a week. Other cultural practices include applications of summer oils and nutritional sprays. Growers are busy removing dead and heavily greening infected trees and resetting new trees as they have time and resources.

Fruits and Vegetables

Preparation for the upcoming season continued this week. The lack of rain has been depleting the soil moisture, and the high temperatures have made work difficult for many. Vegetable crops coming to market are all irrigated and include bitter melon, boniato, lychee, malanga, mango, okra, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures throughout the state are reported to be dry and in need of moisture. The small amounts of rainfall received throughout the state has helped, but more is needed. The cattle are reported to be in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Hay is being cut in Bradford, Dixie, Flagler, Putnam, Taylor, and Walton Counties. Sugarcane was reported to be growing in Palm Beach County without any problems, due to water provided by Lake Okeechobee.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/24/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	7	2
Short	20	18	14
Adequate	59	59	69
Surplus.....	16	16	15

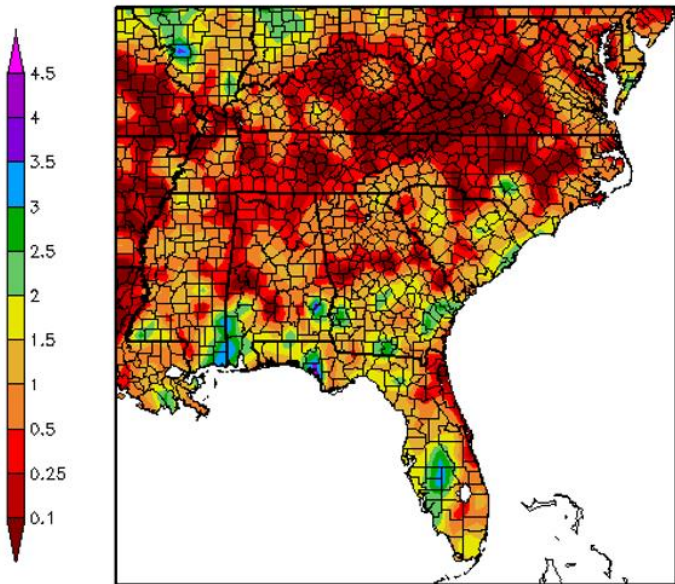
Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/24/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Pegging.....	94	85	90	80

Condition for week ending 07/24/16

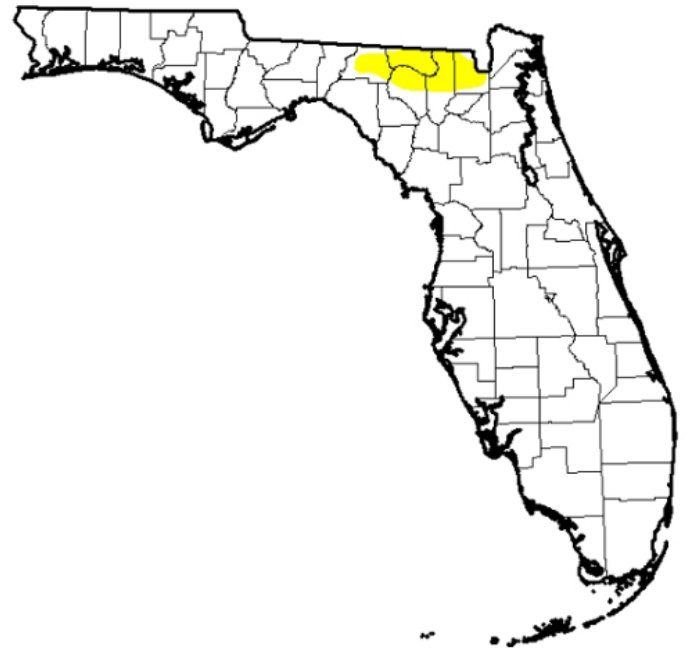
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	4	20	69	7
Pasture & Range...	3	6	26	48	17
Peanuts.....	0	4	29	60	7

Precipitation (in)
7/18/2016 - 7/24/2016



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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