



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 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 4, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.28 inches in Marianna (Jackson County) to 9.77 inches in Okeechobee (Okeechobee County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 77.4°F in Putnam Hall (Putnam County) to 83.1°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Hurricane Hermine brought rainfall to almost everywhere in the state. Farms along the gulf coast experienced some wind damage and flooding, while counties that were not in the storm's path fared better. Many farmers have flooded crop and pasture land and are waiting for the waters to recede to resume farming activities.

## Citrus

Temperatures were about average this past week in the citrus growing region. All citrus producing counties had temperatures in the lower to mid-90s. Rainfall was well above average. The eye of Hurricane Hermine passed over the Panhandle, to the north of any citrus, but dumped several inches of rain on the citrus producing area over a couple days' time. Eleven of nineteen monitored stations recorded more than four inches of rain. The most rainfall was in the upper and central portions of the citrus growing region. Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) had 9.77 inches of rainfall; Dade City (Hillsborough County) had 9.52 inches of rainfall. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated August 30, 2016, the northern half of the Indian River District remained in abnormally dry conditions. Small portions of Lake, Orange, Seminole, and Osceola Counties were also abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus region is drought free.

Growers are spraying to combat the citrus greening disease. Those growers who have the resources are concentrating on pushing abandoned groves within or adjacent to their properties to help control the psyllid population. Resetting is common where new trees are available.

## Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetable growers continue to prepare land and plant fall crops including eggplant, peppers, squash, tomatoes, and watermelons. Cabbage planting in Flagler County was delayed due to the wet soil. Crops coming to market include avocado, boniato, mango, malanga, okra, sweet corn, and other tropical fruits.

## Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality has declined marginally as forage grasses continue to mature. Pastures remain in mostly good condition this week, although there are many pastures with standing water. The cattle condition was also reported to be in mostly good condition. Cattle in Brevard and Indian River Counties could be seen this week walking in mud.

## Field Crops

Peanuts, cotton, and corn are all looking good this week in Okaloosa County, and the cotton is in fair condition in Walton County. Peanut harvesting has begun in Lafayette County, although many fields are now saturated and at risk of disease and rotting if they do not dry out soon. Lafayette County also had some sorghum blown down and cotton that lost bolls in the hurricane. Corn harvesting and hay cutting activities were reported in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Hay is also being harvested in Jackson County. Sugarcane continues to look good in Glades and Hendry Counties.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/04/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	2	1
Short .....	9	16	12
Adequate .....	60	62	67
Surplus.....	30	20	20

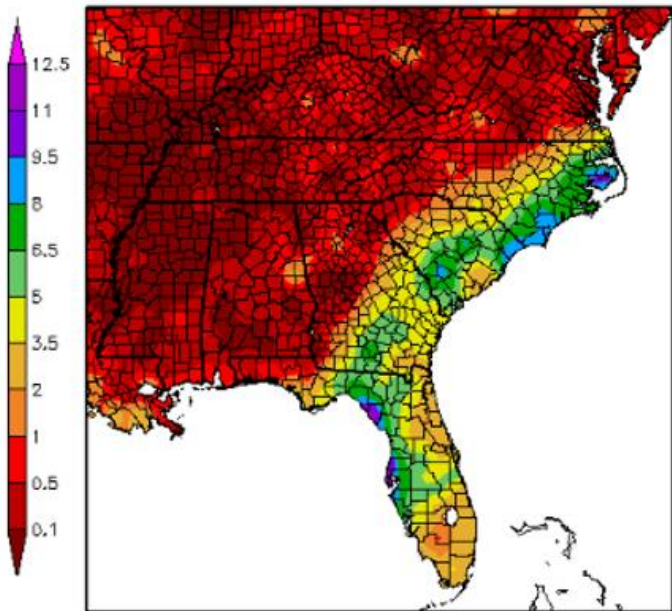
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/04/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	9	4	6	9

### Condition for week ending 09/04/16

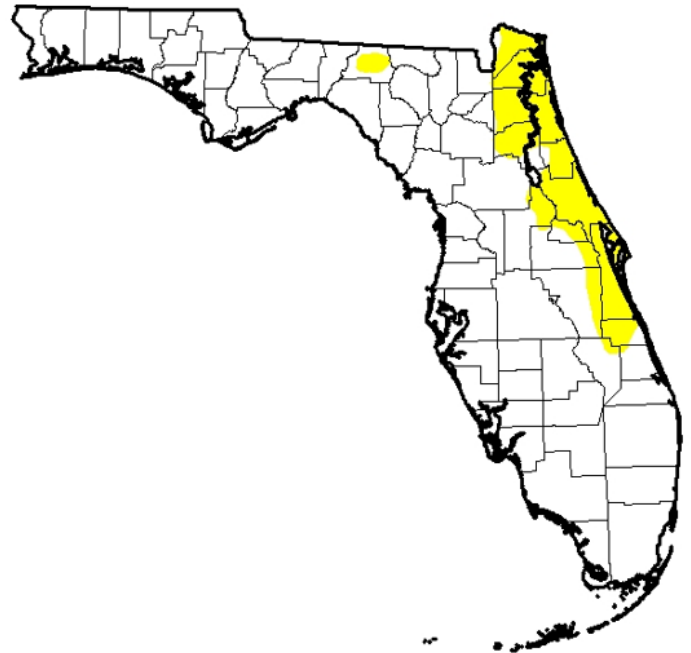
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	19	68	11
Pasture & Range...	3	4	24	55	14
Peanuts.....	0	4	19	68	9

Precipitation (in)  
8/29/2016 - 9/4/2016

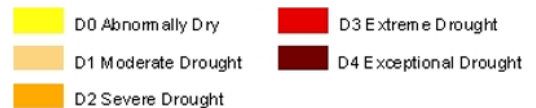


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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



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