



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 11, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in many areas to 2.2 inches in Belle Glade (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 76.5°F in Mayo (Lafayette County) to 82.5°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). A much dryer week was welcomed by many farmers across the state. The wet conditions brought about by Hurricane Hermine last week have some fields still flooded and slowed agricultural activities in general. Some farmers reported only a minimal amount of damage caused by the storm.

## Citrus

Temperatures were about average this past week in the citrus growing region. All citrus producing counties had highs in the lower to mid-90s. The warmest temperature was in Dover (Hillsborough County) at 95.26 degrees. Rainfall was below average for the week. Only five of eighteen monitored stations recorded more than an inch of rainfall. Four of the five were in the southern area. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated September 6, 2016, only a portion of Volusia, Orange, and Seminole Counties were showing drought conditions. The remainder of the citrus region was 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, lay plastic, and plant fall crops. Some growers are noticing disease issues in early plantings due to the wet weather. Sweet corn was planted this week in Orange County. Cabbage and leafy greens were planted in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Crops coming to market include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumbers, mango, malanga, okra, and other tropical fruits.

## Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were noted to be high and green in Brevard and Indian Counties this week. Pasture quality remains mostly good, even though low lying pastures remain flooded throughout the state. Cattle were observed to be in good condition. Many cattle could be seen under shade trees during the day.

## Field Crops

Peanut harvesting activities are ongoing in Dixie, Gilchrist, and Levy Counties and have recently begun in Columbia, Santa Rosa, and Suwannee Counties. Dixie County noted some peanut damage from last week's hurricane, but the severity is yet unknown. Levy County noted that the peanut yield and quality will show an impact from the hurricane, as well as an increase in disease pressures. In Jefferson County, the higher yielding cotton seems to have been the most affected. Corn is being harvested in Walton County. Hay was cut this week in Dixie and Jackson Counties. Hermine impacted hay fields in Pasco County by increasing the number of armyworms and loopers in moist, untreated fields. Sugarcane is growing well and looking good so far in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Sugarcane growers in Collier, Glades, and Hendry Counties were running throw-out pumps to manage excess water.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/11/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	1	1
Short .....	8	9	10
Adequate .....	69	60	69
Surplus.....	23	30	20

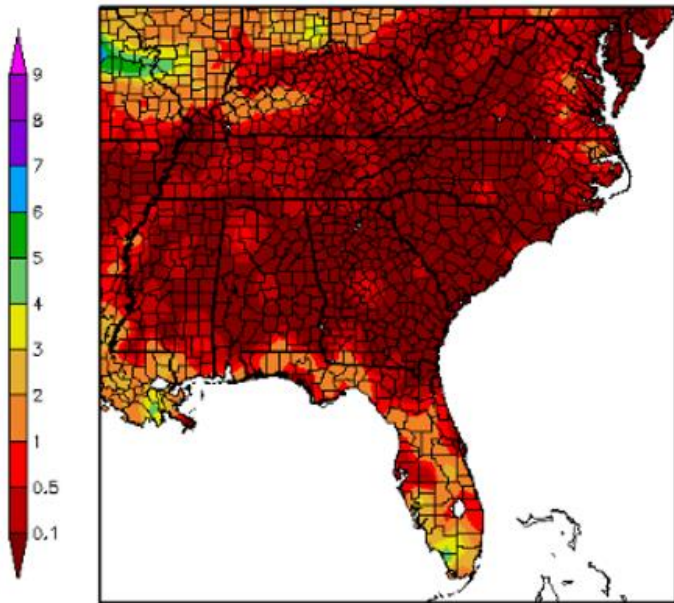
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/11/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	16	9	11	13

### Condition for week ending 09/11/16

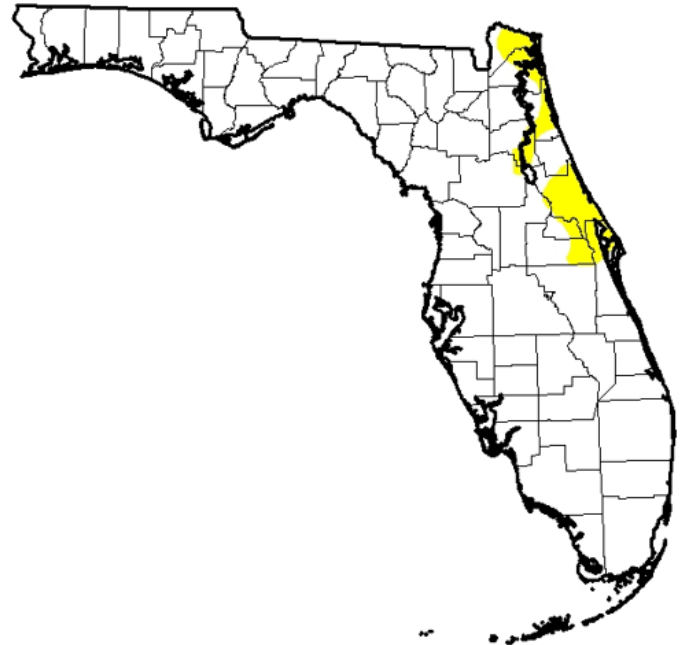
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	17	71	11
Pasture & Range...	2	2	23	59	14
Peanuts.....	0	4	18	68	10

Precipitation (in)  
9/5/2016 - 9/11/2016



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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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