



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 25, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Arcadia (DeSoto County) to 3.51 inches in Marianna (Jackson County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 77.5°F in Monticello (Jefferson County) to 82.1°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). The southern and central parts of the state received the most rainfall this week while other areas remained dry. Areas that had experienced the most damage from Hurricane Hermine are still working to clean up fields and pastures.

Citrus

Daily high temperatures were in the lower to mid-90s across the citrus region. Heavy rainfall was primarily in the northern area and Indian River District. The most rainfall was in Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 2.98 inches, followed by Apopka (Orange County) at 2.31 inches. Of the thirteen stations monitored in the Central, Western and Southern areas, only two had more than an inch of rainfall. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated September 20, 2016, only a portion of Orange, Seminole, Brevard, and Volusia Counties were showing abnormally dry conditions. The remainder of the citrus region was drought free.

Fruit sizes are variable due to multiple blooms earlier in the season. Some caretakers are irrigating a couple days a week to keep soil moisture at acceptable levels. Hamlin oranges are beginning to show color in the southern areas. Red grapefruit on the east coast are showing slight color in well cared for groves. There have been small amounts of Ambersweet oranges harvested, and it is expected that Fallglo Tangerines will be harvested this week. Growers are mowing, spraying, and herbiciding as part of normal routine grove care.

Fruits and Vegetables

Green beans were planted this week in Dixie County. Crops coming to market include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumbers, green beans, malanga, mango, okra, sweet potatoes, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remain in mostly good condition this week. Pastures in Brevard and Indian River Counties were high enough to cover the legs and bellies of cattle. Pasture quality is declining seasonally across the state.

Field Crops

Peanut harvest has begun in Escambia County and is ongoing in Dixie and Lafayette Counties. The tobacco harvest is complete in Lafayette County. Hay cutting activities were ongoing in Dixie, Pasco, and Taylor Counties. Pasco County reported armyworm issues in some hayfields. Sugarcane harvest and planting is scheduled to begin soon in Glades and Hendry Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/26/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	1
Short	12	11	9
Adequate	70	70	72
Surplus.....	18	19	18

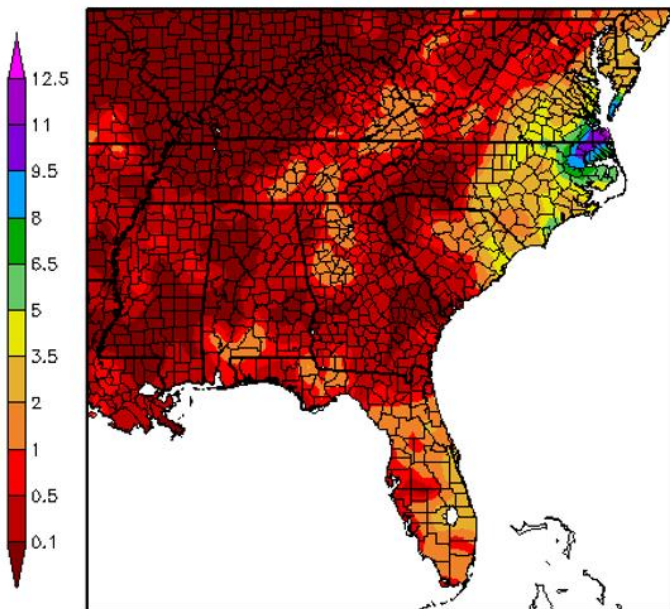
Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/26/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	39	27	39	27

Condition for week ending 09/26/16

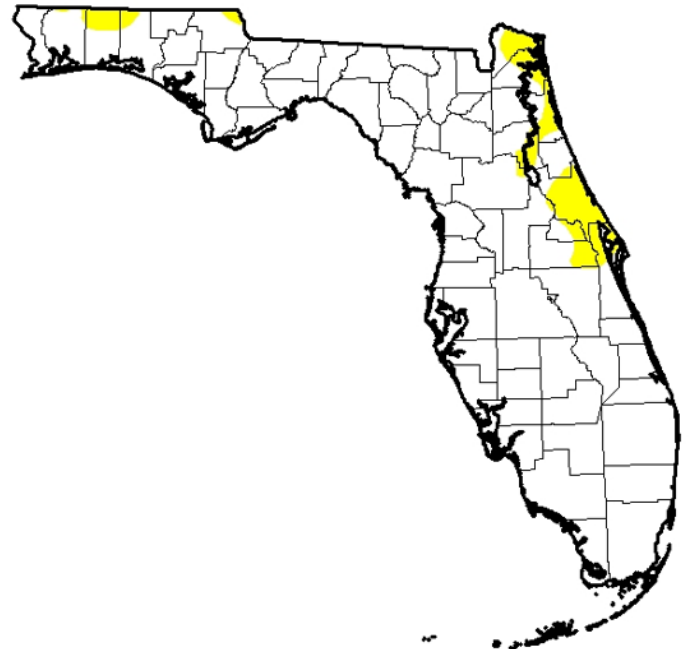
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	19	69	11
Pasture & Range...	2	2	25	58	13
Peanuts.....	0	4	22	65	9

Precipitation (in)
9/19/2016 - 9/25/2016



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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>