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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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 20, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations, including Alachua (Alachua County), Apopka (Orange County), and Marianna (Jackson County) to 0.11 inches in Homestead (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 55.3°F in Macclenny (Baker County) to 72.5°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Another dry week for the state left many farmers in need of rainfall.

Citrus

Temperatures were about average for the first part of the week. A cool front over the weekend dropped lows into the 40s and 50s. Highs remained mostly in the upper 70s. For the second consecutive week, none of the eighteen monitored stations in the citrus region recorded significant precipitation. In the past 30 days, the most rainfall received has been in Joshua (Desoto County) at 0.21 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated November 15, 2016, the complete citrus region remains drought free.

Weekly harvesting is still only for the fresh market. Fallglo tangerine harvest is relatively over for the season; Sunburst tangerine harvest is increasing slowly this season. Other citrus being harvested for the fresh market includes early oranges, Ambersweet and Navel oranges, tangelos, and white and red grapefruit. Grapefruit quality at packinghouses is being reported as good and with nice blush. Only a couple of plants are processing packinghouse eliminations.

Growers are mowing mostly before harvest. Spraying for psyllids continues. Irrigation is being run 2-3 days a week in most well cared for groves due to the dry weather over the past several weeks.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Nov 6, 2016	Nov 13, 2016	Nov 20, 2016	Nov 22, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	50	69	183	155
Ambersweet	1	0	6	2
Navel oranges.....	27	32	76	96
White grapefruit.....	28	56	93	27
Red grapefruit	181	193	275	240
Tangelos.....	0	1	25	11
Sunburst tangerines	2	11	34	83
Fallglo tangerines...	27	20	12	0
Total	316	382	704	614

Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetable growers continue to irrigate, prepare land, and plant crops. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumber, eggplant, herbs, malanga, okra, pepper, star fruit, squash, tomato, watermelon, zucchini, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

The dry conditions remain a cause for concern throughout much of the state. It was too dry this week for winter grazing to be planted in Holmes County. Water sources are drying out. Cattle continues to be in mostly good condition, but with more slight declines reported.

Field Crops

Many areas reporting that the dry conditions are having an impact on field crops. There are reports of wells going bad and stock ponds drying up in Holmes County. Hay harvesting was reported in Okeechobee County. Sugarcane in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties continues to be harvested.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/20/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	34	27	5
Short	23	28	28
Adequate	41	43	61
Surplus.....	2	2	6

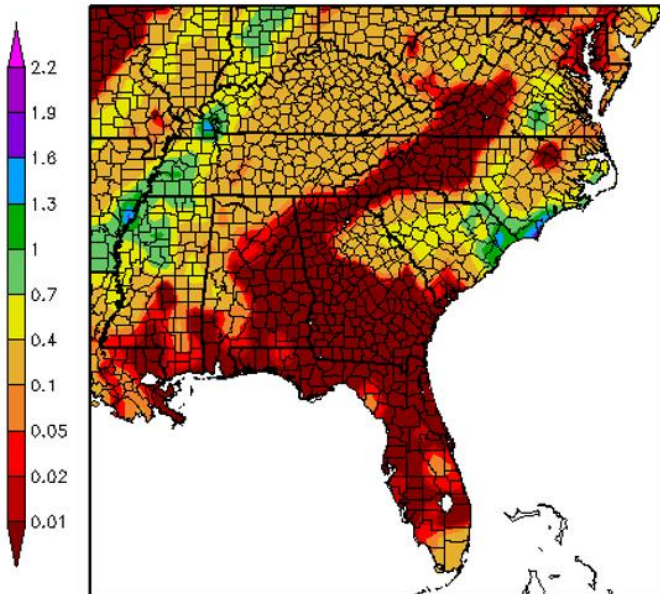
Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/20/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	100	99	96	99

Condition for week ending 11/20/16

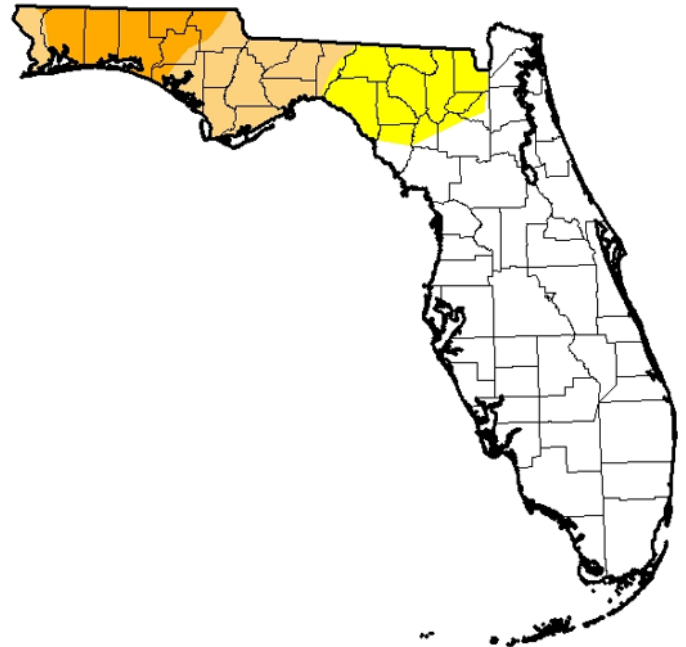
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	39	52	6
Pasture & Range...	5	20	41	30	4

Precipitation (in)
11/14/2016 - 11/20/2016



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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>