



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 20, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain throughout most of the state to 0.18 inches in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 54.5°F in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 72.6°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Dry conditions persist throughout the state.

Citrus

Temperatures were about average most of the week. Daytime highs were mostly in the mid 70s to lower 80s, while nighttime lows were mostly in the 50s and 60s. Again this 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 22, 2016, the complete citrus region remains drought free.

Weekly harvest for the fresh market is well underway on Sunburst tangerines, early and mid oranges, Navel oranges and tangelos. Grapefruit quality at packinghouses is being reported as good and with nice blush on red grapefruit. Only a couple of plants are processing packinghouse eliminations, with more planning on opening in early December.

Growers are continuing to spray in order to lower the psyllid population. Mowing is mostly before harvest. Caretakers are irrigating on a regular basis in 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 13, 2016	Nov 20, 2016	Nov 27, 2016	Nov 29, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	69	183	81	113
Ambersweet	0	6	1	0
Navel oranges.....	32	76	48	69
White grapefruit.....	56	93	35	11
Red grapefruit.....	193	275	144	219
Tangelos.....	1	25	7	23
Sunburst tangerines.....	11	34	34	40
Fallglo tangerines.....	20	12	6	0
Total.....	382	704	356	475

Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetable growers continue to irrigate, prepare land, and plant crops. Irrigation has helped reduce crop stress from drought conditions. 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. Leafy greens and cabbage are being planted in Flagler and Putnam Counties.

Livestock and Pastures

Dry conditions have damaged pastures across the state with pastures starting to suffer and producers having to feed hay earlier than expected. Cattle are reported to still be in good condition.

Field Crops

Due to the drought, growers in Washington County are unable to plant winter crops. Sugarcane in Glades and Hendry Counties continues to be harvested.

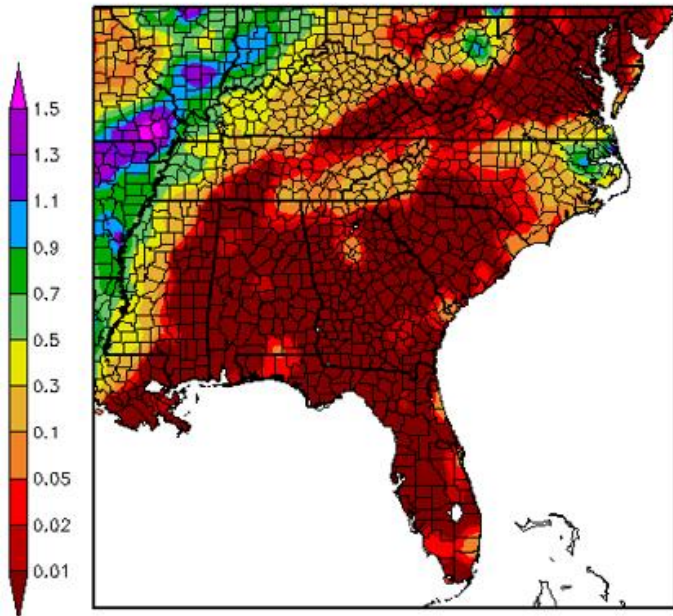
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/27/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	35	34	6
Short	24	23	27
Adequate	40	41	62
Surplus	1	2	5

Condition for week ending 11/27/16

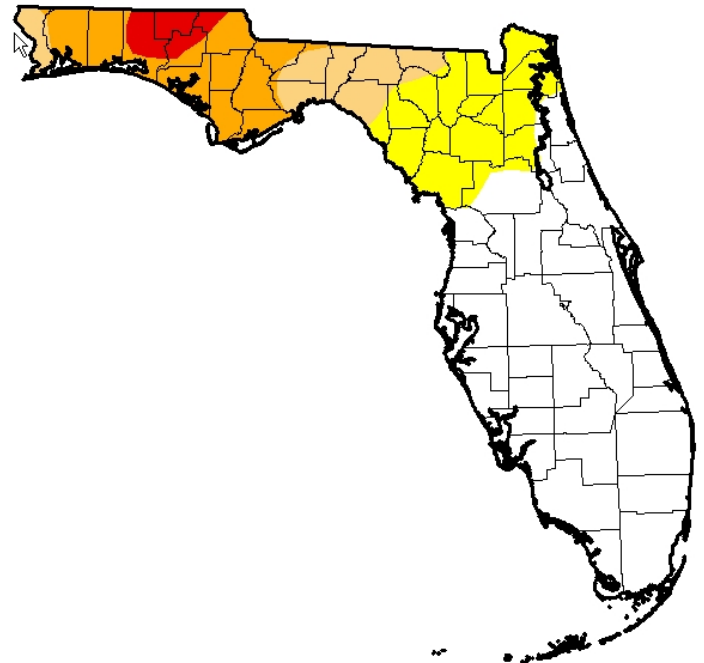
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	40	51	5
Pasture & Range...	7	23	40	26	4

Precipitation (in)
11/21/2016 - 11/27/2016



Generated 11/21/16 at HPRCC using provisional data. Regional Climate Centers.
<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>