



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 4, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations including Apopka (Orange County), and Umatilla (Lake County) to 5.66 inches in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 60.9°F in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 77.4°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Although some much needed rain fell in many parts of the state, more is needed. Multiple counties in the Panhandle remain in a drought.

**Citrus**

Temperatures were warm most of the week in the citrus growing region. Daytime highs were mostly in the upper 70s to lower 80s, while nighttime lows were mostly in the 50s and 60s. This past week was another of very little precipitation in citrus counties. Only two stations recorded more than a tenth of an inch of rainfall. Joshua (Desoto County) had 0.25 inches and Vero Beach (Indian River County) had 0.15 inches. Canals and ditches are at low levels due to the scarcity of rainfall over the past two months. Growers continue irrigating regularly to keep moisture in the ground and on the trees. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated November 29, 2016, abnormally dry and drought conditions are present in northern Florida, but have not yet reached the citrus growing region.

Weekly harvest for the fresh market is well underway on Sunburst tangerines, early and mid oranges, Navel oranges and tangelos. Quality is good on all varieties arriving at the packinghouse, but supply is very limited. Only a couple of plants are processing packinghouse eliminations. Field run fruit is just beginning on early and midseason oranges.

Growers are continuing to spray in order to lower the psyllid population. Mowing is mostly before harvest. Caretakers are replacing unproductive trees and taking care of healthy older trees and resets with various types of fertilization programs. Some are using dry fertilizer, while

others are using liquid fertilizer through fertigation. Other grove practices occurring include herbiciding, spraying supplemental miticides, and general grove care.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Nov 20, 2016	Nov 27, 2016	Dec 4, 2016	Dec 6, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	183	81	447	1,254
Ambersweet .....	6	1	0	0
Navel oranges.....	76	48	90	168
White grapefruit.....	93	35	32	36
Red grapefruit .....	275	144	239	253
Tangelos.....	25	7	23	76
Sunburst tangerines	34	34	80	69
Fallglo tangerines...	12	6	3	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>1,856</b>

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Growers continue to prepare land and some are planting succession crops. Cabbage and leafy greens continue to be planted in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumber, eggplant, green beans, herbs, malanga, okra, pepper, star fruit, squash, tomato, watermelon, zucchini, and other tropical fruits.

**Livestock and Pastures**

The cattle condition is declining slightly, along with pastures due to the dry conditions. Supplemental cattle feeding has been observed in several counties.

**Field Crops**

Rain fell in several Panhandle counties, which allowed for some winter forage plantings. Cotton and peanuts are all now harvested in Walton County. Sugarcane harvest continues in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

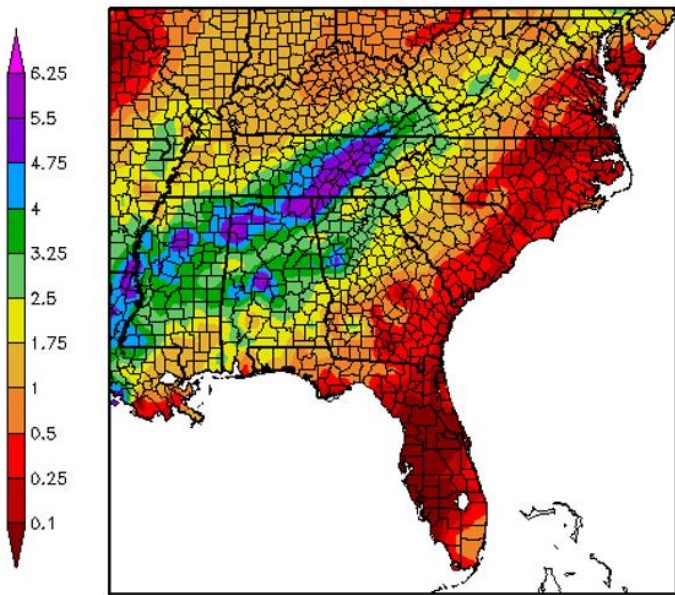
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/4/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	34	35	4
Short .....	25	24	29
Adequate .....	40	40	63
Surplus.....	1	1	4

### Condition for week ending 12/4/16

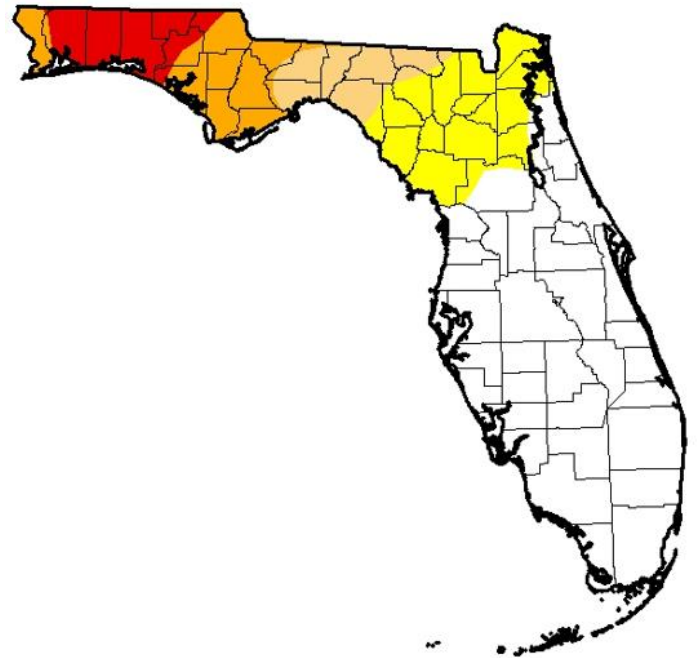
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	7	38	49	5
Pasture & Range...	8	25	41	23	3

Precipitation (in)  
11/28/2016 - 12/4/2016



Generated 12/5/16 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
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought
- D2 Severe Drought

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>