



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 8, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in North Port (Sarasota County) to 5.67 inches in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 48.9°F in Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 70.4°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). More rain fell in the Panhandle, lifting some counties out of abnormally dry conditions, while the lack of moisture and dry conditions in Central and Southern Florida remained.

**Citrus**

Temperatures continued to be above average during most of the week, with highs in the mid 80s on most afternoons. Another cold front dropped the lows into the mid 30's, but did not produce damaging freeze conditions or bring much needed rainfall. The most rainfall for the week was again in Umatilla (Lake County), recording 1.94 inches. Canals and ditches remain low due of the lack of widespread rainfall over the past few months. Growers continue to irrigate frequently. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated January 3rd, 2017, abnormally dry conditions persist throughout citrus growing region.

Sunburst tangerine harvest is about over for the season, with packing houses looking to Honey and Royal varieties as soon as color improves. Mid-season oranges are still being harvested for the fresh market. Grapefruit harvest continues, with fruit showing good internal quality and color.

Growers continue to spray in order to lower the psyllid population. Mowing is mostly before harvest. Growers are fertilizing and performing general grove maintenance in well-kept groves.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Dec 25, 2016	Jan 1, 2017	Jan 8, 2017	Jan 10, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	2,467	2,731	2,892	4,115
Ambersweet .....	0	0	0	0
Navel oranges.....	52	28	14	9
White grapefruit.....	43	39	59	83
Red grapefruit .....	217	202	193	335
Tangelos.....	16	13	21	18
Sunburst tangerines	37	20	21	5
Honey Tangerines.	0	0	5	7
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>4,572</b>

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Strawberry harvesting activities continue this week in Hillsborough County. Greens, cabbage, and broccoli are being planted and harvested in Orange County. Crops coming to market this week include arugula, avocado, beets, bitter melon, boniato, collards, eggplant, green beans, kale, malanga, pepper, squash, sweet corn, tomato, zucchini, and other tropical fruits.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle condition remains mostly fair to good despite the persisting dry conditions and deteriorating pasture quality. Many cattle operators are using supplemental feeding. Pastures are overgrazed in Santa Rosa County, where the early hay feeding may stress the supply this year.

**Field Crops**

Farmers in Dixie County reporting planting cover crops this week. More rain this week in the Panhandle provided some relief from the dry conditions, but also kept farmers out of fields that need to be worked. Multiple reporters noted frost and below freezing temperatures. Sugarcane harvest continues in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties

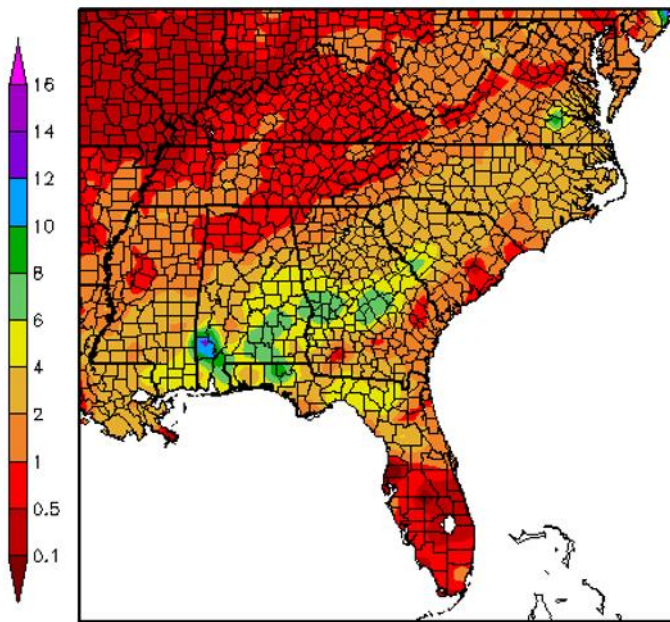
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/8/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	10	14	3
Short .....	36	34	27
Adequate .....	45	45	64
Surplus.....	9	7	6

### Condition for week ending 1/8/17

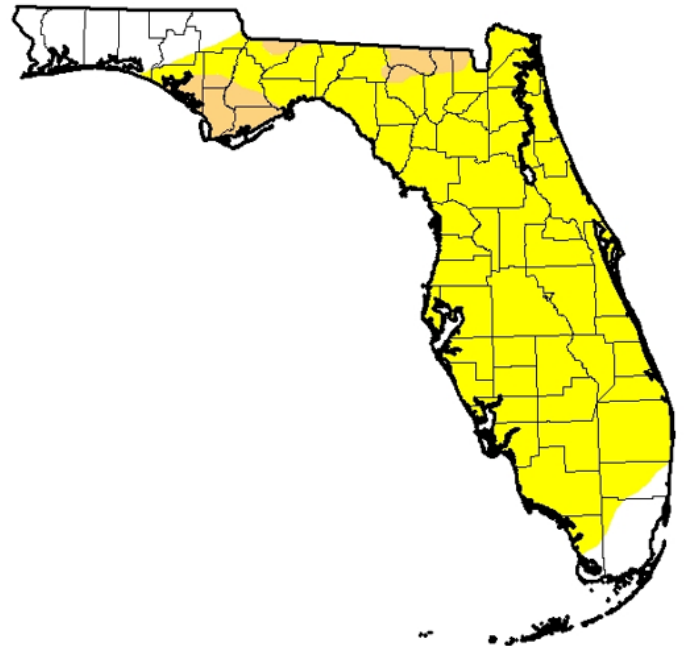
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	43	46	4
Pasture & Range...	6	24	41	26	3

Precipitation (in)  
1/2/2017 - 1/8/2017



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<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>