



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 15, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations, including Alachua (Alachua County), Carrabelle (Franklin County), and Sebring (Highlands County) to 0.4 inches in Kenansville (Osceola County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 54.7°F in Bronson (Levy County) to 71.4°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Another dry week had most of the state experiencing abnormally dry conditions. Lower temperatures and frost appeared in some counties in the Panhandle and northern parts of the state.

**Citrus**

Temperatures were average or above almost all week with highs in the upper 70s on most days. Cooler nighttime temperatures early in the week were in the 40s in most citrus producing counties. Rainfall was relatively non-existent. Only two of eighteen monitored stations had more than a tenth of an inch of rainfall; several stations did not record any rainfall. Canals and ditches are low due to the lack of widespread rainfall over the past few months. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated January 10th, 2017, abnormally dry conditions are present in the complete citrus growing region.

Sunburst tangerine harvest is about over for the season and packing houses are moving to Honey and Royal tangerines. Mid-season oranges are being harvested for the fresh market. Valencia oranges are improving in quality, size and color, and are on the verge of being ready for harvest. Grapefruit shipments are strong 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
	Jan 1, 2017	Jan 8, 2017	Jan 15, 2017	Jan 17, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	2,731	2,892	*	4,115
Ambersweet .....	0	0	*	0
Navel oranges.....	28	14	*	9
White grapefruit.....	39	59	*	83
Red grapefruit .....	202	193	*	335
Tangelos.....	13	21	*	18
Sunburst tangerines	20	21	*	5
Honey tangerines.	0	5	*	7
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>3,205</b>	*	<b>4,572</b>

\*Current numbers not available at time of publication. Check <http://citrusadministrativecommittee.org/bulletins/reports.html> for the most recent report.

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Foggy morning conditions are keeping some diseases active in vegetable crops in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties. Late blight has been reported on tomatoes in Collier County. Watermelons and spring crops are being planted in multiple counties. Cabbage planting activities continue in Orange County. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, collards, eggplant, green beans, kale, malanga, mustard, pepper, squash, sweet corn, Swiss chard, tomato, zucchini, and other tropical fruits.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pasture quality continues to decline slightly as dry conditions persist. In addition to dryness, frost was reported as a contributing factor to poor pasture conditions in Dixie and Pasco Counties. Cattle are on supplemental feeding in Okeechobee, Pasco, and St. Lucie Counties.

**Field Crops**

Reports of frost and temperatures below freezing came in from Pasco and Suwannee Counties. Growers in Suwannee County are preparing their fields to plant spring potatoes.

Sugarcane harvest continues in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

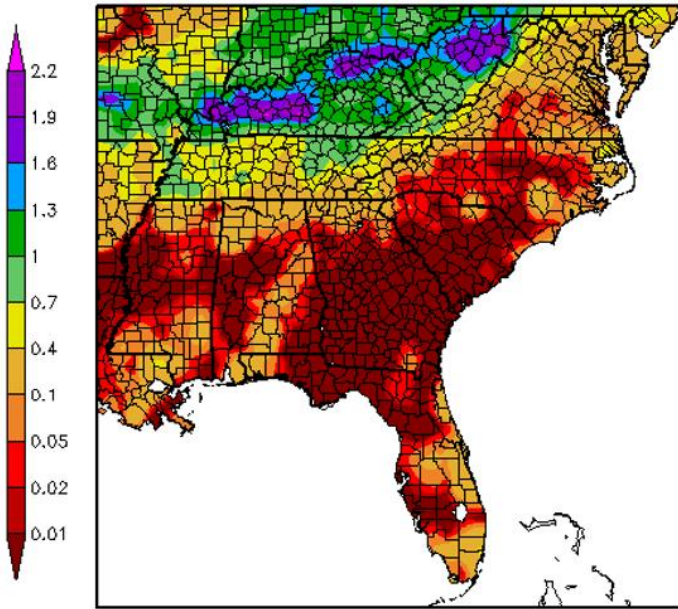
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/15/17**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	10	10	3
Short .....	36	36	29
Adequate .....	46	45	61
Surplus .....	8	9	7

**Condition for week ending 1/15/17**

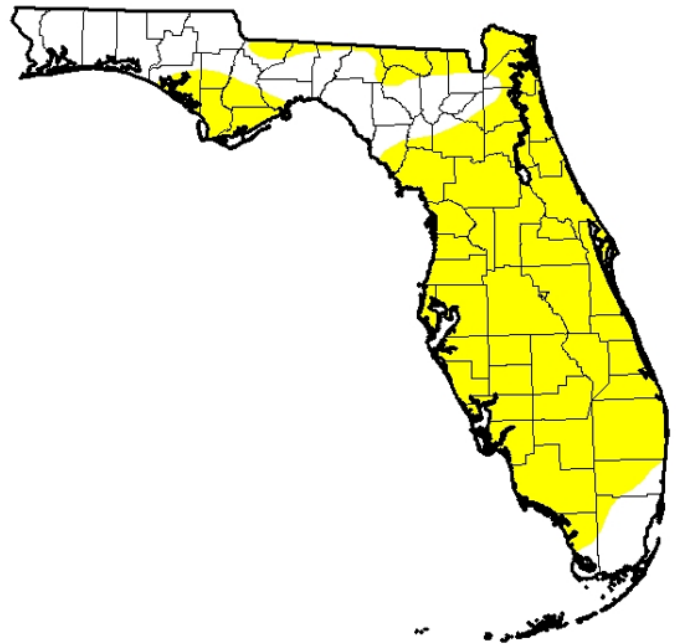
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	7	44	44	4
Pasture & Range...	8	24	40	25	3

Precipitation (in)  
1/9/2017 - 1/15/2017



Generated 1/17/17 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>