



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 29, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Hastings (St. Johns County) to 1.29 inches in Immokalee (Collier County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 52.0°F in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 67.6°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). While the majority of central and southern counties continue to experience abnormally dry conditions, the Panhandle and northern counties have received enough rainfall to return them to an adequate level of moisture.

**Citrus**

A cold front swept through the state last week, dropping nightly temperatures into the low to mid 40s. High temperatures ranged from the high 70s to low 80s across the citrus growing counties. Little rain fell across the citrus growing area last week, with most monitored stations recorded less than an inch of precipitation. Immokalee (Collier County) received the most, with 1.29 inches of rainfall. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated January 24th, 2017, abnormally dry conditions held throughout the citrus growing region.

Honey and Royal tangerines were harvested for the fresh market, but supplies remained tight. Mid season oranges showed steadily improving internal quality. Valencia orange harvest for the fresh market increased, though quantities remained low. Grapefruit shipments were strong with fruit quality holding well.

Growers continued to battle greening by replacing dead and dying trees. Spraying groves with newly approved antibiotics was also widespread. Other grove activity included hedging, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Frequent irrigation continued due to the prolonged dry conditions. Bloom has begun statewide.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

| Crop                       | For week ending |              |              | Previous Year |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                            | Jan 15, 2017    | Jan 22, 2017 | Jan 29, 2017 | Jan 31, 2016  |
|                            | (boxes)         | (boxes)      | (boxes)      | (boxes)       |
| Early and Mid-oranges..... | 3,598           | 2,906        | 2,891        | 3,389         |
| Valencias .....            | 0               | 12           | 37           | 56            |
| Navel oranges.....         | 9               | 9            | 5            | 4             |
| White grapefruit.....      | 163             | 89           | 81           | 112           |
| Red grapefruit .....       | 300             | 289          | 355          | 451           |
| Temples.....               | 0               | 0            | 7            | 9             |
| Tangelos.....              | 42              | 15           | 13           | 26            |
| Sunburst tangerines        | 30              | 22           | 5            | 475           |
| Honey tangerines.          | 16              | 22           | 23           | 35            |
| <b>Total .....</b>         | <b>4,158</b>    | <b>3,364</b> | <b>3,417</b> | <b>4,027</b>  |

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Strawberry activities in Hillsborough County will begin to slow down due to the cooler weather. Broccoli, cabbage and leafy greens are being planted and harvested in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, celery, collards, eggplant, green beans, kale, malanga, mustard, pepper, radishes, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, Swiss chard, tomato, zucchini, and other tropical fruits.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pasture quality continues its seasonal decline. Cattle remain in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Cattle producers are feeding supplements to off-set short pastures in Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Indian River, Lee, and St. Lucie Counties.

**Field Crops**

Farmers reported planting cover crops this week in Dixie and Suwannee Counties. Rye and oats are being harvested for haylage in Lafayette County. Potato planting activities continued in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Sugarcane fields continue to be harvested on schedule in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/29/17

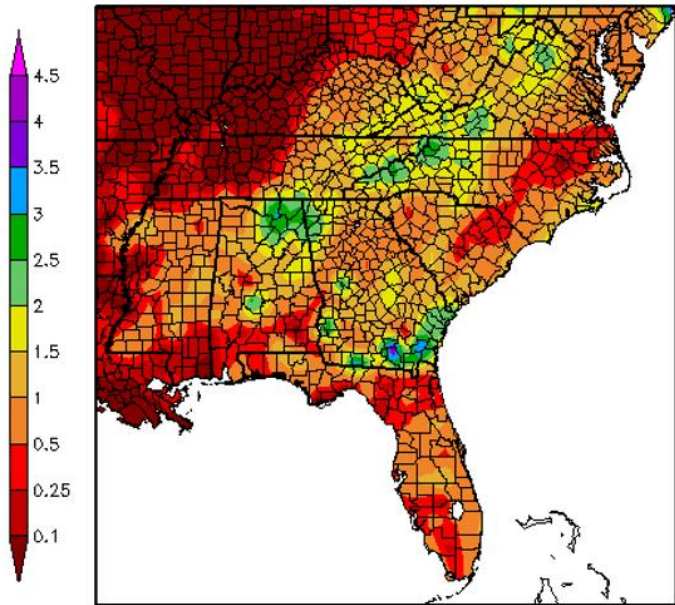
| Topsoil          | This week | Previous week | 5 year avg |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
|                  | (percent) | (percent)     | (percent)  |
| Very short ..... | 6         | 11            | 2          |
| Short .....      | 35        | 37            | 28         |
| Adequate .....   | 51        | 44            | 59         |
| Surplus.....     | 8         | 8             | 11         |

### Condition for week ending 1/29/17

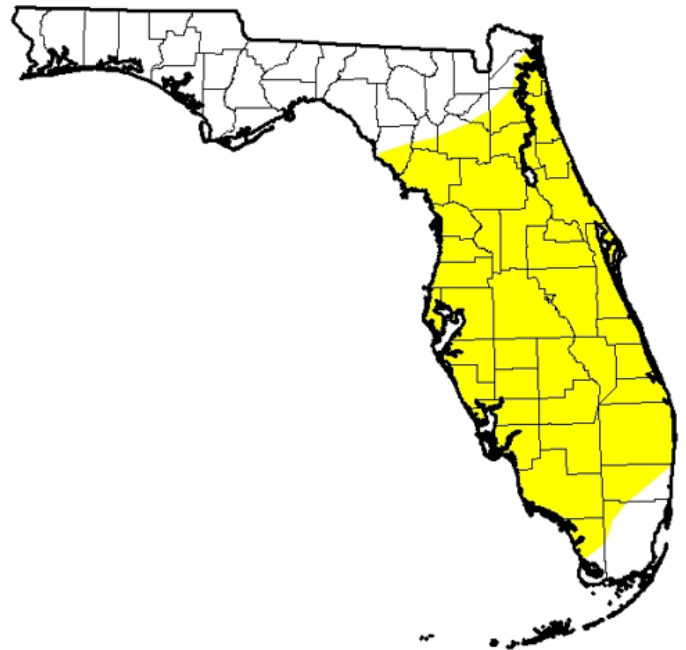
| Crop               | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                    | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle.....        | 1         | 10        | 42        | 43        | 4         |
| Pasture & Range... | 7         | 29        | 38        | 23        | 3         |

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Precipitation (in)  
1/23/2017 - 1/29/2017



Generated 1/30/17 at HPRCC using provisional data. Regional Climate Centers.  
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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