



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, April 16, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple parts of the state to 2.58 inches in Key West (Monroe County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 65.0°F in Olustee (Baker County) to 77.0°F in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Dry conditions persist; much of the state is need of rainfall.

**Citrus**

Daily temperatures in the citrus regions were average or slightly above average for this time of the year. Most of the monitored citrus stations had highs in the low to mid 80s all week. The highest temperature recorded was 88°F in Clermont (Lake County). Plant City (Hillsborough County) and Sebring (Highlands County) both had one day at 87°F. Rainfall was very light in the citrus growing region. Only Vero Beach (Indian River County) and Ft. Pierce (St. Lucie County) had more than a tenth of an inch of rainfall. According to the April 11, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions continue to worsen. With the exception of the most northern portion of the citrus growing area, the entire citrus region is in severe drought.

Valencia oranges are the only variety with a significant amount of harvest left. All other varieties have finished for the season, or are winding down. Some plants continue to struggle with maturity levels on the later season oranges. Weekly fresh fruit harvest has been about two percent of the harvested crop for the past couple of weeks. The remainder of the crop is going to the processing plants.

Next season’s crop is in various stages, from as small as pea size to as large as golf ball size. Ditches and canals are dry in many areas due to the lack of rainfall over the past several months. Trees in well cared for and well irrigated groves still look good. Other grove activity included spraying, hedging, fertilizing and general grove maintenance.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

| Crop                       | For week ending |              |              | Previous Year |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                            | Apr 2, 2017     | Apr 9, 2017  | Apr 16, 2017 | Apr 10, 2016  |
|                            | (boxes)         | (boxes)      | (boxes)      | (boxes)       |
| Early and Mid-oranges..... | 11              | 1            | 1            | 0             |
| Valencia oranges .....     | 3,333           | 3,060        | 3,482        | 4,026         |
| Navel oranges.....         | 0               | 0            | 0            | 0             |
| White grapefruit.....      | 28              | 31           | 31           | 1             |
| Red grapefruit .....       | 41              | 12           | 21           | 68            |
| Tangelos .....             | 0               | 0            | 0            | 0             |
| Temples.....               | 21              | 19           | 3            | 0             |
| Sunburst tangerines ..     | 0               | 0            | 0            | 0             |
| Honey tangerines .....     | 42              | 12           | 6            | 20            |
| <b>Total .....</b>         | <b>3,476</b>    | <b>3,135</b> | <b>3,544</b> | <b>4,115</b>  |

<http://www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org/bulletins/reports.html>

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Cabbage and leafy greens are being harvested in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Blueberry harvest continues in Glades County. Hot, dry conditions and an unseasonably warm winter has resulted in extremely high white fly pressure in a variety of vegetable crops. A wide variety of crops continue coming to market.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures remain dry and unable to provide sufficient grazing throughout the state. Producers in many parts of the state are having hay and water shipped in. Cattle remain in mostly fair condition.

**Field Crops**

Field corn planting is ongoing in Flagler, Jefferson, Putnam, and Walton Counties. Potato harvesting was reported in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Sugarcane harvest is winding down in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/16/17

| Topsoil          | This week | Previous week | 5 year avg |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
|                  | (percent) | (percent)     | (percent)  |
| Very short ..... | 21        | 19            | 6          |
| Short .....      | 43        | 41            | 26         |
| Adequate .....   | 32        | 35            | 61         |
| Surplus.....     | 4         | 5             | 7          |

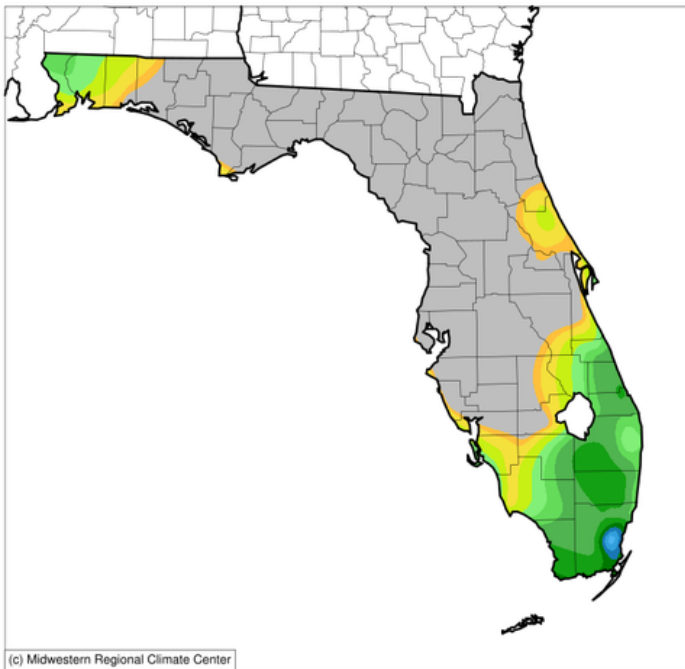
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/16/17

| Crop stage             | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                        | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent)  |
| Cotton - Planted ..... | 1         | NA        | NA        | NA         |
| Peanuts - Planted..... | 8         | NA        | 5         | 2          |

### Condition for week ending 4/16/17

| Crop               | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                    | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle.....        | 1         | 14        | 42        | 39        | 4         |
| Pasture & range... | 5         | 42        | 37        | 13        | 3         |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
April 10, 2017 to April 16, 2017



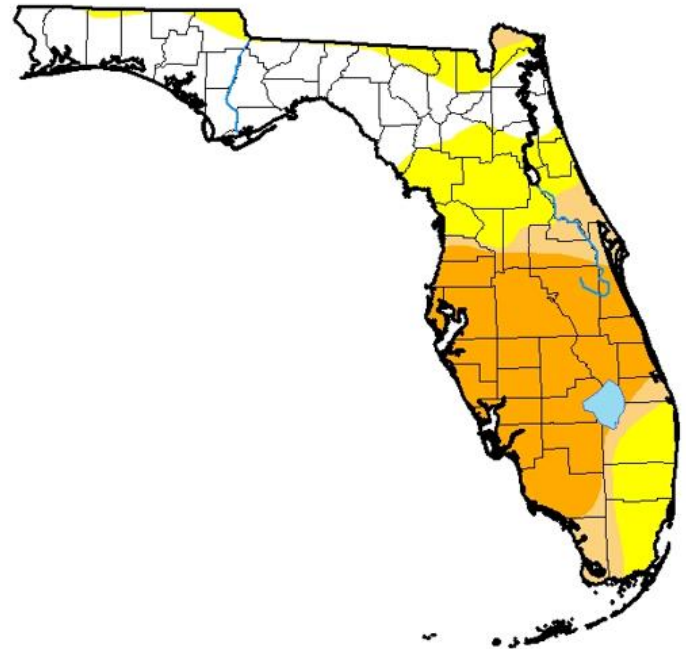
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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



#### Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>