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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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 7, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple parts of the state to 3.95 inches in Gonzalez (Escambia County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 80.4°F in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) to 65.1°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County). Some much needed rainfall was received in many areas across the state. While not enough to relieve drought conditions, it was still beneficial for field crop plantings and pastures.

Citrus

Daily temperatures in the citrus region were about average for this time of the year, with a couple of warmer than average days early in the week. Although daily highs were in the mid-70s to upper 80s much of the week, some stations recorded high temperatures in the low to high 90s. The highest temperature recorded was 98°F in Mountain Lake (Polk County). Stations in Collier County and Lake County had at least one day at 96°F. For the first time in several weeks, some of the monitored rain stations recorded significant rainfall. Clewiston (Hendry County) had 2.65 inches, and Vero Beach (Indian River County) had 2.46 inches of rainfall. There was still a majority of stations recording less than an inch of rainfall for the week. According to the May 2, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, Highlands County in the Central citrus production area, and portions of each of its surrounding counties are in an extreme drought condition. The remainder of the citrus region is in severe drought.

Valencia oranges are the only variety being harvested in significant quantity at this point. Weekly certifications for the past several weeks have averaged just over 3.30 million boxes, down about 500,000 boxes from last season’s weekly utilization. All other varieties are relatively over for the season.

Ditches and canals are dry in all areas due to the lack of rainfall since before the beginning of the year.

Growers are irrigating regularly in well cared for groves. Activity in the groves has slowed down. Some caretakers are still hedging after harvest. Other grove activity included replanting and general grove maintenance.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Apr 23, 2017	Apr 30, 2017	May 7, 2017	May 8, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	0	0	0	0
Valencia oranges	3,134	3,384	2,815	3,007
Navel oranges.....	0	0	0	0
White grapefruit.....	10	4	3	0
Red grapefruit	8	8	3	1
Tangelos.....	0	0	0	0
Temples.....	0	1	0	0
Sunburst tangerines..	0	0	0	0
Honey tangerines.....	5	4	4	8
Total	3,157	3,401	2,825	3,016

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Cabbage and leafy greens continue to be harvested in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Strawberries and squash were harvested in Bradford County. Vegetable season is winding down with some crops finished off by disease and heavy insect pressures from whiteflies, weevils, and thrips. Growers are cleaning up harvested fields. Sweet corn remains to be harvested in multiple counties. A wide variety of crops continue coming to market.

Livestock and Pastures

The rainfall this week slightly improved pasture quality in several counties, but there are still many ranchers who continue to feed hay and haul water. Pasture planting activities were reported in Jackson County. Cattle remain in mostly fair and good condition.

Field Crops

Cotton and peanut planting progressed well this week with some additional soil moisture in Okaloosa and Washington Counties. Potatoes in Suwannee County are looking good after the frost from a few weeks ago, and continue to be harvested in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Sugarcane harvest continues to wind down in Glades and Hendry Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/07/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	23	36	6
Short	41	37	33
Adequate	33	27	57
Surplus	3	0	4

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/07/17

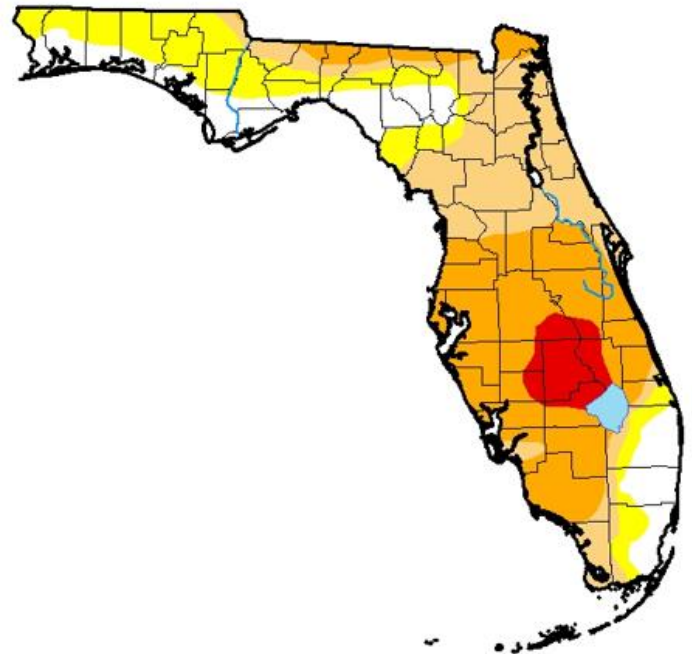
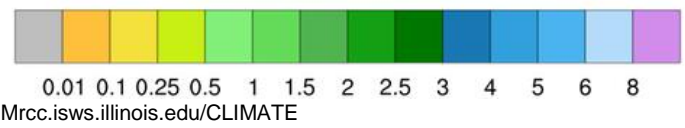
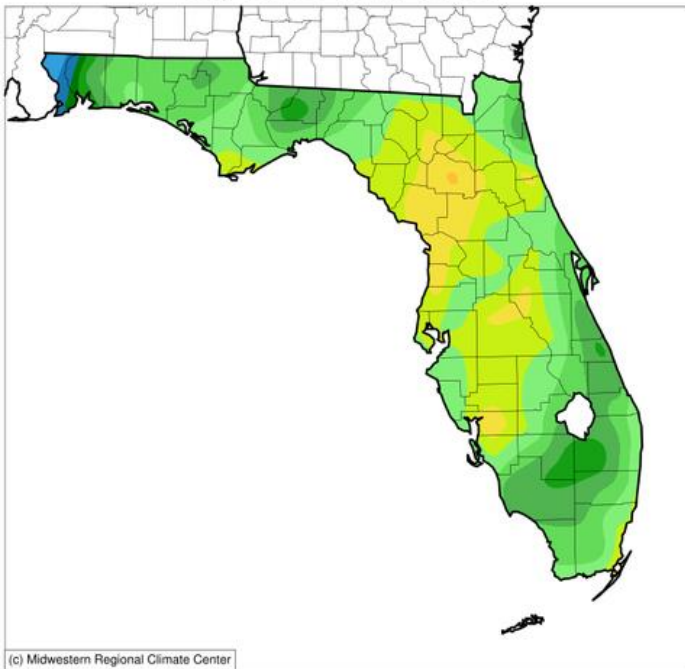
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	21	10	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted	32	20	43	33

Condition for week ending 05/07/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	2	19	45	31	3
Pasture & range	7	38	44	10	1

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 01, 2017 to May 07, 2017



Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>