



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, July 16, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.02 inches in Whiting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 7.4 inches in Miami (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78.8°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 85.9°F in St. Petersburg (Pinellas County). Multiple reporters commented this week that the rainfall seems to have returned to normal summertime patterns. Pastures were recovering from the drought conditions experienced earlier this year.

## Citrus

Daily temperatures across the citrus region were about average, with most days in the lower 90s. Mt. Plymouth (Lake County) and Labelle (Hendry County) both had temperatures reaching 95°F. Nearly all areas received significant rainfall during the week. Several stations had more than two inches. The most recorded rainfall was in Lisbon (Lake County) at 4.21 inches, followed by Arcadia (Desoto County) at 3.97 inches. According to the July 11, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Growers are fertilizing, herbiciding, and spraying for HLB. They are busy taking care of young healthy trees bearing fruit for next season's crop. Older non-productive trees are being ignored or pushed. Caretakers are performing general grove maintenance on the groves, and taking care of pathways by grading grove roads. The fruit and trees look good in well cared for groves, showing good signs of growth. Canals and ditches have ample water for irrigation.

## Fruits and Vegetables

Producers in Jackson County are harvesting vegetables. The melon harvest in Jackson County is nearly done. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, and tropical fruit.

## Livestock and Pastures

There were reports of chinch bugs in several pastures in Okeechobee County. The summer rains have benefitted pastures throughout the state. Many pastures have returned to green. Cattle in Brevard, Indian River, and St. Lucie Counties could be seen huddling under shade trees in the afternoon hours. Cattle and pasture conditions are generally good throughout the state.

## Field Crops

Hay harvesting activities, as well as corn harvested for grain and silage were reported in Dixie County. Tobacco and silage were harvested this week in Lafayette County. The rain this week delayed some fieldwork and hay cutting in Holmes, Suwannee, and Volusia Counties. Hay and haylage were cut this week in Jackson County.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/16/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0	1
Short .....	13	11	13
Adequate .....	76	76	68
Surplus.....	11	13	18

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/16/17

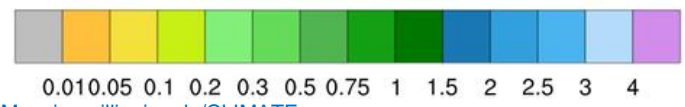
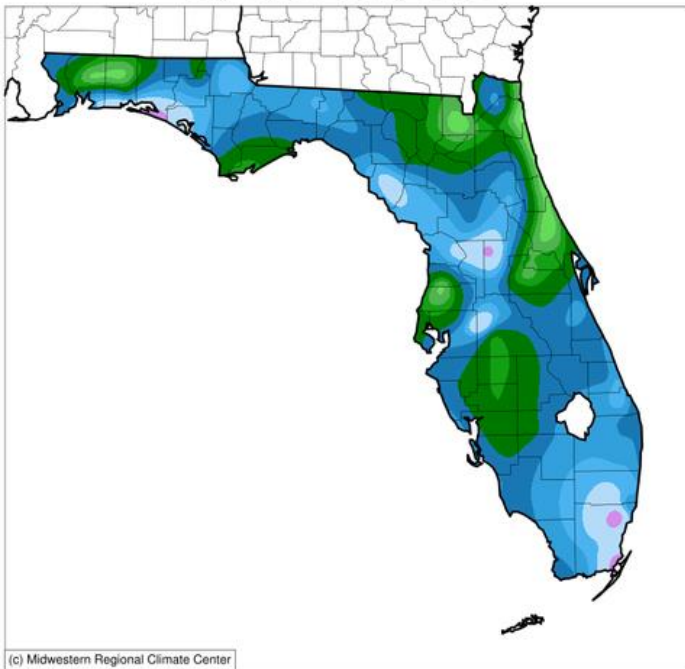
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	77	69	NA	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	27	8	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	74	66	84	76

### Condition for week ending 07/16/17

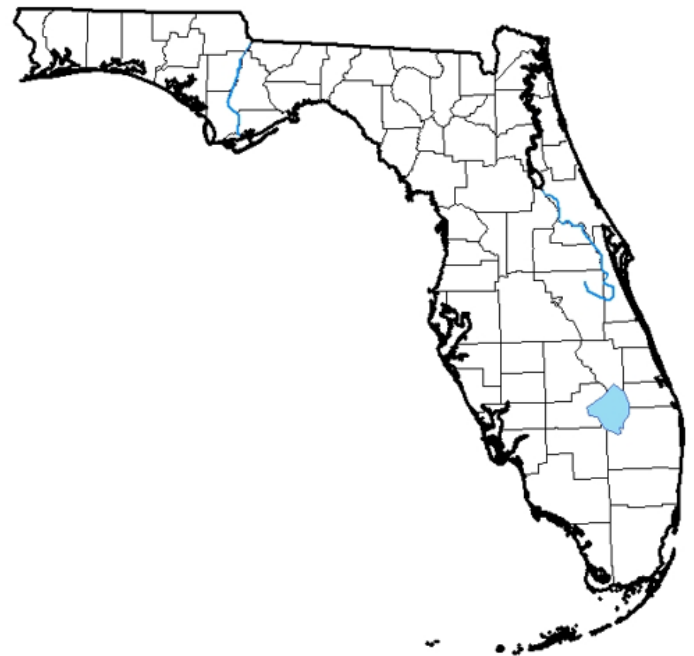
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	27	58	8
Cotton.....	3	15	34	32	16
Pasture & range....	1	8	25	54	12
Peanuts.....	1	4	14	70	11

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

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



[Mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE](http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE)



#### Intensity:

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

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