



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 23, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Duck Key (Monroe County) to 10.98 inches in Gainesville (Alachua County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78.8°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 86.6°F in Key West (Monroe County).

### Citrus

Daily temperatures across the citrus region were mostly average or below. Most days were in the upper 80s and lower 90s. The central and northern areas had the highest temperatures. Clermont (Lake County) and Bartow (Polk County) both had temperatures reaching 97°F. All areas received significant rainfall during the week. Most southern area stations and stations along the Indian River had between one and two inches of rainfall, while most stations in the northern area had slightly more. The most rainfall came to the central area. Both Lakeland (Polk County) and Kenansville (Osceola County) had just over six inches of rainfall for the week. According to the July 18, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Growers are busy with spray programs, replanting, and fertilizing. Most are taking care of young healthy trees bearing fruit for next season's crop. Older, non-productive trees are being ignored or pushed. Field workers are reporting good quality on fruit in groves being managed for the fresh market. Caretakers are performing general grove maintenance on the groves and taking care of pathways by grading grove roads. Canals and ditches have ample water for irrigation.

### Fruits and Vegetables

Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, callaloo, malanga, mango, okra, and tropical fruit.

### Livestock and Pastures

Pastures have been growing well with plenty of rainfall throughout most of the state. Pastures in St. Lucie are in the best condition they have been in months. Cattle are being fed in the mornings and seeking shade in the afternoons in Brevard and Indian River Counties. Cattle are in generally good condition.

### Field Crops

Hay cutting has been difficult or delayed due to wet weather in Dixie, Lafayette, Osceola, Suwannee, Taylor, Volusia, and Walton Counties. Hay fields in St. Lucie County are waiting to be cut or round baled. Ranchers and dairy farmers in Okeechobee County are baling hay and putting up silage and round silage bales. Peanuts are progressing well and looking good in Jackson County. Sugarcane is reaching average heights for this time of year.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/23/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0	1
Short .....	11	13	13
Adequate .....	72	76	69
Surplus.....	17	11	17

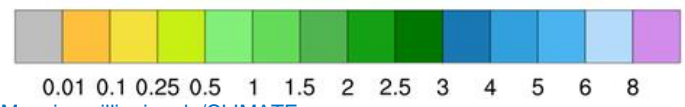
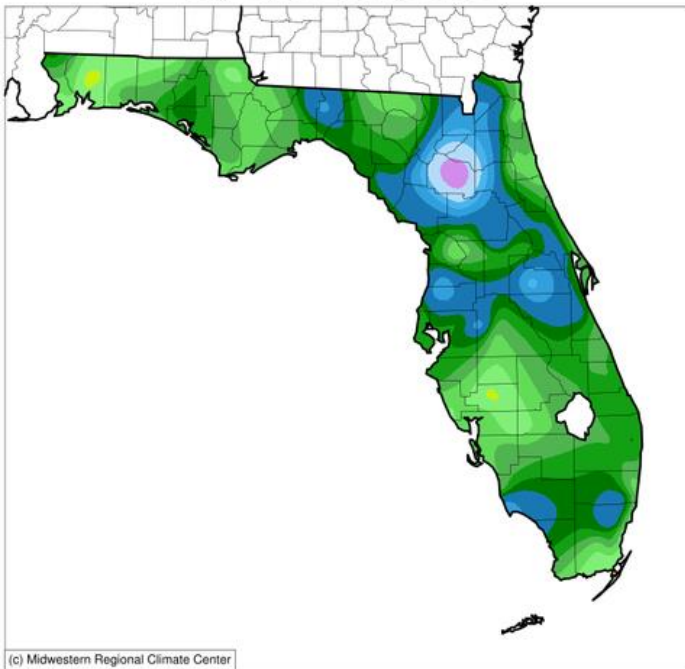
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/23/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	92	77	NA	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	55	27	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	81	74	93	84

### Condition for week ending 07/23/17

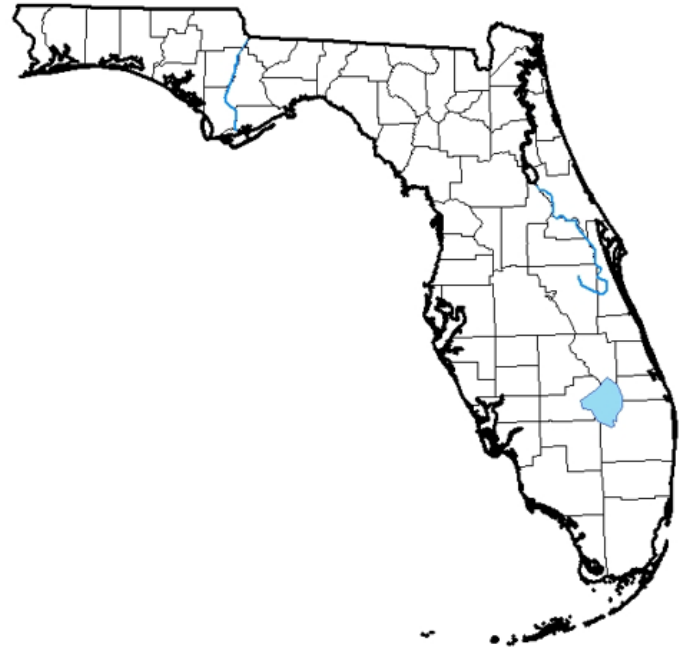
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	30	56	7
Cotton.....	3	13	31	42	11
Pasture & range....	1	9	24	54	12
Peanuts.....	1	4	14	66	15

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
July 17, 2017 to July 23, 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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