



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 30, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Duck Key (Monroe County) to 5.38 inches in Mayport (Duval County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 79.3°F in Bell (Gilchrist County) to 86.9°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County). Although the moisture this week prevented several hay producers in central Florida from cutting and baling, it proved beneficial to pastures and field crops.

Citrus

Daily temperatures across the citrus region were seasonally warm all week. Almost all monitored stations had temperatures in the mid to upper 90s. Lake, Polk, Hardee and Hendry Counties all had at least one station reaching 97°F. All areas received rainfall during the week; most stations received less than an inch. The most rainfall received was in Zephyrhills (Pasco County) at 1.83 inches. Plant City (Hillsborough County) received 1.37 inches of rainfall. According to the July 25, 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. Mowing is being conducted on as needed basis, with some growers allowing the grass to get higher than normal. Caretakers were irrigating lightly due to less than normal rainfall over the past week.

Fruits and Vegetables

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

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures in Brevard and Indian River Counties are green from daily rainfall, and the cattle in these counties seem to be thinning out. Some ranchers in Okeechobee County are shipping cattle. Cattle are in generally good condition.

Field Crops

Hay cutting was delayed or made difficult due to wet weather again this week in Levy, Osceola, Taylor, and Volusia Counties. Hay fields were cut this week in Gilchrist and Jackson Counties. Cotton producers in Washington County noted that it was too wet to apply nitrogen applications. Corn for grain is beginning to dry, and tobacco was harvested this week in Suwannee County. Some sorghum was planted this week in Lafayette County. Sugarcane continues to progress normally for this time of year.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/30/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	2
Short	11	11	15
Adequate	71	72	69
Surplus.....	18	17	14

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/30/17

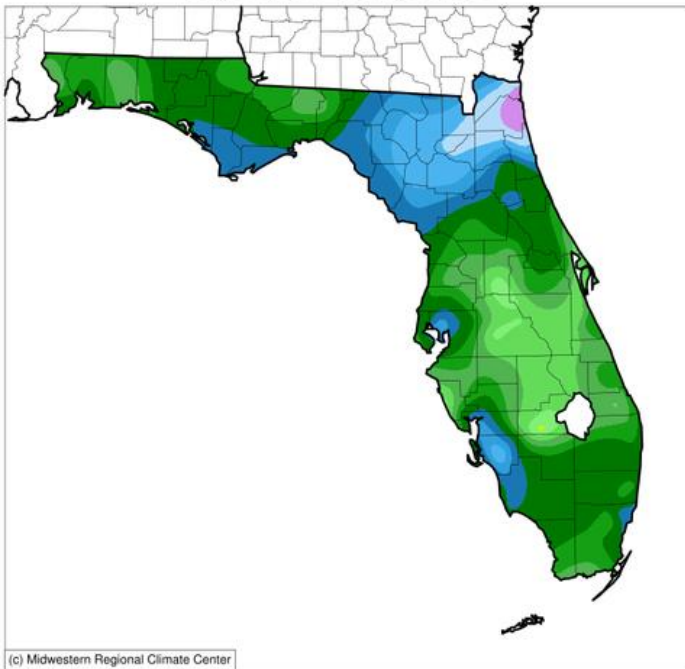
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	93	92	NA	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	84	55	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	91	81	96	91

Condition for week ending 07/30/17

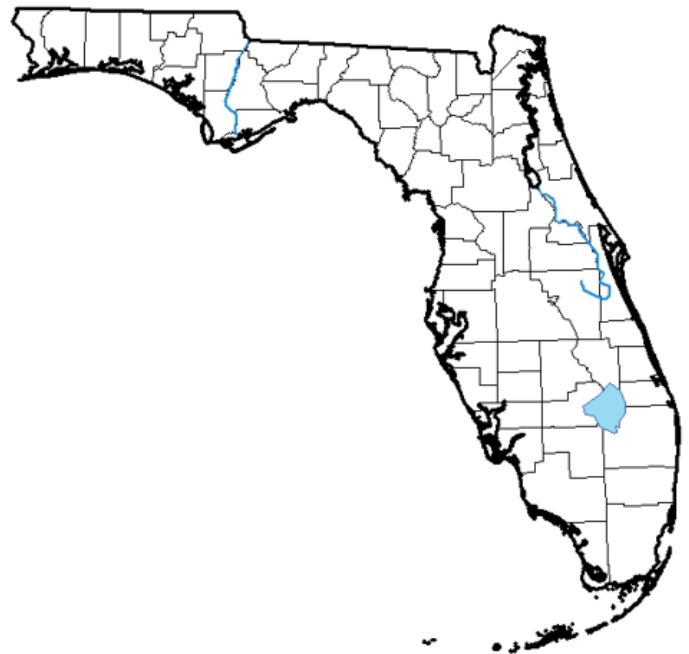
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	21	68	6
Cotton.....	1	8	24	53	14
Pasture & range....	1	6	20	62	11
Peanuts.....	1	3	18	47	31

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 24, 2017 to July 30, 2017



0.01 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.5 0.75 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 4
Mrcs.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE



Intensity:

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

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