



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, August 20, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts to 5.05 inches in Archbold (Highlands County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78°F in Bell (Gilchrist County) to 87.2°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

Daily temperatures across the citrus region continued to be seasonally warm. Most areas had highs in the mid-90s on all days. Plant City (Hillsborough County) recorded the highest temperature, at 97°F. Rainfall in the citrus area generally followed the seasonal pattern of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Monitored stations received varying amounts of precipitation for the week, ranging from 2.19 inches in Lakeland (Polk County) to 0.51 inches near Tampa (Hillsborough County). According to the August 15, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region remained drought free.

Growers maintained spray programs, fertilizing, and herbiciding. Tree removal continued in all areas, with growers resetting young trees as they are able. Mowing occurred infrequently. Irrigation measures were employed as necessary. Next season's crop looks good in well cared for groves. Oranges are about golf ball size to baseball size; grapefruits are baseball to softball size.

Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetable growers in southern Florida continue to prepare land and lay plastic. Okra and southern peas were harvested in Bradford County. Crops planted include bitter melon, boniato, malanga, and okra. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, and tropical fruit.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality continues to be in mostly good condition throughout the state. Rainfall and warm temperatures are keeping pastures green and growing. Too much moisture has become a concern in Bradford County where the hooves on some livestock are getting soft. Cattle also remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

A drier week allowed for some hay to be cut this week in Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Osceola, Taylor, and Walton Counties. It was still too wet to cut hay in Volusia County. Tobacco harvesting activities were reported in Columbia and Lafayette Counties. Peanut harvesting has begun, or will very soon in Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, and Jackson Counties. Some producers in Jackson County expressed concern about disease pressure due to the wet weather. Sugarcane growers are preparing land for new plantings and will begin planting next month in Charlotte, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/20/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	1
Short	7	4	8
Adequate	77	78	67
Surplus.....	16	18	24

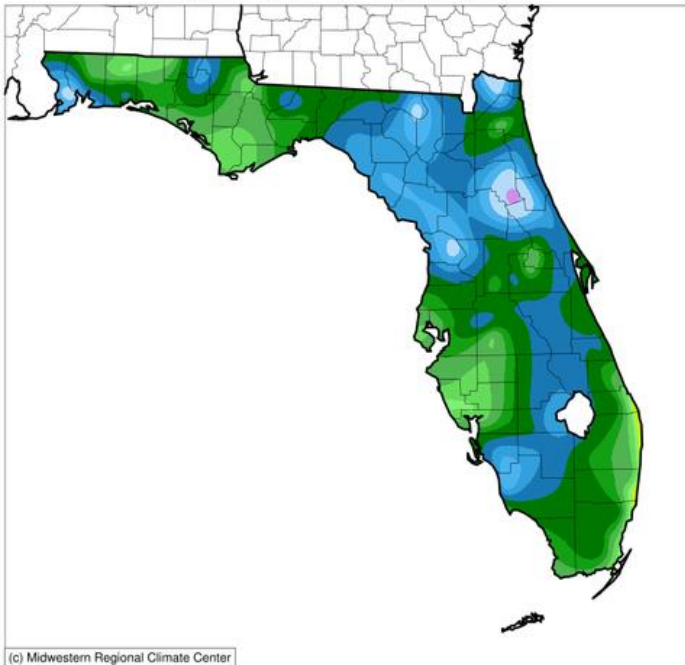
Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/20/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	94	87	NA	NA
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	20	1	NA	NA

Condition for week ending 08/20/17

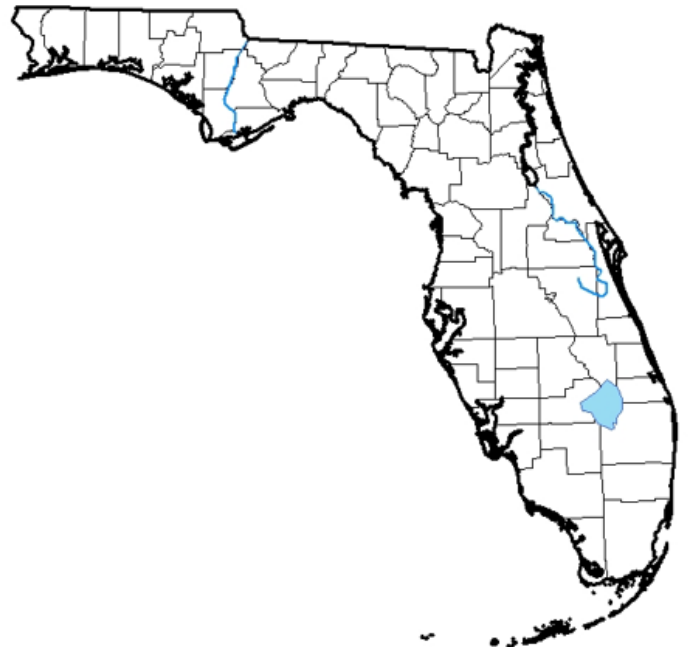
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	16	70	11
Cotton.....	1	10	24	52	13
Pasture & range....	1	6	15	60	18
Peanuts.....	1	4	13	56	26

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 14, 2017 to August 20, 2017



0.01 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.5 0.75 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 4
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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>