



United States Department of Agriculture
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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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 3, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain to 10.11 inches in Tarpon Springs (Pinellas County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78.1°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 86.2°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Daily temperatures across the citrus region were about average. All monitored stations had highs reaching the lower to mid-90s. Lake Alfred (Polk County) and Sebring (Highlands County) both recorded at least one day at 98°F. Rainfall totals were just over historical averages for this time of the year. The central, western, and northern areas had the most rainfall. Lakeland (Polk County) had 4.42 inches of rainfall for the week. Dover (Hillsborough County) and Pasco (Dade County) each had about 3.50 inches of rainfall. According to the August 29, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Growers continued spray programs as weather permitted. Mowing is taking place in well cared for groves. Canals in most areas have sufficient water for irrigation. With generally good fruit sets and decent sized fruit, growers are optimistic about the new season's crop. Oranges are about golf ball to baseball size; grapefruit are baseball to softball size. Harvest is just a couple weeks away on early oranges and grapefruit.

Fruits and Vegetables

A drying trend in southern Florida helped vegetable growers get back on track with land prep and planting. Localized flooding, mostly in southwest Florida along the Gulf Coast, did not affect growers who had the ability to use pumps to remove water from fields and groves. Leafy greens and sweet corn producers in Palm Beach County may start planting within the next few weeks. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, and tropical fruit.

Livestock and Pastures

Overall, pasture quality remains in mostly good condition throughout the state. Pastures in St. Lucie County looked good this week, although some were actually under water from too much rain. Cattle herds in Brevard and Indian River Counties were reported to be thin where some pastures are flooded. The cattle in Gilchrist and St. Lucie Counties looked good this week. Cattle remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Peanut producers in Dixie County are trying to harvest as many peanuts as possible before severe weather hits. Peanut harvesting activities were also reported in Jackson and Madison Counties. Reporters in Levy County noted the rain has been negatively impacting peanut health and harvesting activities. Hay supply and quality have been low in Jackson and Taylor Counties due to the wetness. The frequent rain in Volusia County has made hay cutting difficult. Sugarcane continues to mature nicely in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 9/03/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1	1
Short	5	7	10
Adequate	69	69	65
Surplus.....	26	23	24

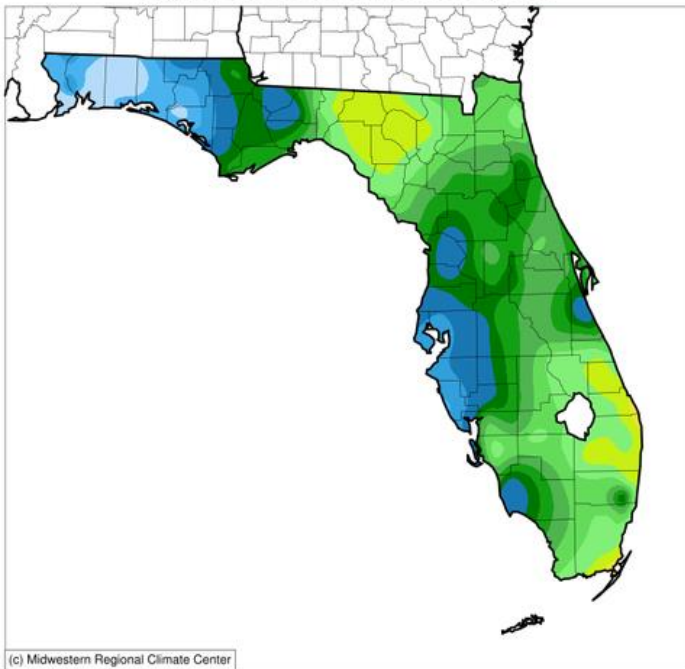
Crop Progress for Week Ending 9/03/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	98	97	NA	NA
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	42	29	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	7	1	8	10

Condition for week ending 9/03/17

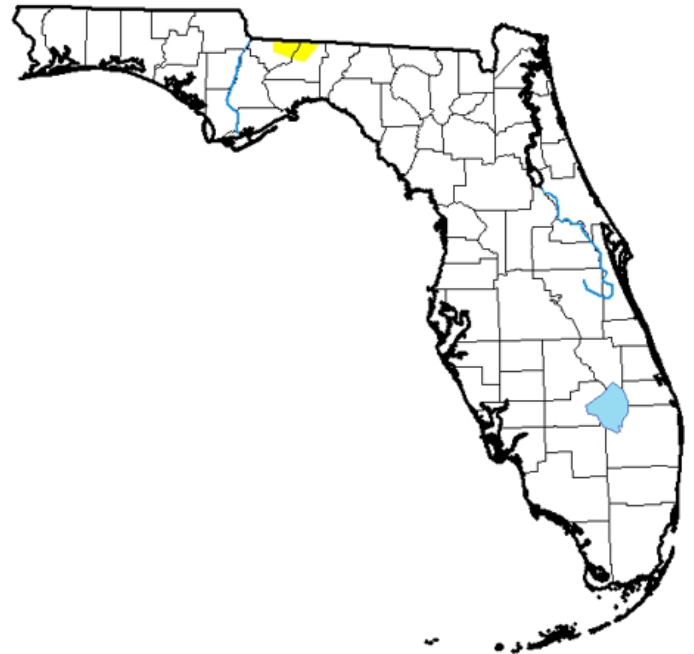
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	16	64	18
Cotton.....	2	10	27	46	15
Pasture & range....	0	4	16	61	19
Peanuts.....	0	4	13	57	26

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 28, 2017 to September 03, 2017



0.01 0.1 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 4 5 6 8
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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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