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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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 8, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain to 9.52 inches in Melbourne Beach (Brevard County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 75.2°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 84.9°F in Key Biscayne (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

The citrus region had slightly cooler than normal temperatures for this time of the year. Most weekly averages were in the mid-80s. Moore Haven (Glades County) recorded the highest daily temperature at 94°F.

Nearly all counties in the citrus region recorded some rainfall. The Indian River region had the heaviest rainfall. Vero Beach (Indian River County) received 5.53 inches of rainfall. Labelle (Hendry County) in the southern area had less than two inches, and Arcadia (Desoto County) in the western area had just over an inch of rainfall. According to the October 5, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Normal grove operations were underway in all areas. Field workers observed spraying, mowing and general grove maintenance. Canals and ditches have sufficient water for irrigation. Limited harvesting for the fresh market was taking place on Fallglo tangerines, Ambersweet and Hamlin oranges, and red and white grapefruit. A couple of processing plants opened to take packinghouse eliminations.

Fruits and Vegetables

Producers in Bradford County reported planting broccoli, cabbage, and collards. Many vegetable growers are re-laying plastic and replanting crops lost to Hurricane Irma. Producers in Palm Beach County reported that pepper and tomato transplants are commonly infected with bacterial leaf spot, and that root rot is common in beans. Crops coming to market this week include bitter melon, boniato, malanga, okra, tomato, and sweet corn.

Livestock and Pastures

More rain this week had many acres of pasture under water causing some producers in Okeechobee County to begin feeding supplements early. Cattle in St. Lucie County look mostly good, but many are seen standing in water. Many pastures throughout the state have been under water for a month now. Pasture condition is declining both seasonally, and due the excess rainfall.

Field Crops

Peanut harvest is well underway in Washington County. Too much moisture has producers concerned about peanut losses and poor quality in Dixie, Jackson, Gilchrist, Holmes, Suwannee, and Washington Counties. Some cotton damage from heavy wind and rains was reported in Washington County. Producers in Walton County are planting oats, rye, and wheat for winter forage. Heavy rains and flooding shut down sugarcane harvest this week in Glades and Hendry Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/8/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	2	1
Short.....	9	13	12
Adequate	41	46	69
Surplus	49	39	18

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/8/17

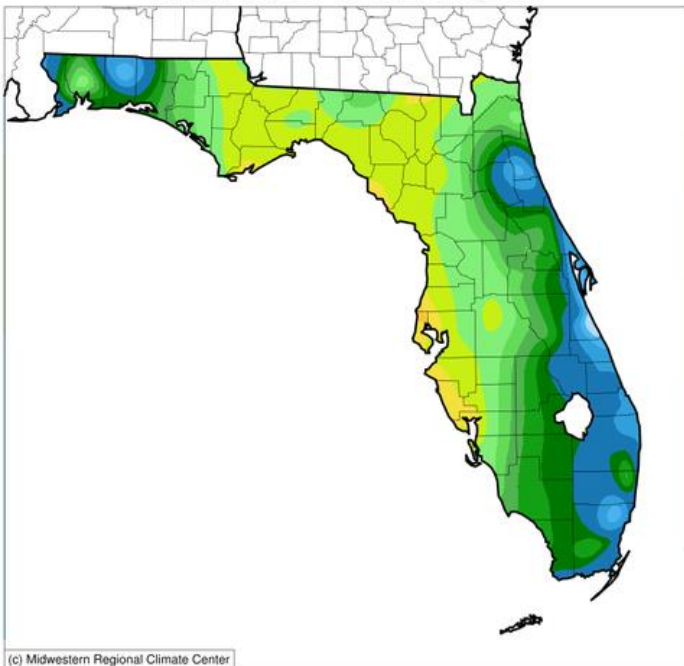
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	75	70	NA	NA
Cotton - Harvested.....	5	4	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	74	60	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	62	42	67	56

Condition for Week Ending 10/8/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	5	15	62	16
Cotton.....	4	8	29	48	11
Pasture & range....	2	11	31	52	4
Peanuts.....	9	20	22	38	11

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 02, 2017 to October 08, 2017

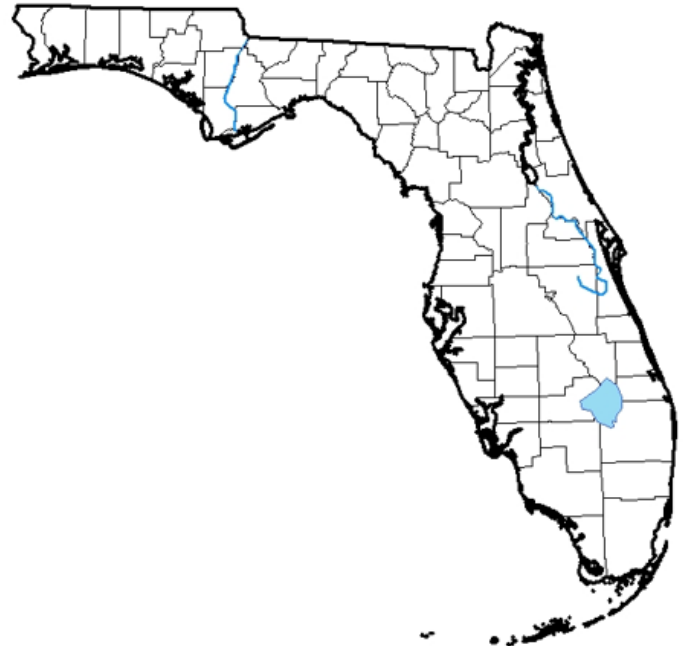


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Intensity:

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

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