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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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 15, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain to 3.55 inches in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 77.4°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 83.9°F in Palm Coast (Flagler County).

Citrus

The citrus region had slightly warmer than normal temperatures for this time of the year. Most weekly averages were in the high 80s, with several days in the lower 90s. Lake Wales (Polk County) and Clermont (Lake County) recorded a high temperature of 95°F.

Rainfall was very spotty all week. Most stations received less than half of an inch of precipitation. The most rainfall was in the Central Area. Winter Haven (Polk County) received between one and two inches of rainfall for the week. Zephyr Hills (Pasco County) received about three quarters of an inch. According to the October 12, 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 for psyllids, mowing, and general grove maintenance. Canals and ditches have sufficient water for irrigation. Limited harvesting, primarily for the fresh market, was taking place on Fallglo tangerines, Ambersweet, and Hamlin oranges, and red and white grapefruit. A couple of processing plants were open to take packinghouse eliminations.

Fruits and Vegetables

Green bean planting has finished in Dixie County. Growers in Bradford County reported planting broccoli, cabbage, and collards, as well as harvesting okra. Vegetable growers in the Southern Peninsula are recovering from Hurricane Irma. Land preparation and planting is ongoing in many counties. Crops coming to market this week include bitter melon, boniato, herbs, malanga, okra, tomato, and sweet corn.

Livestock and Pastures

Even though it was a drier week for most of the state, many pastures remain soggy. Cattle in Brevard and Indian River Counties were seen seeking higher ground this week. Cattle remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Peanut harvesting continues in Jackson County. Peanut producers are facing severe pressures from whiteflies, mold, nematodes, and storm damage. Sugarcane harvesting activities resumed this week in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/15/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1	1
Short	7	9	14
Adequate	53	41	70
Surplus	40	49	15

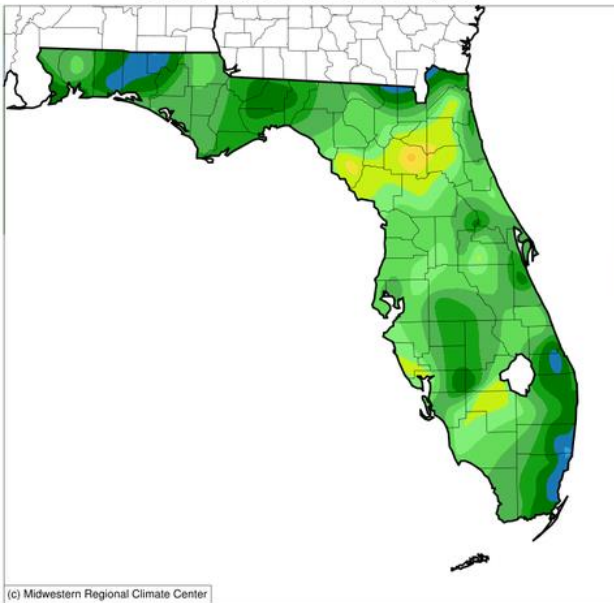
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/15/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening....	83	75	NA	NA
Cotton - Harvested.....	12	5	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	83	74	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	73	62	80	70

Condition for Week Ending 10/15/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	15	63	16
Cotton.....	3	10	38	40	9
Pasture & range....	2	12	35	45	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 09, 2017 to October 15, 2017



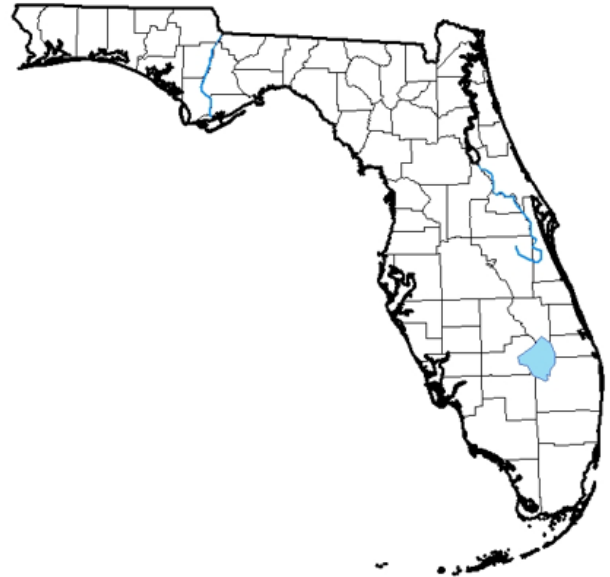
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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