



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 22, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain to 3.76 inches in Whiting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 68.3°F in Whiting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 83.1°F in Fort Lauderdale Beach (Broward County).

Citrus

The citrus region had slightly warmer than average temperatures for this time of the year. Highs were mostly in the upper 80s to lower 90s. Palmdale (Glades County) recorded the highest temperature at 93°F.

Rainfall was relatively light in the citrus region. Most stations received less than half an inch of precipitation for the week. Isolated areas across the citrus region had just over an inch of rainfall. According to the October 19, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Hurricane Irma clean-up continues in some citrus groves. Growers in areas that were hit hard by the storm are still pushing dead or severely damaged trees. Canals and ditches have sufficient water for irrigation. Other grove operations included spraying for psyllids, mowing, limited topping and hedging, and general grove maintenance. Harvesting primarily for the fresh market was taking place on Fallglo tangerines, Ambersweet, Navel and Hamlin oranges, and red and white grapefruit. A couple of processing plants were open to take packinghouse eliminations and field run fruit in very small amounts.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Oct 8, 2017	Oct 15, 2017 *	Oct 22, 2017	Oct 23, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	NA	66	68	26
Navel oranges.....	NA	32	17	9
White grapefruit.....	NA	0	1	0
Red grapefruit.....	NA	72	40	73
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	NA	25	21	36
Total.....	NA	195	147	144

*Season to date, as this was the first week reported by the Citrus Administrative Committee.
www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org

Fruits and Vegetables

Green bean harvesting has begun in Dixie County. Strawberry growers in Hillsborough and Polk Counties had to water their fields this week. Vegetable growers continue planting and caring for fall and winter crops. Crops coming to market this week include bitter melon, boniato, herbs, malanga, okra, squash, sweet corn, and tomato.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter grazing is being planted in Jackson County. A drier week proved beneficial to pastures that had previously been soggy, as well as for the cattle standing in those wet pastures. Cattle and pasture both remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Hay cutting activities were reported in Jackson County. Rye is being planted in Gilchrist County. Low peanut yields were reported in Lafayette County, and low cotton yields were reported in Jackson County. Sugarcane harvest is proceeding on drier sites in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/22/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	2
Short	10	7	19
Adequate	52	53	68
Surplus	38	40	11

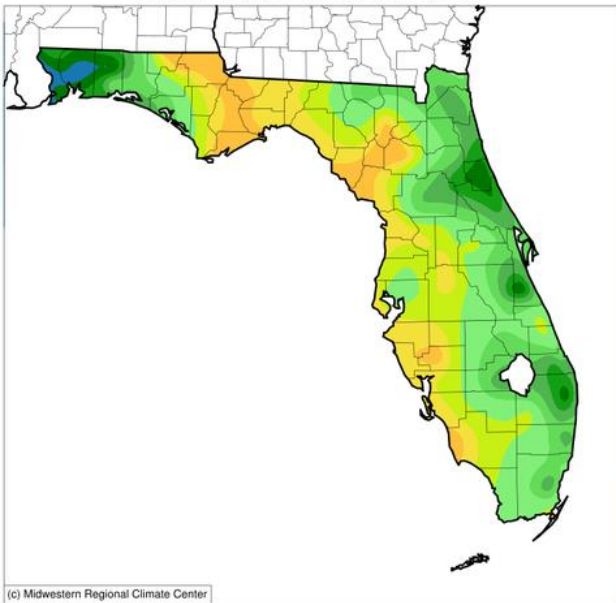
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/22/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	89	83	NA	NA
Cotton - Harvested.....	23	12	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	92	83	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	83	73	88	81

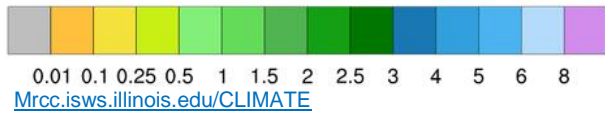
Condition for Week Ending 10/22/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	14	66	15
Cotton.....	3	12	39	35	11
Pasture & range....	2	7	35	48	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 16, 2017 to October 22, 2017

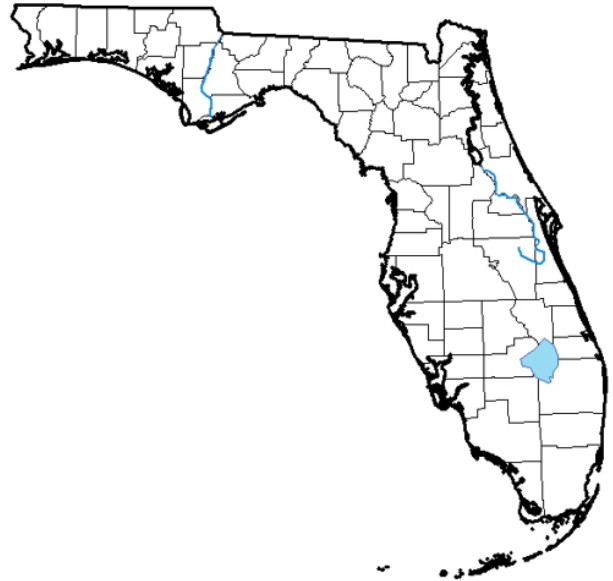


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>