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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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 29, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.03 inches in Jacksonville (Duval County) to 6.85 inches in West Palm Beach (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 56.9°F in Whiting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 79.2°F in John Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

The citrus region had average temperatures for this time of the year. Highs were mostly in the lower to mid-80s. Wauchula (Hardee County) recorded a temperature of 91°F, Lake Placid (Highlands County) and Lake Wales (Polk County) both had one day reaching 90°F.

Rainfall was less than average in the western, central, and northern citrus growing areas. Totals were mostly below an inch. The southern area and Indian River district received heavy rainfall over the weekend when Tropical Storm Philippe passed quickly over the southern tip of the state. Rainfall amounts were between two and four inches over the two days. Wind speeds were mostly below 40 miles per hour, not significant enough to cause heavy damage to the crop. According to the October 26, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Hurricane Irma clean-up continues in some southern area citrus groves. Caretakers in groves that were hit hard are still pushing dead or severely damaged trees. Irrigation is being run in areas where rainfall amounts have been less than average. Grove operations included spraying for psyllids, herbiciding, 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
	Final Oct 15, 2017	Prelim Oct 22, 2017	Prelim Oct 29, 2017	Oct 30, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	88	68	*	40
Navel oranges	31	17	*	19
White grapefruit	2	1	*	24
Red grapefruit	75	40	*	115
Tangerines and Tangelos	32	21	*	33
Total	228	147	*	232

* Current numbers not available at time of publication.
www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org

Fruits and Vegetables

Green bean harvesting is ongoing in Dixie County. Tropical Storm Phillipe hit Southeast Florida this week with heavy rains and disrupted some vegetable land preparation. Growers in Palm Beach County reported disease issues, such as root rot and leaf spots, which are likely to increase following the severe rain event. Crops coming to market this week include beans, bitter melon, boniato, herbs, malanga, okra, and squash.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter pastures continue to be planted in Jackson County. Tropical Storm Phillipe brought heavy rains to several pastures that remain wet. Some low lying pastures in Okeechobee County are under water, and many producers are unable to use heavy machinery in those pastures. Cattle and pasture both remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Hay cutting activities were reported in Dixie and Jackson Counties. In Volusia County it is still too wet to cut hay, which could cause a shortage if it does not dry out soon. Cotton and peanut harvesting continues in Washington County. Low cotton yields remain a concern in Jackson County. Sugarcane harvest is ongoing in drier locations in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/29/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	4
Short.....	11	10	28
Adequate.....	52	52	62
Surplus.....	37	38	6

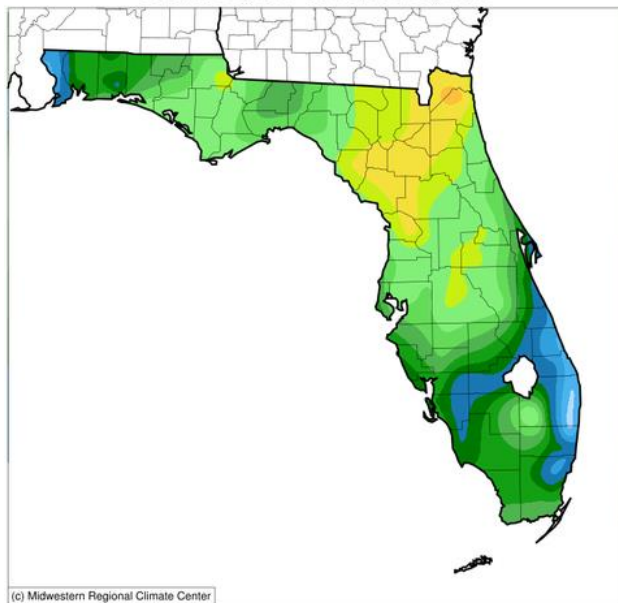
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/29/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	97	89	NA	NA
Cotton - Harvested.....	35	23	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	97	92	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	92	83	93	89

Condition for Week Ending 10/29/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	20	64	13
Cotton.....	4	10	47	37	2
Pasture & range....	2	9	33	50	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 23, 2017 to October 29, 2017



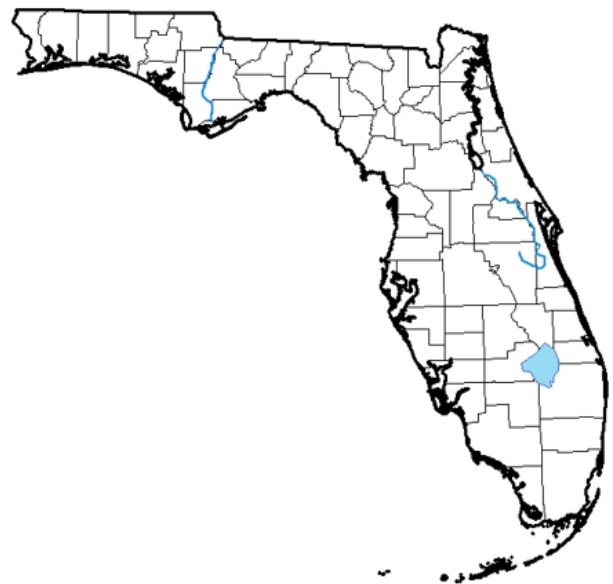
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl>