



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 19, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 8.04 inches in Port Salerno (Martin County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 56.4°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 77.0°F in Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

The citrus region experienced seasonable temperatures last week, with highs ranging from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Punta Gorda (Charlotte County) recorded the highest temperature, reaching 83°F. On the northern side of the citrus growing region, Ocala (Marion County) hit 76°F.

The citrus growing region received negligible rainfall during the week. The only exception was in Vero Beach (Indian River County), which reported a quarter of an inch of rain. According to the November 14, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, an area of abnormal dryness had begun to encroach upon the northwestern reaches of the citrus growing region, while the rest of the region remained drought free.

Grove operations returned to normal, with regular maintenance taking priority. Field staff observed spraying for psyllids, fertilizing, herbiciding, mowing, irrigating, topping and hedging, and pushing dead or dying trees. Harvesting for the fresh market included Hamlin and Navel oranges, red and white grapefruit, and Sunburst tangerines. Several processing plants were open to take packinghouse eliminations, distressed fruit, and limited amounts of field run fruit.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Nov 5, 2017	Nov 12, 2017	Nov 19, 2017	Nov 20, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	108	168	293	119
Navel oranges .....	22	29	39	45
White grapefruit .....	5	18	20	57
Red grapefruit .....	61	77	116	220
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	14	17	21	51
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>492</b>

[www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org](http://www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org)

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Broccoli, cauliflower, greens, onion, and strawberry planting activities were reported in Bradford County. Producers in Hillsborough County are harvesting eggplant, hot peppers, strawberries, and tomatoes. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumber, eggplant, herbs, malanga, okra, peppers, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Winter pasture planting was reported this week in Jackson County. Ranchers who graze cattle along the St. Johns River in Volusia County have had to move their cattle away from that area because the grazing there is dead. Pastures are declining seasonally throughout the state. Cattle remains in mostly good condition throughout the state.

**Field Crops**

Peanut harvesting is winding down and cotton harvesting is ongoing in Escambia County. Peanuts were also harvested this week in Suwannee County. Hay harvesting activities were reported in Polk, Suwannee, and Volusia Counties. Sugarcane harvest is ongoing in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/19/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	6	10
Short.....	18	22	28
Adequate.....	48	44	58
Surplus.....	25	28	4

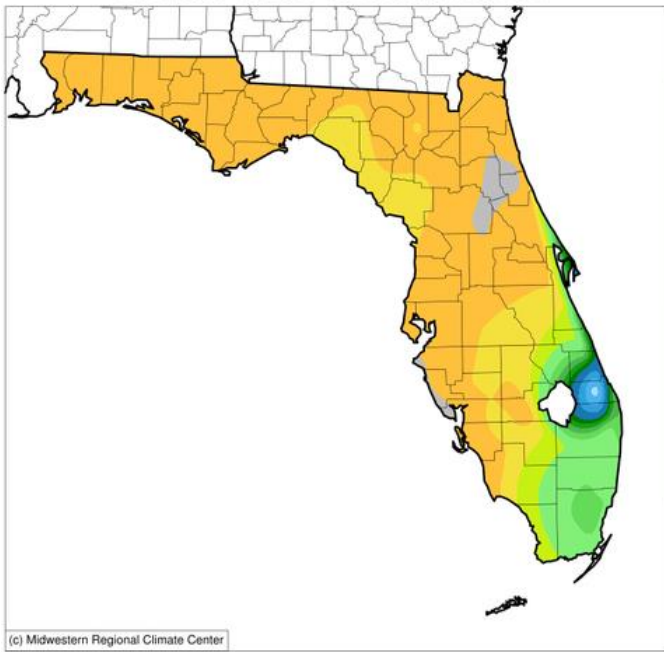
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/19/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	57	52	NA	NA

### Condition for Week Ending 11/19/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	25	57	12
Pasture & range....	1	13	40	41	5

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
November 13, 2017 to November 19, 2017



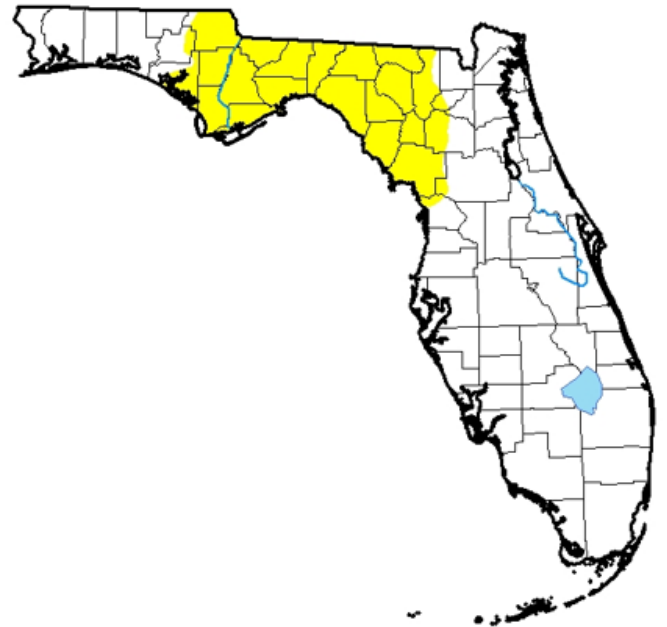
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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



#### Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl>