



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, November 26, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 5.37 inches in Ocala (Marion County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 54.1°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 76.1°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

The citrus region experienced seasonable temperatures last week, with most days recording highs ranging from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Rainfall amounts were typical for this time of the year, with most areas receiving less than two inches during the week. One station in Ft. Pierce (St. Lucie County) had 4.20 inches of rainfall. Labelle (Hendry County) reported 2.41 inches of rain for the week. According to the November 21, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus is drought free.

Grove operations during the first part of the week were normal, with regular maintenance being a priority. Field staff observed spraying for psyllids, fertilizing, herbiciding, mowing, irrigating, topping and hedging, and pushing dead or dying trees.

Most operations, to include processing plants and packing houses, were closed for the Thanksgiving holidays. Harvest is expected to pick up next week to accommodate Christmas orders. Harvesting for the fresh market included Hamlin and Navel oranges, red and white grapefruit, and Fallglo, Sunburst and Robinson tangerines. Several processing plants were open to take packinghouse eliminations 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 12, 2017	Nov 19, 2017	Nov 26, 2017	Nov 27, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	168	293	147	82
Navel oranges	29	39	14	48
White grapefruit.....	18	20	13	35
Red grapefruit	77	116	67	144
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	17	21	18	45
Total	309	489	259	354

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Fruits and Vegetables

Producers in Bradford County reported planting broccoli, cabbage, greens, and onions, as well as harvesting greens. Sweet corn was harvested in Okeechobee and Palm Beach Counties. A wide variety of crops are coming to market, including avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumber, eggplant, okra, peppers, radishes, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter forages were planted this week in Bradford, Lafayette, and Osceola Counties. Cooler temperatures, drier air, and drought stress are negatively impacting forage and pasture quality. Livestock in Hernando and Sumter Counties are in good shape but may need supplemental feed soon. Cattle remains in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Field Crops

Peanuts were harvested and peanut hay was rolled this week in Suwannee County. Hay harvesting activities were reported in Okeechobee County. Sugarcane harvest is ongoing in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/26/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	9	12
Short.....	23	18	26
Adequate.....	53	48	58
Surplus.....	20	25	4

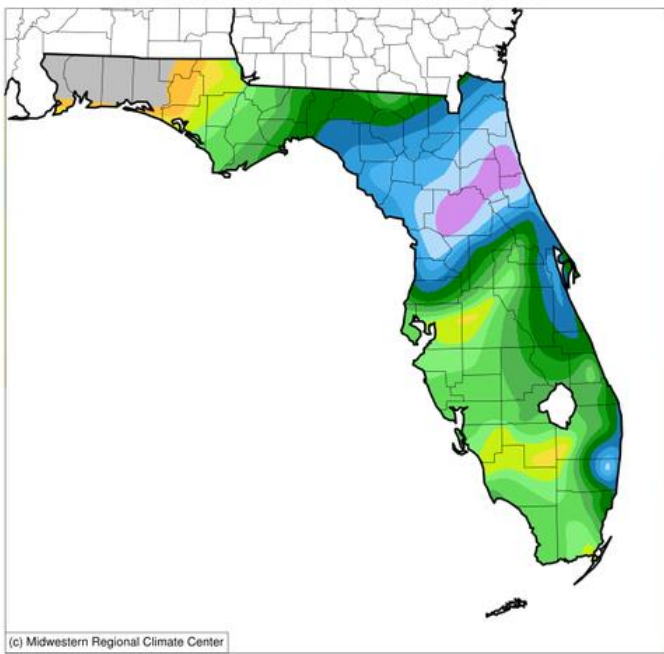
Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/26/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	75	57	NA	NA

Condition for Week Ending 11/26/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	26	56	14
Pasture & range....	1	16	44	35	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 20, 2017 to November 26, 2017



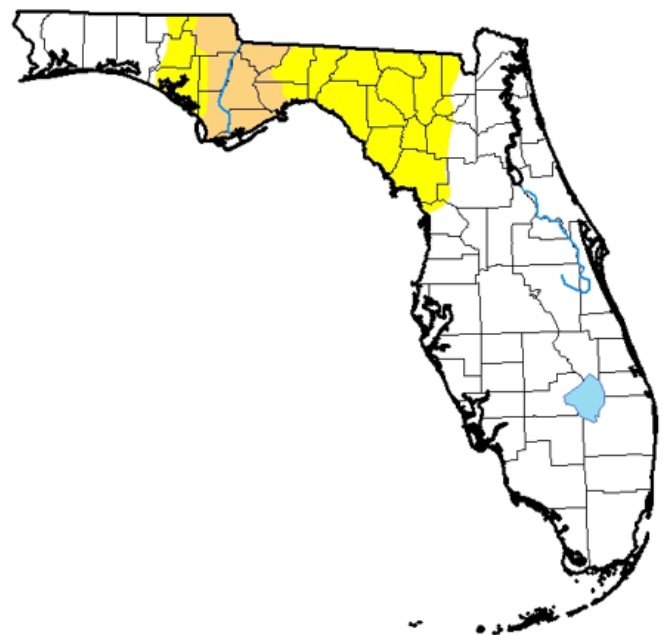
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl>.