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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, December 10, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain to 4.5 inches in Starke (Bradford County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 48.9°F in Whiting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 77.3°F in Miami Beach (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

The citrus region experienced the coldest temperatures of the season over the weekend, with several stations dropping to the mid to upper 30s. The cooler weather benefits the trees by assisting them to build a tolerance to the cold. All areas encountered some rainfall. Totals were between less than half of an inch in Kenansville (Osceola County) to more than one and a half inches in Lakeland (Polk County). According to the December 7, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remains drought free.

Grove operations were normal for this time of the year, with growers conducting light spraying, mowing, and harvesting. All areas were running irrigation on at least one or two days due to the lesser amounts of rainfall over the past several weeks.

Harvest continued at a normal pace with growers spot picking red grapefruit and getting into orange blocks suitable for the fresh market. Harvesting for the fresh market also included early tangerines, (Sunburst, Osceola, Roe, Autumn Honey, Fallglo and a few minor varieties) and tangelos. On the processed side, the large majority of the harvest was early oranges. All processing plants are up and running to accept fruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Nov 26, 2017	Dec 3, 2017	Dec 10, 2017	Dec 11, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	147	652	1,289	2,146
Navel oranges	14	43	67	104
White grapefruit	13	44	37	29
Red grapefruit	67	110	250	221
Tangerines and Tangelos	18	31	64	109
Total	259	880	1,707	2,609

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Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry volumes continue to increase in Hillsborough County. Vegetable growers continue harvesting a wide variety of vegetables. Crops coming to market include cabbage, cucumber, eggplant, green beans, herbs, pole beans, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were damaged by frost this week in Dixie, Jackson, Osceola, and Walton Counties. Pastures were reported to be high, dry, and brown in color in Brevard and Indian River Counties. Cattle remains in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Field Crops

Cotton harvest is nearly complete. Sugarcane harvest is ongoing in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/10/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	4	9
Short.....	17	29	26
Adequate.....	59	50	59
Surplus.....	22	17	6

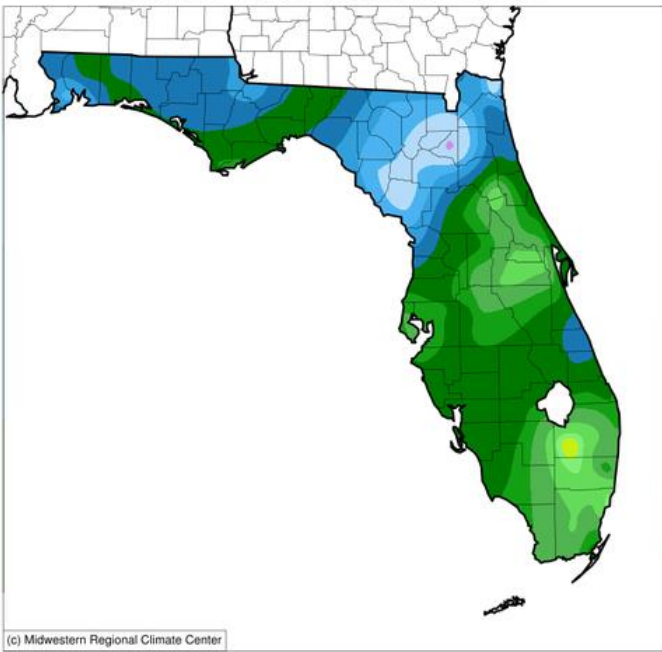
Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/10/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	95	88	NA	NA

Condition for Week Ending 12/10/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	27	50	18
Pasture & range....	2	22	39	32	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
December 04, 2017 to December 10, 2017

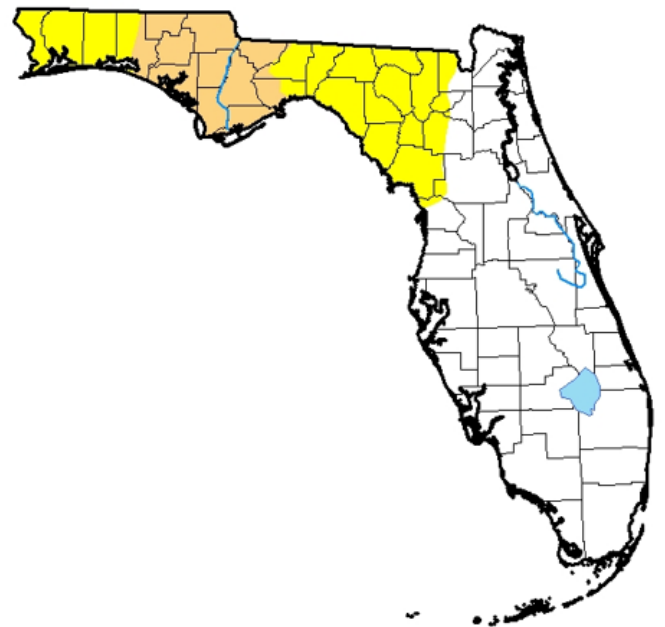


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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