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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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 14, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 5.28 inches in Ormond Beach (Volusia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 49.4°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 71.4°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

Temperatures were slightly cooler than normal in the citrus growing region. All citrus producing counties recorded minimum temperatures in the mid 30s to low 40s. The cooler temperatures have been beneficial to the citrus overall, helping with fruit color and giving the trees and fruit a lower cold tolerance level. The minimum temperature in the northern citrus area was in Umatilla (Lake County) at 34°F. In the central citrus area, Lakeland (Polk County) dropped to 35°F. Rainfall was light, which is typical for this time of the year. Most monitored stations recorded less than an inch of precipitation for the week. Lakeland (Polk County) was an exception, recording 1.23 inches for the week. According to the January 11, 2018, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remains drought free.

Grove operations included minimal spraying and harvesting. All growers continued irrigating practices. Field staff reported a few instances of sporadic bloom and new growth on citrus trees.

Fresh fruit harvest consisted primarily of mid-season oranges, grapefruit and mid-season tangerines. Fresh harvest of early tangerines (Fallglo and Sunburst) is over for the season. Honey tangerine harvest is just now beginning. Tangerine sizes have been on the small side this season. White and red grapefruit are now mostly going to the export market. Processing plants are still taking packinghouse eliminations and running field run on early and mid-season oranges. Valencia oranges are still a few weeks out.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Dec 31, 2017	Jan 7, 2018	Jan 14, 2018	Jan 15, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	1,535	1,286	2,029	3,439
Navel oranges	2	4	7	11
White grapefruit	40	38	62	87
Red grapefruit	123	100	198	342
Tangerines and Tangelos	13	17	55	82
Total	1,713	1,445	2,351	3,961

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Fruits and Vegetables

Small amounts of strawberries were picked in Bradford County. Frost damaged some blueberries in Osceola County. Producers in Gilchrist County are preparing fields for watermelon planting. A light volume of a wide range of vegetables is coming to market, including avocado, beans, eggplant, peppers, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, and zucchini.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures received frost damage this week in Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Osceola Counties. Overall pasture quality continues to decline from a lack of moisture, and from the colder seasonal temperatures. Cattle remain in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Field Crops

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

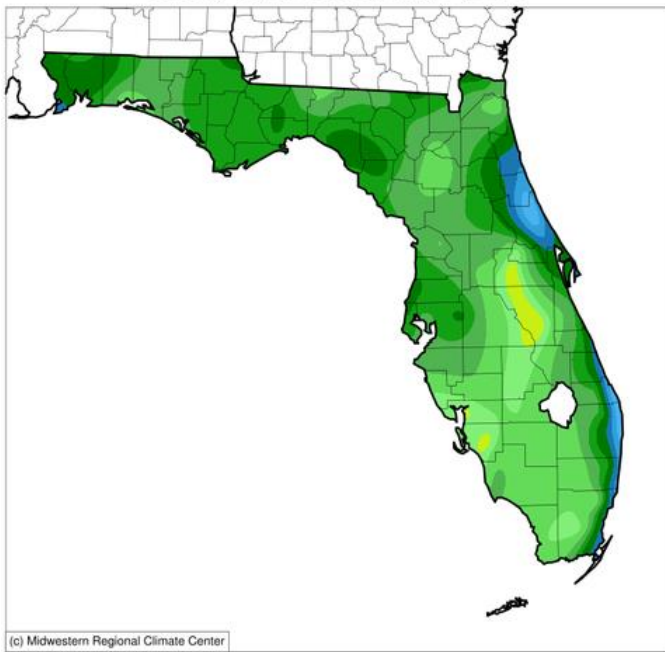
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/14/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	3	3
Short.....	20	18	24
Adequate.....	65	73	65
Surplus.....	10	6	8

Condition for Week Ending 1/14/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	33	56	5
Pasture & range....	6	29	44	20	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 08, 2018 to January 14, 2018

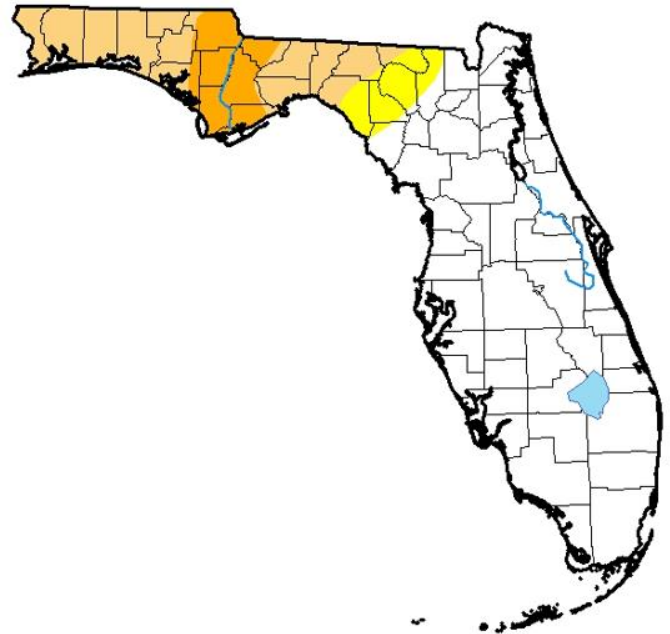


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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