



United States Department of Agriculture
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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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 28, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 3.55 inches in Tampa (Hillsborough County). The average mean temperature ranged from 50.4°F in Chipley (Washington County) to 74.7°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

Temperatures warmed from the previous week across the citrus region. Lake Alfred (Lake County) recorded a low of 48°F and a high of 82°F. Rainfall was recorded at most stations with Ona (Hardee County) having reported 1.69 inches and Indian River (Indian River County) reporting only 0.57 inches. According to the January 25, 2018, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remains drought free.

Grove operations included minimal fieldwork. A few growers were observed fertilizing. Field staff reported seeing a little bit of early bloom.

Packinghouses are running mostly mid-season oranges. Navels are finished for the season. Most specialty varieties are coming in; however, they are in smaller than normal volumes. A couple of packinghouses started with Valencia oranges this week. Early and mid-season processing is nearly done as well.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 14, 2018	Jan 21, 2018	Jan 28, 2018	Jan 29, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	2,029	1,243	*	3,180
Navel oranges	7	3	*	5
Valencia oranges.....	2	23	*	36
White grapefruit.....	62	52	*	83
Red grapefruit	198	144	*	398
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	55	21	*	453
Total	2,353	1,486	*	3,755

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Carrot harvest is underway in Madison County. Strawberry harvest is ongoing in Bradford County. Producers in Dixie County are planting oats and rye as wind breaks for melons. A light volume of a wide range of vegetables is coming to market, including avocado, beans, cabbage, celery, eggplant, leafy greens, peppers, radish, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Drought conditions continue in the Panhandle and pasture quality continues to decline. Most winter grazing in Holmes County has failed at this point. Livestock producers are feeding supplements throughout the state. Cattle remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Farmers in Suwannee County are getting fields ready for potato planting. Sugarcane planting is complete and the harvest is ongoing in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

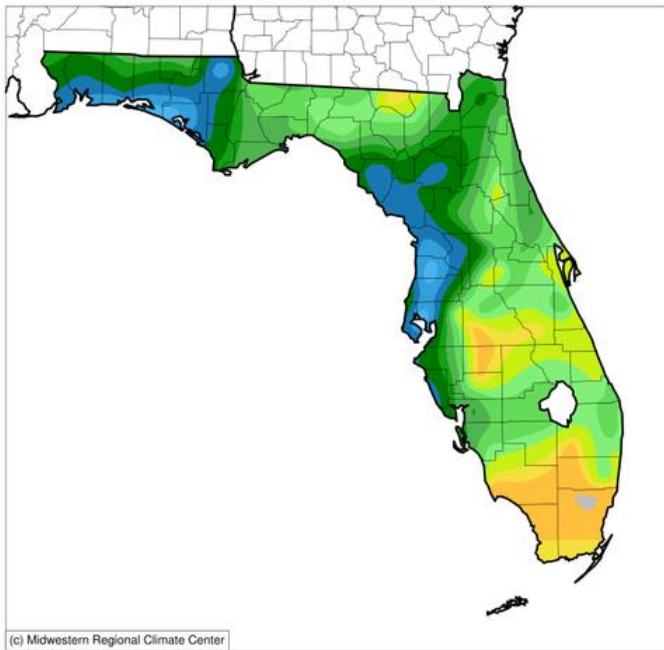
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/28/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	6	3
Short.....	33	30	26
Adequate.....	58	61	58
Surplus.....	2	3	13

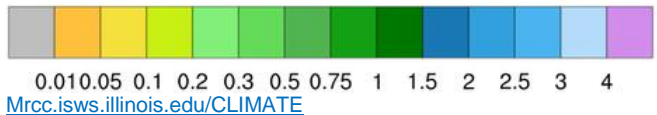
Condition for Week Ending 1/28/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	12	39	43	4
Pasture & range....	12	31	47	9	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 22, 2018 to January 28, 2018

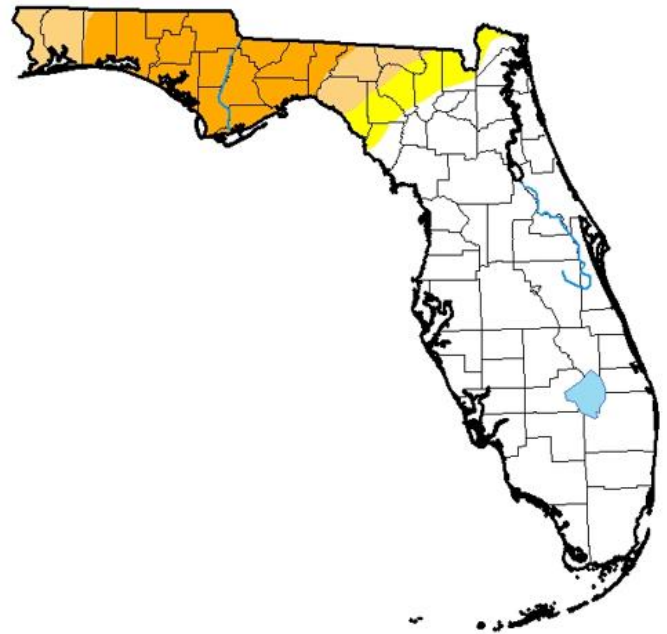


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl>