



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 13, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 4.5 inches in Orlando (Orange County). The average mean temperature ranged from 68.5 °F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 80.8 °F in Marathon (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures were about average in the citrus growing region. Most daytime highs were in the mid to high 80s. Labelle (Hendry County) had one day that reached 93 °F. Winter Haven (Polk County) had one day reaching 92 °F.

Scattered precipitation brought between less than a tenth of an inch and almost two inches of rainfall to much of the citrus growing region. In the northern area, Clermont (Lake County) had 1.87 inches of rainfall. In the southern area, Arcadia (Desoto County) had 1.32 inches of rainfall. According to the May 10, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete southwestern region of the citrus belt was in moderate or severe drought. The Indian River District, northern citrus area, portions of Orange and Brevard counties, and all of Osceola County were in moderate drought. Several of the remaining citrus producing counties were abnormally dry.

Valencia harvest was winding down quickly. Processing plants were planning on finishing by the end of May. Packinghouses continued to pack fresh Valencia oranges all week.

Next season’s fruit is progressing well. Trees are holding an abundance of fruit from a good bloom earlier this year. Oranges, on average, are as large as golf-ball size. Grapefruit are slightly larger. Irrigation is running regularly. Grove owners are spraying nutritionals and treating groves for psyllids. Some caretakers are mowing and applying herbicides.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Apr 29, 2018	May 6, 2018	May 6, 2018	May 14, 2018
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	2,612	2,158	*	2,978
Red grapefruit .....	0	0	*	2
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	0	0	*	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>2,981</b>

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

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, malanga, and okra. Crops harvested included beans, cucumber, eggplant, malanga, peppers, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

**Livestock and Pastures**

In several northern counties, pastures halted growth and a substantial declined in quality over the past several weeks. Hot, dry weather delayed the application of fertilizers on pasture acres and ended cool-season forages that were previously hanging on. Hay feeding resumed on many operations. Conversely, in central and south counties, slow steady rain rapidly greened up pastures.

**Field Crops**

In the Panhandle, dry conditions prevented peanut and cotton planting on some operations. The condition of irrigated crops was good. Sugarcane harvest continued in Glades and Hendry counties with an extended harvest expected due to delays earlier in the season. Hay cutting was underway in Jackson County.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 5/13/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	18	10	9
Short.....	28	42	36
Adequate.....	53	48	53
Surplus.....	1	0	2

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 5/13/18

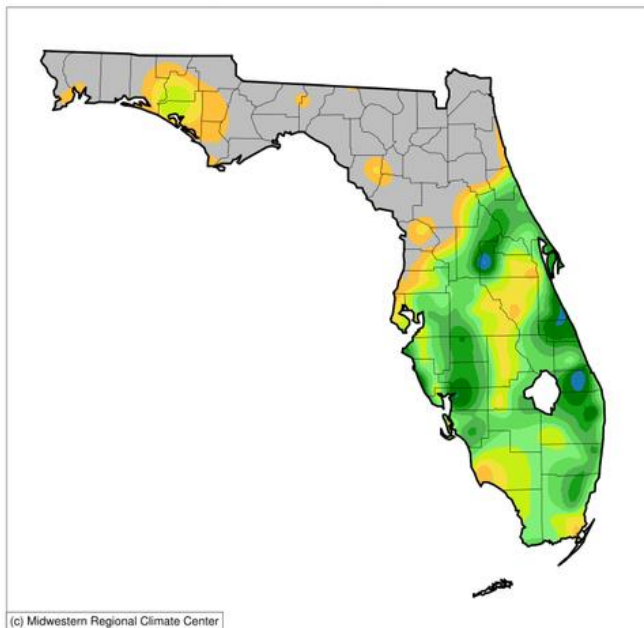
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	25	16	27	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	51	37	43	43

### Condition for Week Ending 5/13/18

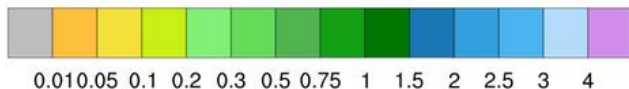
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	30	58	9
Pasture & range....	5	16	45	32	2

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

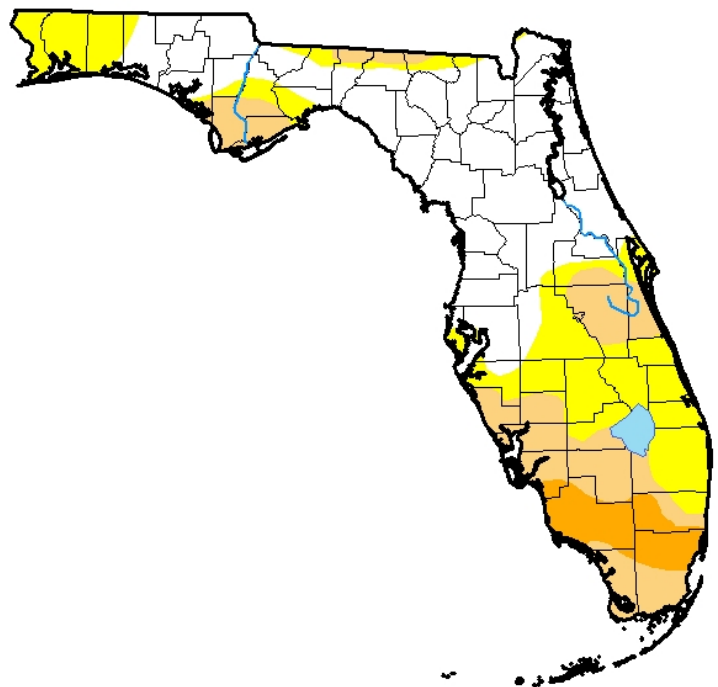
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
May 07, 2018 to May 13, 2018



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#### Intensity

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl>