



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 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 27, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.3 inches in Orlando (Orange County) to 9.5 inches in St. Petersburg (Pinellas County). The average mean temperature ranged from 72.7°F in Naples (Collier County) to 80.2°F in Miami Beach (Miami-Dade County).

**Citrus**

The weather was ideal in the citrus growing region this past week. Temperatures were primarily in the mid 80s, with only one or two days reaching the high 80s to low 90s. All counties had several days of moderate rainfall. Totals were between one and five inches in the northern, central, and southern citrus growing areas. The western area and Indian River District received the most rainfall. In the western area, Arcadia (Desoto County) had 6.17 inches of rainfall, and in the Indian River District, Ft. Pierce (St. Lucie County) had 5.79 inches. The recent rainfall led to drought category reductions across the state. According to the May 24, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region was again drought free.

The Valencia harvest is relatively over. Growers are concentrating on next year's crop. Reports are optimistic in well-kept groves. With a dry bloom period and recent spring rainfall, fruit is holding well and progressing well on the citrus trees. Oranges and grapefruit are golf-ball size and larger. Spraying was halted during the week in some areas. Some grove owners are mowing, herbiciding, and fertilizing. Groves are being reset, and new trees are being well maintained across the citrus belt.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	May 13, 2018	May 20, 2018	May 27, 2018	May 28, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	1,568	252	87	1,336
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1,336</b>

www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Brief, heavy showers and blustery conditions were reported in the vegetable growing region; however, no crop damage was reported. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, malanga, and okra. Crops harvested included avocado, beans, bitter melon, boniato, cucumbers, eggplant, malanga, mango, squash, strawberries, and tomatoes. The spring vegetable harvest is essentially finished, so many vegetable growers are cleaning up and fallowing fields or planting cover crops in preparation for the fall planting season.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Due to an abundance of rain in some areas, pastures with poor drainage and low-lying pastures were flooded. In several southern counties, pasture conditions improved dramatically with the onset of the rainy season. Cattle condition remained unchanged, despite changes in weather and pasture conditions.

**Field Crops**

Heavy rains during the week followed by tropical storm rains over the weekend made fields too muddy for fieldwork in many areas. This delayed wheat harvesting in Jackson County. In Suwannee County, breaks in the rain allowed for some hay harvesting. Sugarcane was doing well in St. Lucie and Palm Beach counties. Sugarcane harvest concluded in Glades and Hendry counties.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 5/27/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	2	10
Short.....	3	14	34
Adequate.....	75	63	52
Surplus.....	22	21	4

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 5/27/18

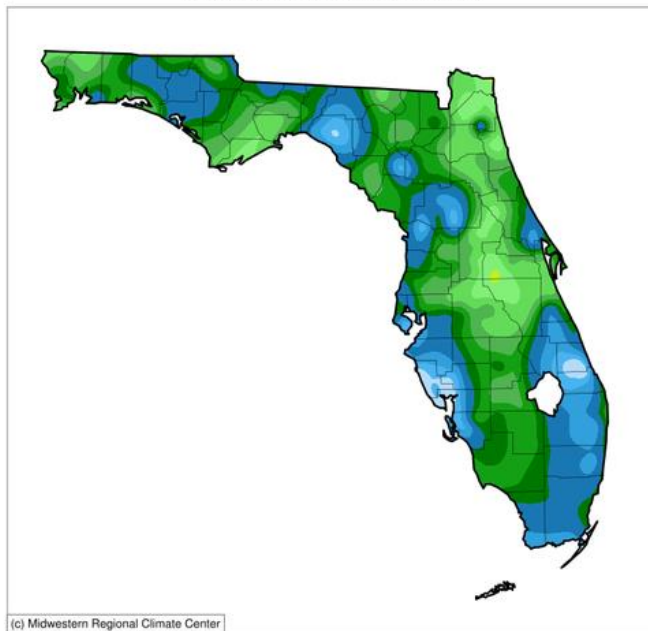
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	61	37	75	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	80	68	82	78

### Condition for Week Ending 5/27/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	5	24	61	8
Pasture & range....	2	9	24	60	5
Peanuts.....	0	5	20	70	5

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

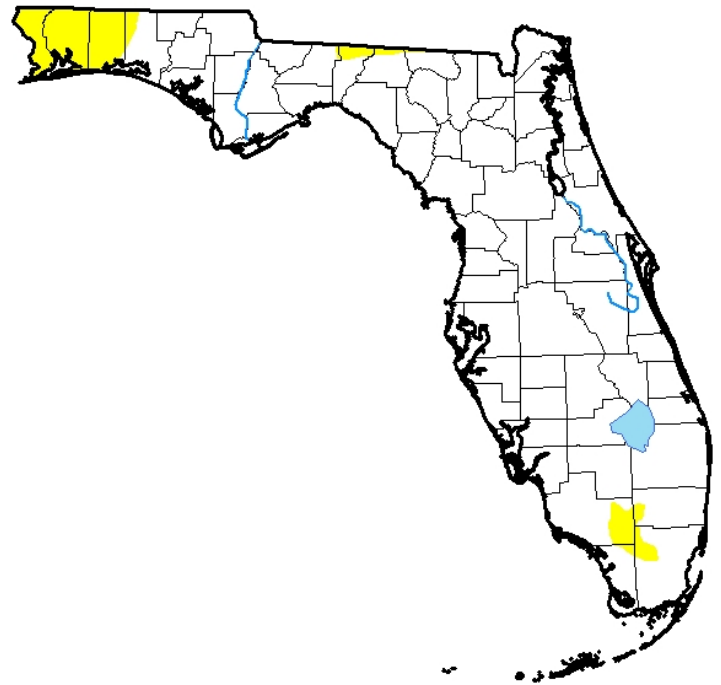
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
May 21, 2018 to May 27, 2018



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#### Intensity:

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

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