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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, June 10, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Marco Island (Collier County) to 5.9 inches in Merrit Island (Brevard County). The average mean temperature ranged from 76.5°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 84.2°F in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

Citrus

Daily temperatures were seasonably warm in the citrus growing region. Highs were mostly in the high 80s and low 90s. Lows were in the high 60s to mid 70s. Thunderstorm activity on several days provided moderate to heavy rainfall, ranging from traces of rain to just over four inches. According to the June 7, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region was drought free.

Ditches and canals have sufficient water in most areas. Irrigation has been cut back slightly due to recent rainfall. Some owners are replanting in existing groves; others are pushing old blocks and planting new varieties on existing land. Most growers are concentrating on next season's crop. Oranges are golf-ball size and larger. Grapefruit are about as large as tennis balls. Many are spraying as weather permits, both aerial and ground, and are fertilizing, herbiciding, mowing, and performing general grove maintenance.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	May 27, 2018	Jun 3, 2018	Jun 10, 2018	Jun 11, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	87	45	*	88
Total	87	45	*	88

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, lychee, malanga, mango, okra, and watermelons. Watermelon plant disease pressure increased, and growers were fighting to stay ahead of it. In preparation for the fall planting season, many vegetable growers continued to clean up and fallow fields or plant cover crops.

Livestock and Pastures

An abundance of rain in several counties this week, coupled with lingering surplus soil moisture from Subtropical Storm Alberto, caused many pastures to flood, making conditions difficult for cattle. However, in some southern counties, pasture quality was mostly good. Cattle condition remained largely unchanged.

Field Crops

Regular rains prevented already saturated fields from drying. The wet conditions slowed peanut growth, prevented planting of row crops, hindered chemical applications, and delayed the harvest of hay and wheat. Row crops that were already planted started to develop heavy disease and weed pressure brought on by three weeks of frequent rain events. Growers in central counties were finalizing their potato harvests and planting cover crops. Sugarcane and rice were doing well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 6/10/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	2
Short.....	3	2	18
Adequate.....	75	74	69
Surplus.....	22	24	11

Crop Progress for Week Ending 6/10/18

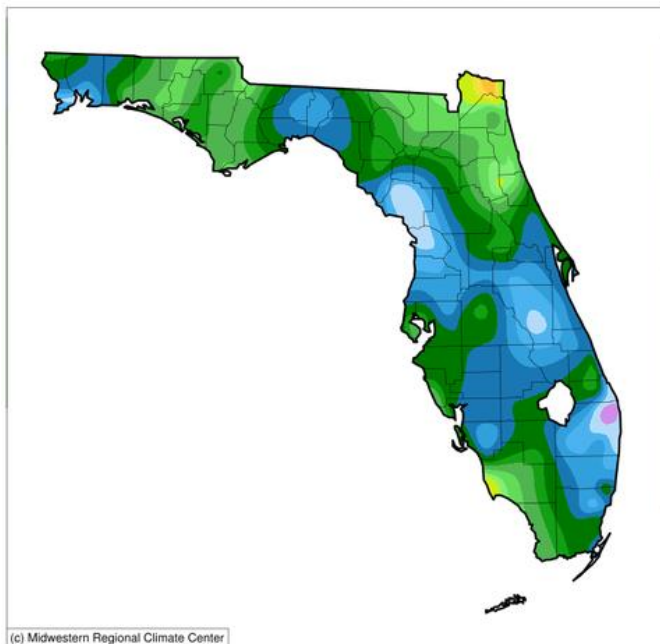
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	88	75	88	NA
Cotton - Squaring	3	0	11	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	93	88	94	92
Peanuts - Pegging.....	0	NA	7	3

Condition for Week Ending 6/10/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	18	63	12
Cotton	1	3	32	58	6
Pasture & range....	1	8	22	56	13
Peanuts.....	3	1	27	64	5

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

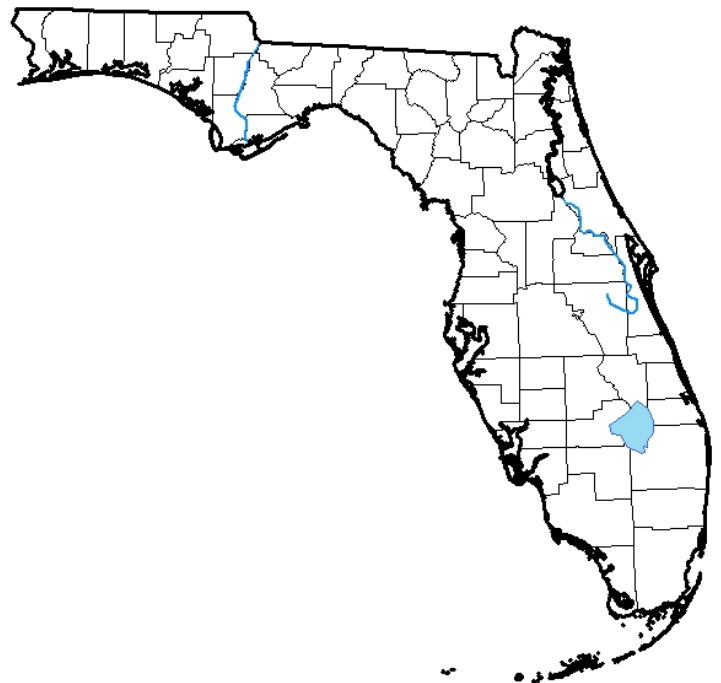
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 04, 2018 to June 10, 2018



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Intensity:

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

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