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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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 17, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in several locations to 4.8 inches in Sanford (Seminole County). The average mean temperature ranged from 76.9°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 84.8°F in Marathon (Monroe County).

Citrus

Warm weather occurred over the complete citrus region; the warmest maximum temperatures (2 degrees warmer than normal) took place in Avon Park (Highlands County), averaging 95°F over the period. Mt. Plymouth (Lake County) and Plant City (Hillsborough County) maximum temperatures both averaged 93°F for the week. Scattered rainfall fell over portions of the citrus region. Plant City (Hillsborough County) had 3.07 inches for the week. Arcadia (Desoto County) recorded 2.74 inches for the week. Most other areas had less than average rainfall. According to the June 14, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region was drought free.

Irrigation has been turned back on because of warmer temperatures and less rainfall. Owners are continuing with grove maintenance on a daily basis. Many are spraying as weather permits, both aerial and ground, and are fertilizing, herbiciding, and mowing. Field workers are reporting good fruit sets and good sizes on the new season's crop. Oranges are golf-ball size and larger. Grapefruit are about as large as tennis balls.

Fruits and Vegetables

Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, and watermelons. In preparation for the fall planting season, many vegetable growers continued to clean up and fallow fields or plant cover crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Regular rains in several counties, coupled with lingering surplus soil moisture, caused many pastures to remain flooded, making conditions difficult for cattle. However, in some southern counties, pasture quality was mostly good. Weed pressure was noted in Highlands County. Statewide, cattle condition improved.

Field Crops

Regular rains made cutting hay and harvesting wheat infeasible in the Panhandle. In Jackson County, early planted peanuts looked excellent, but later planted peanuts were only fair because of the prolonged wet conditions. Field corn was in good condition in Walton County. Crops were suffering in Okaloosa County from too much soil moisture and disease. Sugarcane was doing well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 6/17/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	1
Short.....	7	3	16
Adequate.....	73	75	71
Surplus.....	20	22	12

Crop Progress for Week Ending 6/17/18

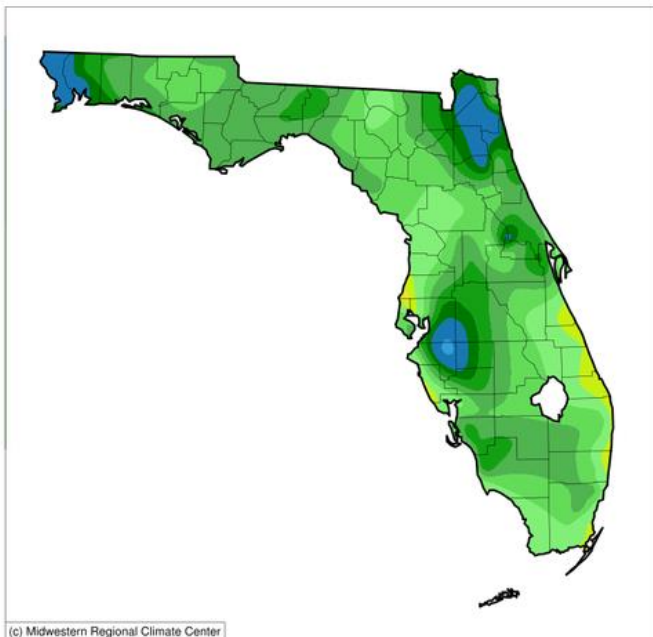
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	98	88	91	NA
Cotton - Squaring	14	3	16	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	97	93	96	97
Peanuts - Pegging.....	8	0	12	11

Condition for Week Ending 6/17/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	15	62	20
Cotton	0	1	16	68	15
Pasture & range....	0	5	13	62	20
Peanuts.....	0	1	20	68	11

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

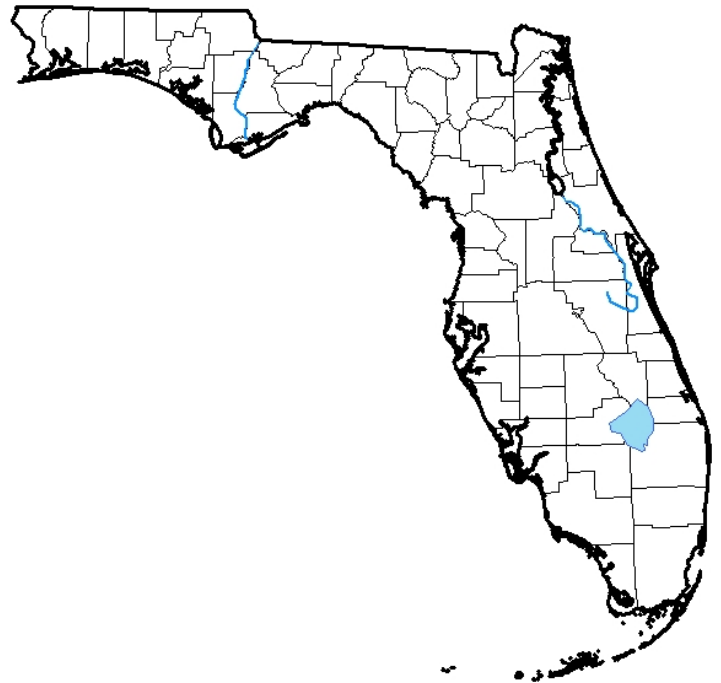
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 11, 2018 to June 17, 2018



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Intensity:

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

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