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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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 1, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Key Largo (Monroe County) to 6.3 inches in Mayo (Lafayette County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.2°F in Parrish (Manatee County) to 85.7°F in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County).

Citrus

Two or more inches of rainfall were observed across most of the citrus region. Localized showers produced heavier amounts in centralized areas. In the central growing area, Dundee (Polk County) had 6.07 inches of rainfall. In the southern growing area, the most rainfall was in Bowling Green (Hardee County) at 5.36 inches. Warm weather was prevalent across the citrus region all week. Daytime highs ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. According to the June 28, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region was drought free.

Field workers were herbiciding and spraying intermittently on days with permissible weather. Also observed was mowing, fertilizing, tree removal of dead and dying trees, and young tree care.

Fruits sets and sizes look good so far this season. Canals and ditches have ample water for irrigation. The fruit and trees are responding well to the moisture, showing new leaves on the trees and signs of growth.

Fruits and Vegetables

Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, and okra.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality was mostly good, yet many low-lying areas were saturated or had standing water from frequent rain events. Cattle condition decreased slightly.

Field Crops

Hay cutting was underway between showers, but was behind schedule because of wet conditions. Silage harvest continued in Gilchrist County. Waterlogged fields in the Panhandle delayed some row crop planting. Concerns grew over whether crops could be planted this season before it is too late. Previously planted fields were too wet to enter, so spraying was postponed. Sugarcane and rice were doing well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/1/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	2
Short.....	2	9	12
Adequate.....	82	76	72
Surplus.....	16	15	14

Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/1/18

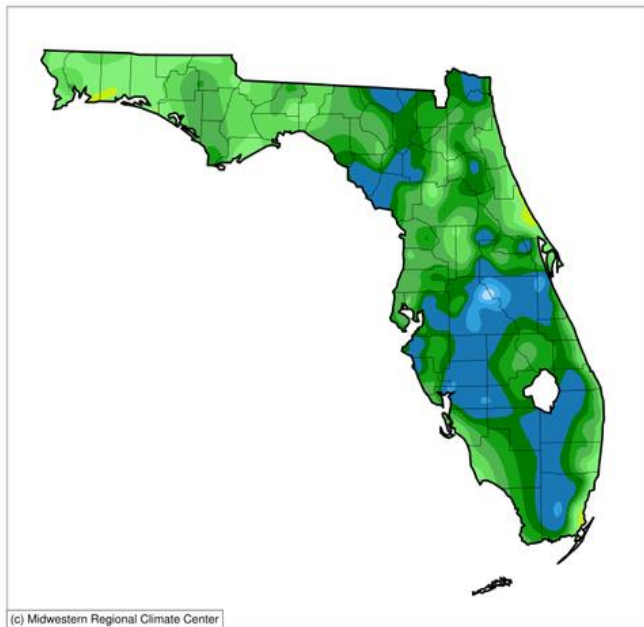
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	32	27	47	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	0	0	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	34	17	48	44

Condition for Week Ending 7/1/18

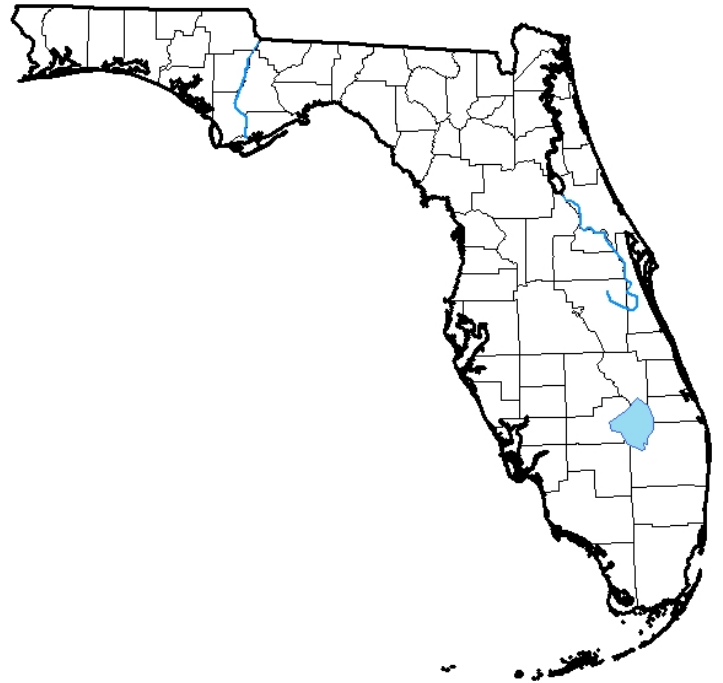
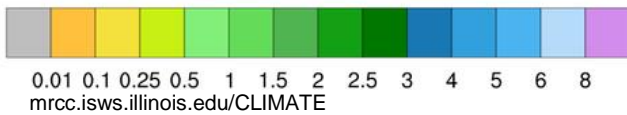
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	25	56	15
Cotton.....	1	4	33	55	7
Pasture & range....	1	5	19	54	21
Peanuts.....	0	2	23	62	13

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 25, 2018 to July 01, 2018



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



Intensity:



June 26, 2018 (Released Thursday, June 28, 2018)
<http://droughtmonitor.unl>