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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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 8, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Palm Coast (Flagler County) to 7.9 inches in University (Hillsborough County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.5°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 85.6°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were typical for this time of the year, with most days reaching highs in the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Moderate to heavy rainfall (one to six inches) made its way into the citrus producing region, characteristic of summer thunderstorms. Heavy rain was the most widespread in the central and southern citrus producing areas. Lakeland (Polk County) recorded the greatest amount of rainfall at 6.34 inches. According to the July 5, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region was drought free.

Field workers continued with spray programs on days with allowable weather. Caretakers were applying summer oils and nutritional sprays. They were also treating for greening. Most were mowing, fertilizing, and conducting young tree care.

Canals and ditches have ample water for irrigation. Irrigation is being run two to three times a week, depending upon need. The fruit and trees are responding well to the moisture, showing new leaves and signs of growth.

Fruits and Vegetables

Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, lychee fruit, 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 improved, compared to the previous week.

Field Crops

Hay cutting was underway in Jackson County. Silage harvest continued in Gilchrist and Lafayette counties. Sugarcane was doing well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/8/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	2
Short.....	3	2	12
Adequate.....	74	82	73
Surplus.....	23	16	13

Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/8/18

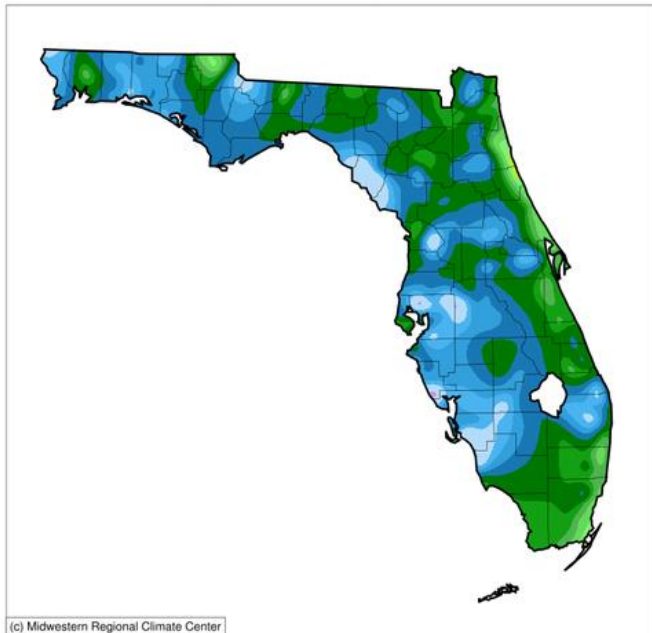
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	42	32	66	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	3	0	7	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	49	34	64	63

Condition for Week Ending 7/8/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	20	51	25
Cotton.....	1	4	37	57	1
Pasture & range....	2	6	22	46	24
Peanuts.....	0	2	20	75	3

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

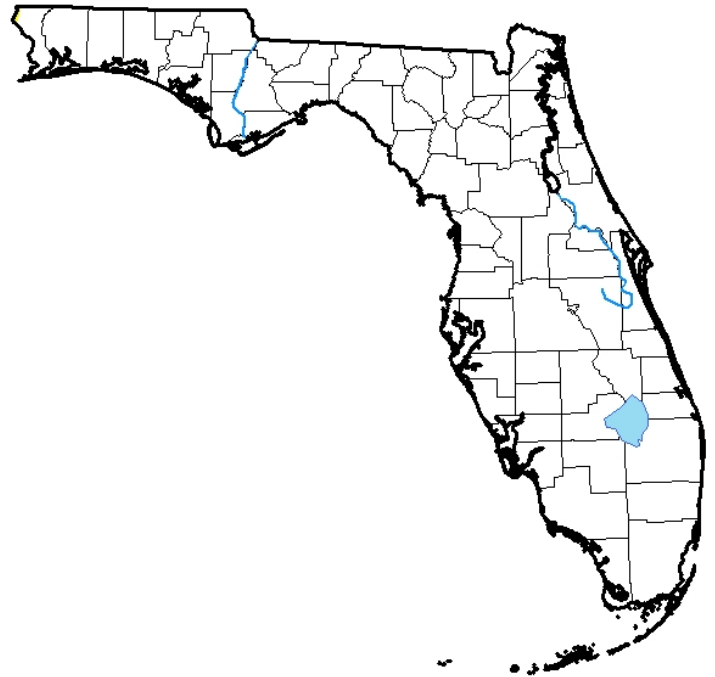
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 02, 2018 to July 08, 2018



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Intensity:

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

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