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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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 15, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations to 4.93 inches in Sebring (Highlands County) and Davie (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.4°F in Inverness (Citrus County) to 87.3°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Warmer-than-normal temperatures spread across the citrus producing region all week. Highs were in the low to mid 90s in all areas. Clermont (Lake County) reached 97°F. Lake Placid (Highlands County) and Auburndale (Polk County) both reached 96°F. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms brought various amounts of precipitation to citrus producing counties. In the southern area, Sebring (Highlands County) recorded the greatest amount of rainfall at 4.93 inches, while in the central area, the most rainfall was in Frostproof (Polk County) at 2.30 inches. The eastern portion of the citrus region had the least rainfall for the week. Canals and ditches were low in areas that had extremely hot weather and little rainfall. According to the July 12, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region remained drought free.

Citrus fieldworkers continued with spray programs on days with permissible weather. Caretakers applied summer oils and treated for greening. Most mowed and took care of young healthy trees bearing fruit for next season's crop. Growers irrigated on a regular basis. The fruit and trees looked good, showing signs of growth and new leaves on the trees.

Fruits and Vegetables

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

Livestock and Pastures

In the southeastern portion of the state, the decline in daily rain led to decreased surplus soil moisture and improved pasture quality. In the northern half of the state, frequent rains continued to prevent low-lying areas from drying, making it difficult for producers to tend to their fields. Cattle condition improved, compared to the previous week. Cattle producers began to send their calves to market.

Field Crops

Hay and silage harvest was underway in several counties when breaks in the rain allowed. Field corn harvest began in Dixie and Okeechobee counties. Producers harvested tobacco in Lafayette County. Sugarcane and rice continued to do well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/15/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	0	1
Short.....	11	3	12
Adequate.....	73	74	69
Surplus.....	9	23	18

Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/15/18

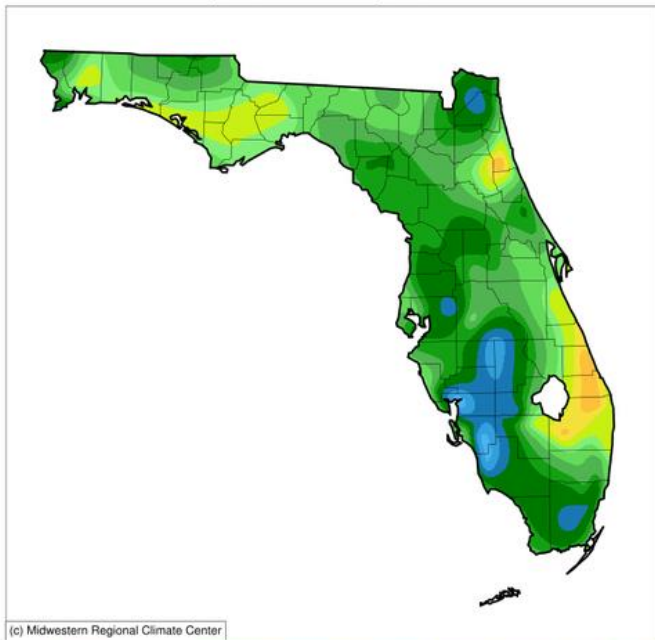
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	54	42	76	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	13	3	24	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	67	49	73	76

Condition for Week Ending 7/15/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	17	49	31
Cotton.....	0	2	23	67	8
Pasture & range....	1	5	21	48	25
Peanuts.....	0	1	10	78	11

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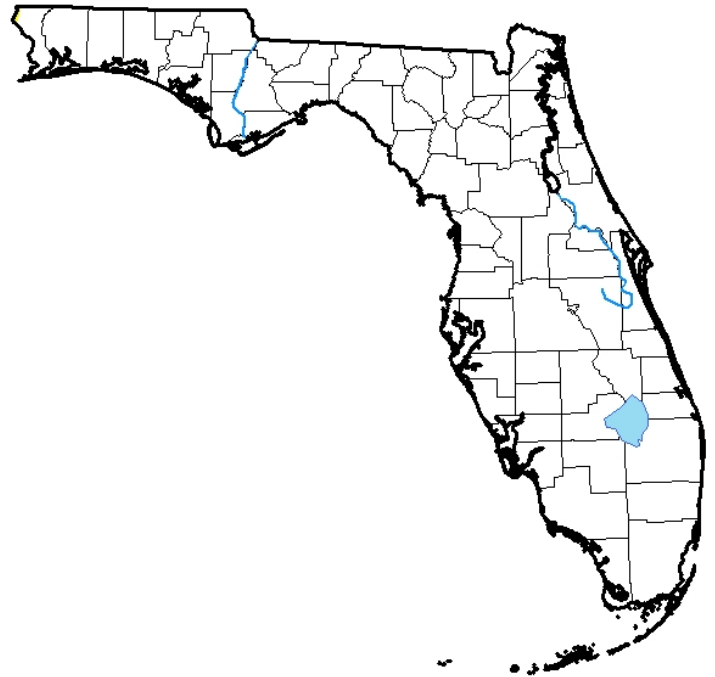
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 09, 2018 to July 15, 2018



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Intensity:

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

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