



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Florida Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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### General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 22, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County) to 6.3 inches in Chiefland (Levy County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.8°F in Crescent City (Putnam County) to 88.2°F in Key West (Monroe County).

### Citrus

Generally warm conditions were found across the citrus producing region during the last week. Afternoons were mostly in the high 80s to the low 90s. Weekend temperatures were slightly warmer with many citrus producing counties reaching the mid 90s. The warmest temperature recorded was in Avon Park (Highlands County) at 97 degrees. Intermittent showers on several days were enough to produce more-than-average rainfall for the period. Several rain stations in the northern citrus producing area received over three inches for the week; many stations in western and central areas had at least two inches of rainfall. According to the July 19, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region remained drought free.

Field workers continued with spray programs on days with permissible weather. Caretakers applied summer oils and treated for greening. Also observed was fertilizing, mowing, and giving care to resets. Irrigation was less regular in areas where it rained several days during the week. The fruit and trees looked good so far, and growers were optimistic about the upcoming crop.

### Fruits and Vegetables

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

### Livestock and Pastures

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. Southern counties had hit-or-miss rain which left some pastures in excellent condition while others were flooded. Cattle condition declined slightly from the previous week.

### Field Crops

Hay and silage harvest was underway in several counties when breaks in the rain allowed while operations in other counties had to delay harvesting for the week. Small grains were harvested in Suwannee County. Field corn was harvested in Levy County and was ready for harvest in Palm Beach County. Producers planted sweet potatoes in Flagler County. Sugarcane continued to thrive.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/22/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	7	1
Short.....	6	11	12
Adequate.....	71	73	68
Surplus.....	23	9	19

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/22/18

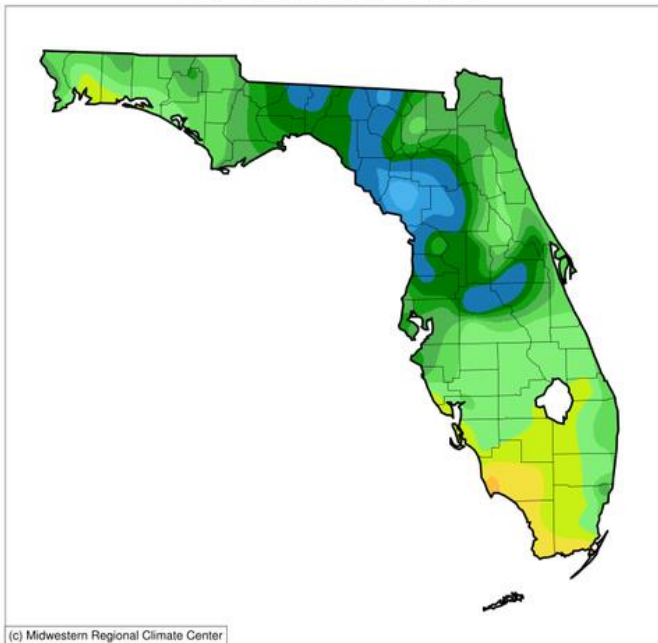
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	63	54	90	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	37	13	51	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	75	67	80	84

### Condition for Week Ending 7/22/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	22	49	24
Cotton.....	1	2	31	65	1
Pasture & range....	1	6	24	48	21
Peanuts.....	0	1	12	70	17

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

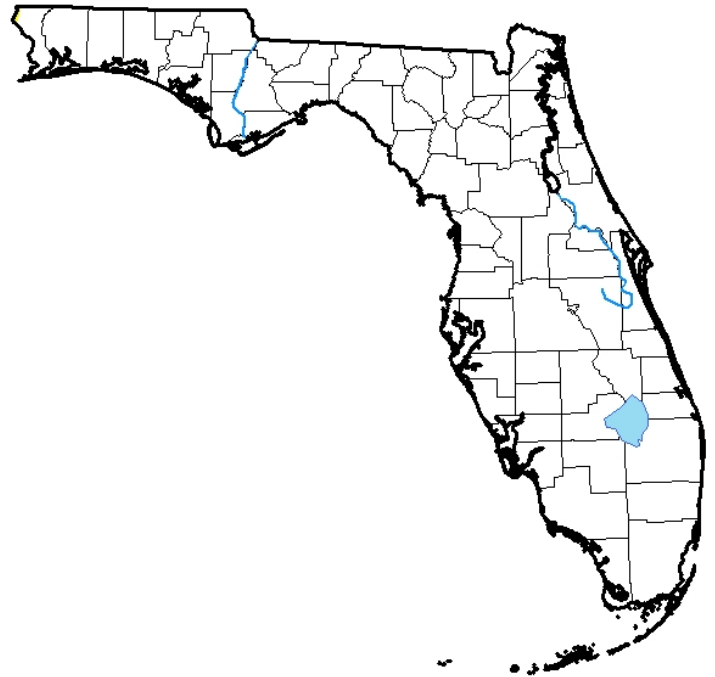
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
July 16, 2018 to July 22, 2018



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#### Intensity:

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

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