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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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 29, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County) to 7.2 inches in Winter Haven (Polk County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.3°F in Moore Haven (Glades County) to 86.5°F in Marco Island (Collier County).

Citrus

Average or slightly higher than average temperatures remained constant the entire week in the citrus producing region. Afternoon highs were in the high 80s to low 90s, with a couple extremes in the mid 90s. The warmest temperature recorded was in Palmdale (Glades County) at 96°F. Tropical moisture and rain showers on several days resulted in above normal precipitation for much of the citrus producing region during the last week. Several locations in the central and northern areas received between 2 and 4 inches of rainfall. In the northern area, the most rainfall was in Dade City (Pasco County) at 7.2 inches, and in the central area, Winter Haven (Polk County) had 6.6 inches of rainfall. According to the July 26, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region remains drought free.

Care takers continued normal maintenance and spray programs, consisting of applying summer oils, treating for greening, fertilizing and mowing. Irrigation was less regular in counties where it rained several days during the week. In areas where owners are taking care of their groves, the fruit and trees look good, and growers are optimistic about the upcoming crop.

Fruits and Vegetables

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

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures in Polk County are growing well with the recent rainfall. Some flooded areas were noted in Hernando and Sumter County. Cattle condition improved slightly from the previous week.

Field Crops

Hay was cut this week in Dixie County but the rain prevented cutting in Lafayette County and delayed producers in Levy County. Field corn was harvested in Dixie County and will begin soon in Suwannee County. Some peanuts are beginning to suffer from the excess moisture in Levy County. Sugarcane continues to thrive.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/29/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	2
Short.....	4	6	13
Adequate.....	72	71	68
Surplus.....	24	23	17

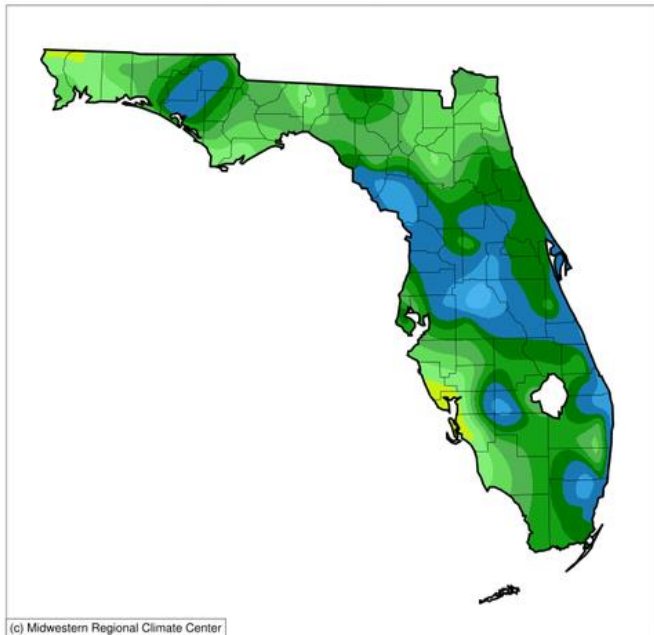
Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/29/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	90	63	93	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	60	37	80	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	85	75	90	91

Condition for Week Ending 7/29/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	19	56	21
Cotton.....	1	2	23	61	13
Pasture & range....	0	7	20	50	23
Peanuts.....	0	1	10	69	20

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 23, 2018 to July 29, 2018

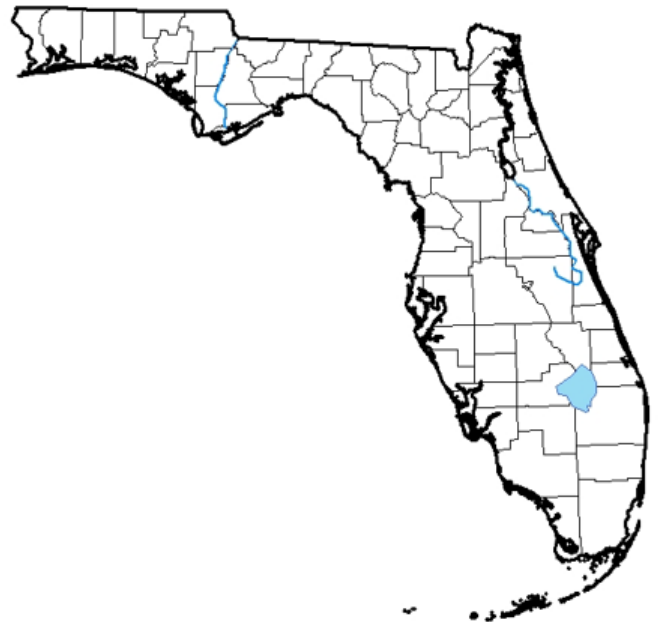


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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