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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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 5, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.2 inches of rain in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County) to 12.1 inches in Hosford (Liberty County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.1°F in Milton (Santa Rosa County) to 85.8°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Typical warm temperatures were present all week in the citrus growing region. Afternoon highs were in the mid 80s to mid 90s. The warmest temperature recorded was in Wauchula (Hardee County) at 95°F. Heavy precipitation fell in the western citrus growing area and parts of the northern and central citrus growing areas. Generally average or less-than-average rainfall fell in the remainder of the citrus growing region. Bartow (Polk County) had the most rainfall at 5.83 inches for the week. Bowling Green (Hardee County) had 5.11 inches of rainfall. In the southern area, the most rainfall was in Labelle (Hendry County) at 1.49 inches. According to the August 2, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region remained drought free.

Growing conditions were favorable across the citrus growing region. Caretakers were able to maintain normal spray schedules, mow, and conduct general grove maintenance. Spray programs consisted of applying summer oils, treating for greening, and fertilizing. Some areas were irrigated heavier than others. Reports on the progress of the fruit crop were positive in all areas.

Fruits and Vegetables

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

Livestock and Pastures

The St. Johns River crested its banks, and pastures were flooded. Ranchers focused on moving cattle to higher ground, and concerns over the cattle's wet hoofs grew. In Levy County, some pastures and fields became critically wet. Despite unfavorable soil moisture in some area, cattle condition was generally unchanged from the previous week.

Field Crops

Hay cutting and corn harvesting was delayed by wet conditions in several counties. Producers in Dixie County began to project peanut crop loss from the surplus rain and standing water. Also in Dixie County, saturated fields will likely prevent the remainder of the field corn harvest. Breaks from the rain in several southern counties allowed producers to plant potatoes and prepare fields for the fall planting season. Sugarcane and rice continued to thrive.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/5/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	0	1
Short.....	8	4	11
Adequate.....	73	72	69
Surplus.....	16	24	19

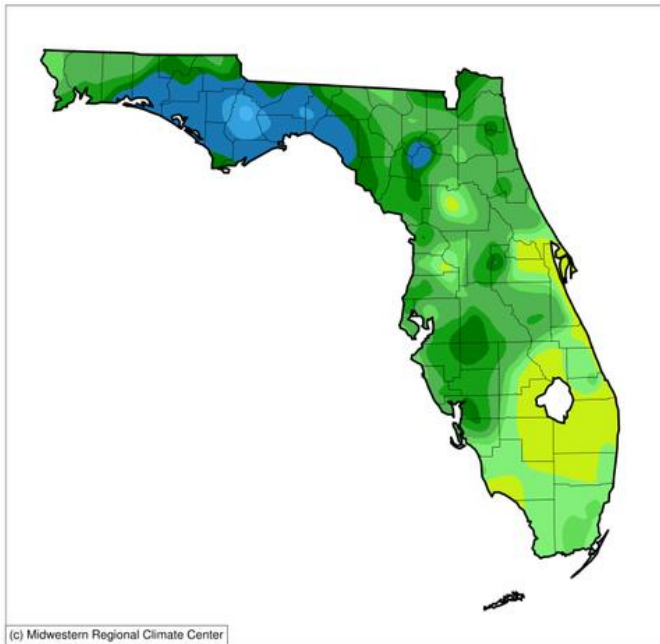
Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/5/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	92	90	96	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	83	60	85	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	89	85	95	96

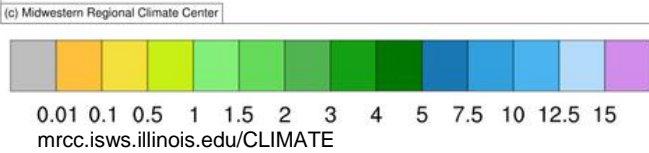
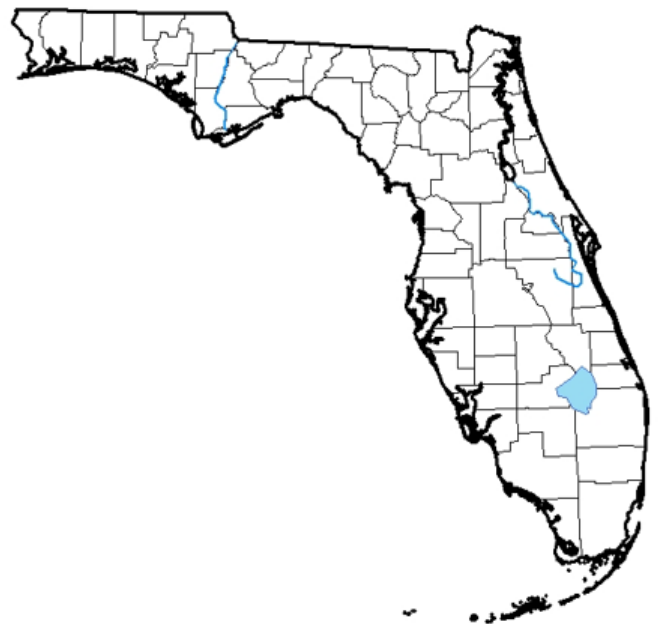
Condition for Week Ending 8/5/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	5	16	55	24
Cotton.....	0	2	22	57	19
Pasture & range....	0	7	20	47	26
Peanuts.....	1	3	15	56	25

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 30, 2018 to August 05, 2018



U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



July 31, 2018 (Released Thursday, August 2, 2018)
<http://droughtmonitor.unl>