



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 2, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.1 inches in multiple locations to 8.5 inches in Seminole (Pinellas County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.5°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 85.0°F in Key West (Monroe County).

### **Citrus**

Daily temperatures were average in the citrus growing region, with afternoons in the high 80s to low 90s all week. Lake Wales (Polk County) had one day reaching 93°F. Arcadia (Desoto County) reached 92°F. Most areas had ample rainfall for the week. Rainfall totals across the citrus belt were between one half of an inch to just over three inches. According to the August 30, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region remained drought free.

Favorable conditions persisted across the citrus growing region. Caretakers maintained normal spray schedules while also conducting general grove maintenance. Also noticed was pushing of dead trees and taking care of young replants. Fieldworkers reported early oranges approaching tennis ball size and grapefruit as large as baseballs.

### **Fruits and Vegetables**

Vegetable growers continued to prepare land for fall vegetables. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, mango, malanga, and okra.

### **Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures were growing quite nicely, and cattle had plenty of feed. However, low-lying areas in many counties were flooded from the recent rains. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

### **Field Crops**

Hay was cut when conditions were dry enough. Regular rains delayed the peanut harvest in several counties. Sugarcane continued to thrive. In preparation for the upcoming sugarcane harvest, growers began doing routine equipment maintenance.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 9/2/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	5	NA
Short.....	2	12	NA
Adequate.....	76	69	NA
Surplus.....	22	14	NA

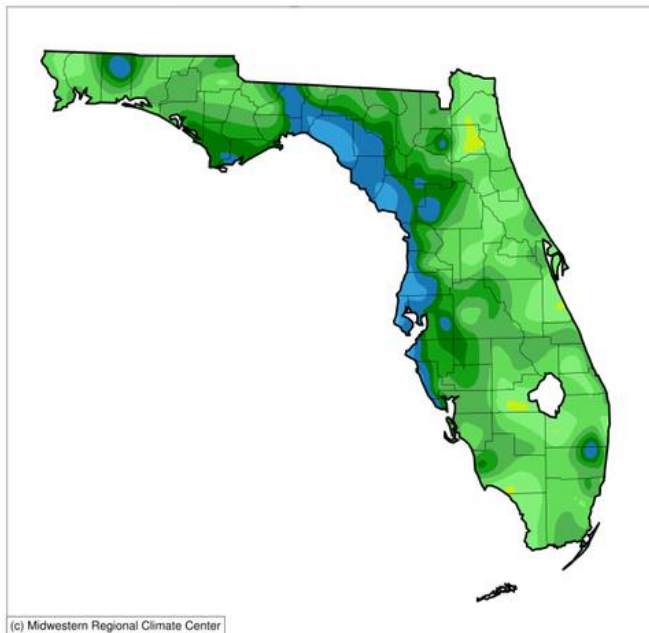
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 9/2/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	97	95	98	NA
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	23	20	40	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	6	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	4	2	6	9

### Condition for Week Ending 9/2/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	19	62	16
Cotton .....	1	2	18	53	26
Pasture & range....	0	5	21	53	21
Peanuts.....	0	2	13	59	26

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
August 27, 2018 to September 02, 2018

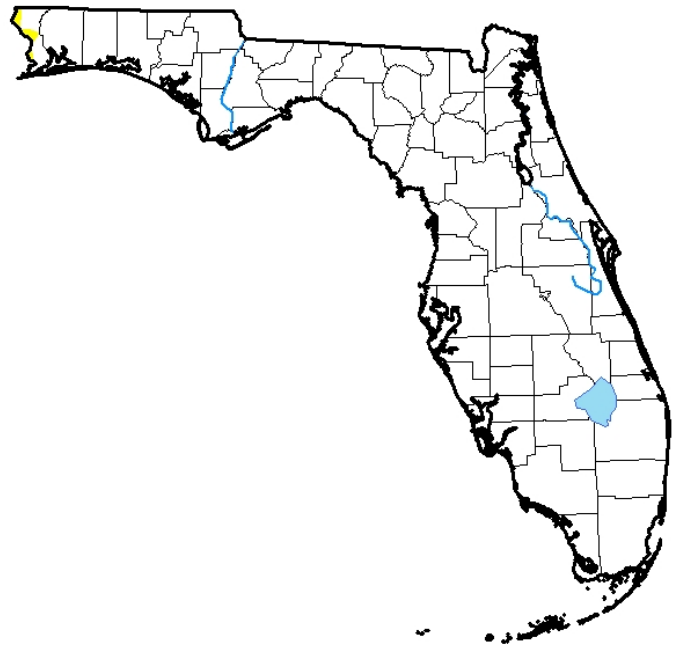


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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



#### Intensity:

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

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