



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 7, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 2.86 inches in Interlachen (Putnam County). The average mean temperature ranged from 74.4°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 85.2°F in Cape Florida (Miami-Dade County).

### Citrus

Daily temperatures were average or above in the citrus growing region, with afternoons reaching the mid 80s to low 90s all week. Rainfall was very light for this time of the year, with most stations recording less than an inch of rainfall. Several stations in the central and southern citrus producing areas recorded less than a tenth of an inch. According to the October 2, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the citrus region remained drought free, with the exception of the Indian River District and limited areas of adjoining counties where abnormally dry conditions were present.

Caretakers were spraying, mowing, herbiciding, and planting new resets. Irrigation was run on a regular basis across the citrus region. Generally, groves that are being well maintained look good, with good fruit sets and healthy trees. Owners were testing maturity levels for harvest of early oranges, grapefruit, and tangerines. Packinghouses were running small quantities of Fallglo tangerines and Navel oranges, and ramping up operations for additional early variety fruit.

### Fruits and Vegetables

Growers continued to prepare land and plant vegetables in several counties. The dry weather in Palm Beach County helped growers keep to their fall planting schedules. Some bacterial and target spot disease pressures were reported in Manatee County. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, and okra.

### Livestock and Pastures

Some farmers in Escambia County were able to get winter pastures planted on land that had been used for corn or other summer annual forages. Pastures are getting short and decreasing in quality in Columbia County. Lower temperatures this week were a relief for cattle in Brevard and Indian River counties. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

### Field Crops

Cotton and peanut harvesting are expected to begin soon in Escambia and Walton counties. Growers in Lafayette County were trying to harvest peanuts that had already been dug and will wait for Hurricane Michael to pass before digging any more. Most of the peanuts in Levy County have been harvested. Hay cutting activities took place in Columbia, Dixie, and Volusia counties. Sugarcane continued to look very good; harvesting activities were reported in Palm Beach County.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/07/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	10	NA
Short.....	26	20	NA
Adequate.....	55	58	NA
Surplus.....	10	12	NA

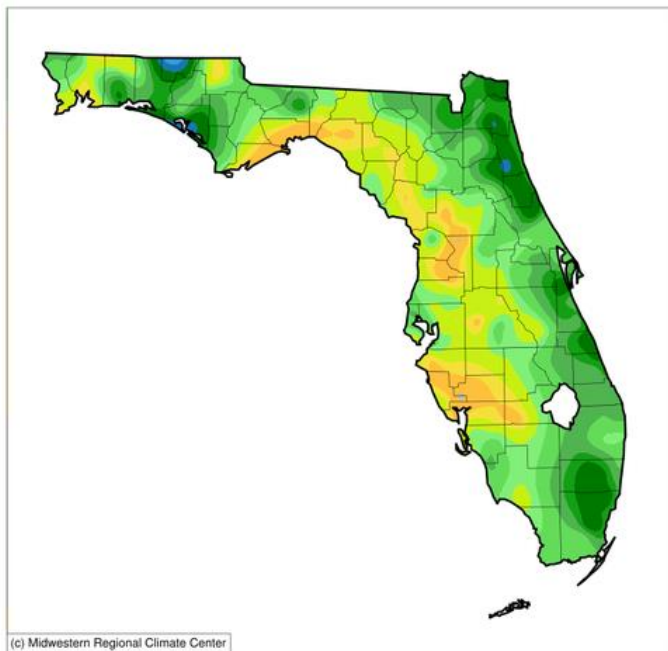
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/07/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	83	68	74	NA
Cotton - Harvested.....	3	2	5	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	73	58	72	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	58	41	59	54

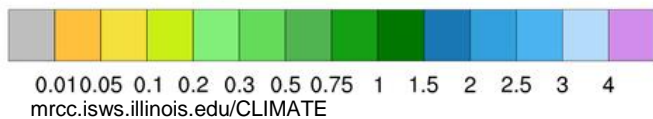
### Condition for Week Ending 10/07/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	17	57	24
Cotton.....	3	7	33	35	22
Pasture & range....	1	7	28	49	15
Peanuts.....	0	2	10	68	20

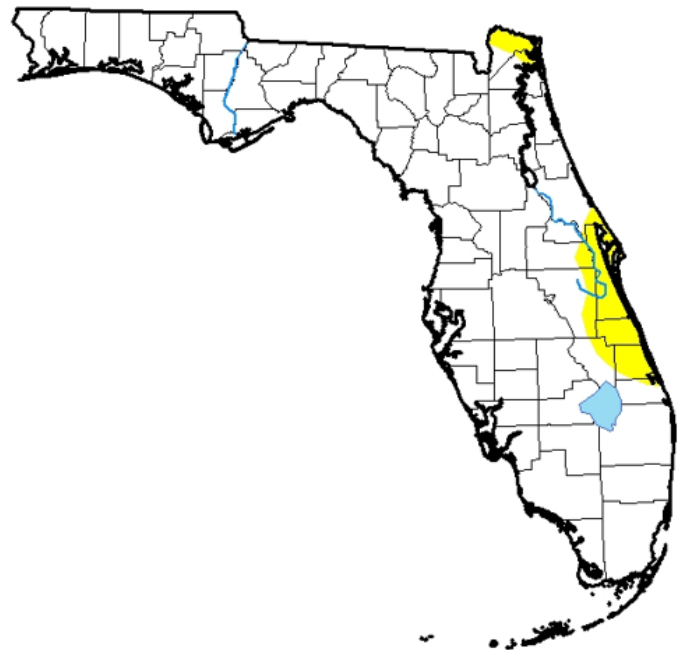
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 01, 2018 to October 07, 2018



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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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<http://droughtmonitor.unl>