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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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 4, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 1.81 inches in Clewiston (Hendry County). The average mean temperature ranged from 62.1°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 80.9°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were normal for this time of the year in the citrus growing region. Highs were in the low to high 80s in all areas. The citrus region was relatively dry until the weekend when quick moving rainstorms brought between a quarter of an inch to over an inch of rainfall in the citrus growing counties. In the northern area, one station in Mount Plymouth (Lake County) had 0.93 inches of rainfall. According to the October 30, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions expanded in the citrus growing region. They now cover the entire Indian River District and about half of the southern area. Dryness also moved into the eastern portion of Highlands and Osceola counties in the central area of the citrus belt.

Grove workers fertilized, sprayed, took care of resets, and mowed prior to harvesting. Irrigation ran everywhere. Generally, fieldworkers observed a lot of fruit, but of small size. Both white and red grapefruit began to show color. The early-season fruit harvest increased moderately and went directly to the packing houses. Varieties included Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines, Navel oranges and other early oranges, and red grapefruit. Two processing plants were reported open and accepting packinghouse eliminations.

Fruits and Vegetables

Pest pressure was noted on peppers, watermelon, and tomatoes in Manatee County. Irrigation ran as needed in many southern counties to supplement limited rainfall. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, green beans, malanga, peppers, tomatoes, and squash. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cowpeas, green beans, malanga, and okra.

Livestock and Pastures

Dry weather allowed farmers to bale hay and plant winter forages. Warm-season pastures underwent seasonal decline. Overall, cattle condition remained mostly good.

Field Crops

The peanut harvest was wrapping up as the late-season cotton harvest began to take off. The soybean harvest had yet to start in Suwannee County. Sugarcane harvesting continued.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/4/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	8	NA
Short.....	30	25	NA
Adequate.....	60	60	NA
Surplus.....	3	7	NA

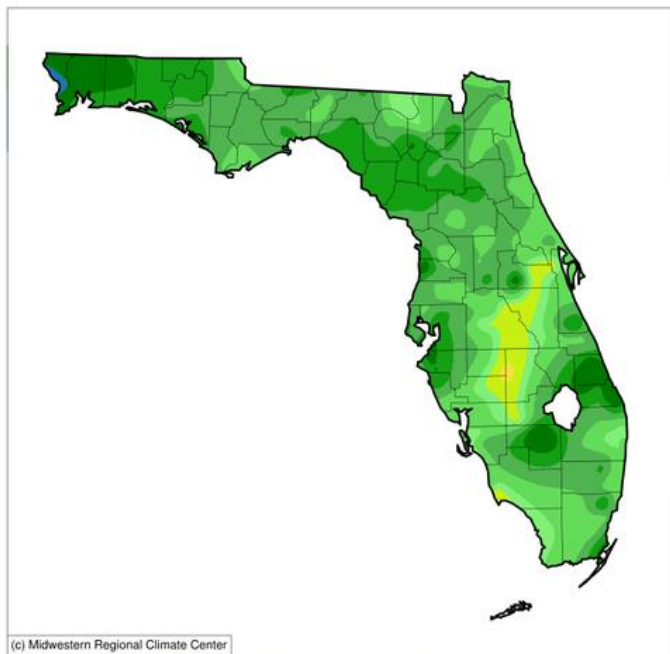
Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/4/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	99	98	99	NA
Cotton - Harvested.....	22	14	45	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	96	91	99	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	90	81	97	94

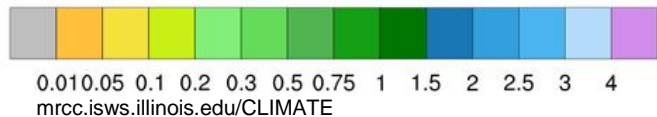
Condition for Week Ending 11/4/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	18	62	17
Cotton	18	7	33	29	13
Pasture & range	1	12	40	36	11

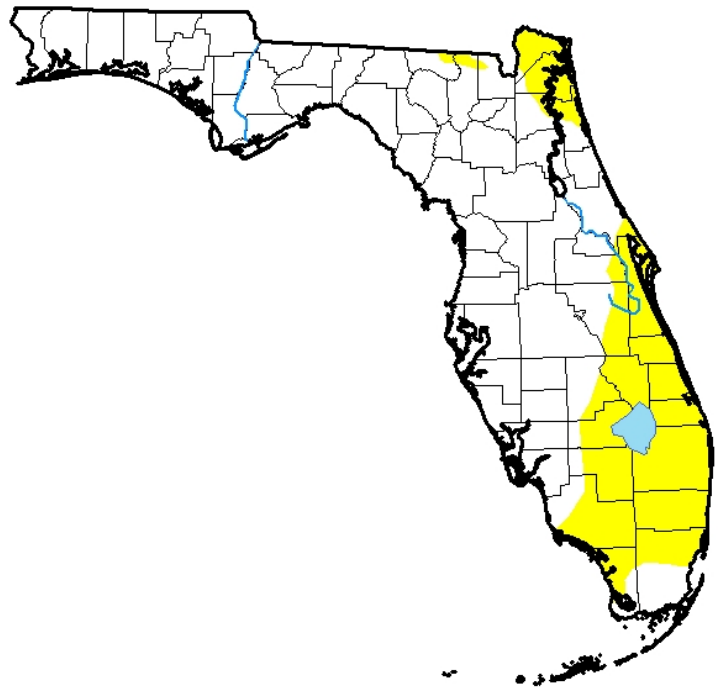
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 29, 2018 to November 04, 2018



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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>