



United States Department of Agriculture  
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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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 11, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 6.34 inches in Tallahassee (Leon County). The average mean temperature ranged from 66.6°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 83.1°F in Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures were above average 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 had spotty showers on one or two days. Some areas were very dry while others had above-average rainfall. Total rainfall ranged from trace amounts in Winter Haven (Polk County) and Clermont (Lake County) to 4.11 inches in Bowling Green (Hardee County). According to the November 8, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions were unchanged in the citrus region. They still covered the entire Indian River District and about half of the southern area. Dryness also persisted in the eastern portion of Highlands and Osceola counties in the central area of the citrus belt.

Grove workers were on normal fertilizer and herbicide application schedules. Groves were mowed prior to harvesting. Irrigation ran everywhere. Generally, fieldworkers observed a lot of fruit, but of small size. According to the November 1, 2018 Citrus Forecast release for both Non-Valencia and Valencia oranges, fruit size was projected to be smaller than the minimum and “if realized, this would be the smallest size on record, dating back to the start of the Size and Drop survey in 1960-1961.” Both white and red grapefruit began to show color. Early oranges broke color in the southern area.

Early-season fruit harvest was still very small. Red grapefruit held steady at about 50-60 thousand boxes per week. White grapefruit harvest was just beginning. Tangerine varieties included Fallglo and Early Pride. Navel oranges and other early oranges were harvested only for the fresh market. Processing plants continued to run packinghouse eliminations on oranges and grapefruit.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Oct 21, 2018 (Final)	Oct 28, 2018 (Final)	Nov 4, 2018 (Preliminary)	Nov 5, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	95	148	197	126
Navel oranges .....	15	28	51	25
White grapefruit .....	0	8	8	8
Red grapefruit .....	48	60	59	88
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	13	18	7	15
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>262</b>

[www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org](http://www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org)

**Fruits and Vegetables**

A hot, dry week in south Florida resulted in irrigation running on vegetable crops on a daily basis. The heat negatively impacted strawberries. Pest pressure was noted on peppers, watermelon, and tomatoes in Manatee County. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, carrots, green beans, herbs, malanga, peppers, tomatoes, and squash. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, okra, strawberries, and sweet potatoes.

**Livestock and Pastures**

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

**Field Crops**

Rain almost every day in the Panhandle delayed peanut harvesting and further reduced peanut quality. Producers feared that additional delays from the wet weather would make the remaining peanuts unsalvageable. Producers planted cover crops in Suwannee County. Sugarcane planting began to wind down as sugarcane harvesting continued on schedule.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/11/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	7	NA
Short.....	25	30	NA
Adequate.....	65	60	NA
Surplus.....	7	3	NA

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/11/18

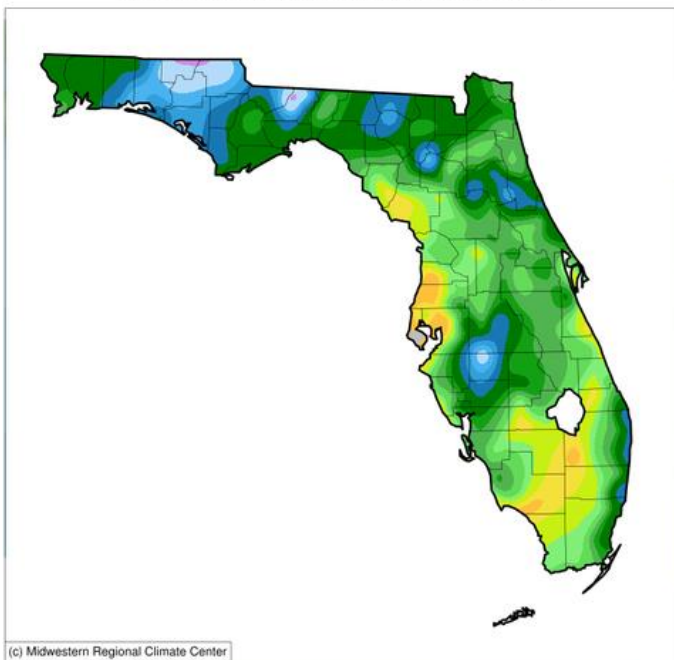
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	31	22	51	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	93	90	100	97

### Condition for Week Ending 11/11/18

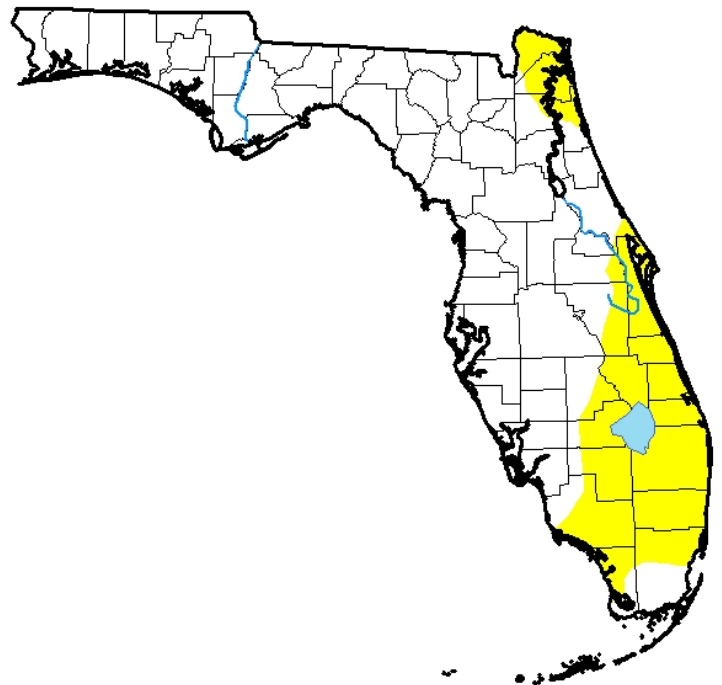
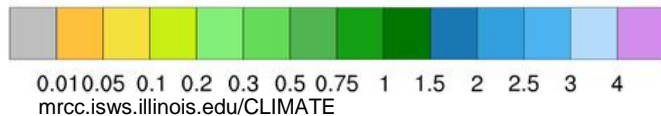
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	22	61	15
Cotton .....	13	10	33	29	15
Pasture & range .....	2	10	41	36	11

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
November 05, 2018 to November 11, 2018



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#### Intensity

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

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