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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, May 5, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 4.9 inches in Miramar (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 69.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 82.3°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region had seasonably warm temperatures all week. Highs were continuously in the mid to high 80s. Heavy thunderstorms swept across the northern portion of the citrus region over the weekend. Polk County, in the central growing area, had the most rainfall with three of eight stations recording more than two inches. The majority of the remaining citrus stations received less than one inch of rainfall for the week. According to the May 2, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, recent weather patterns have brought enough rainfall to keep drought conditions confined to the eastern portion of the citrus region. Abnormally dry conditions are present only in Indian River and Brevard counties. The remaining citrus growing region is drought free.

During the month of April, weekly Valencia orange harvest was running about 30 percent more than last season's hurricane affected crop. Utilization of the later variety oranges during April was just under 3.50 million boxes per week.

Next season's crop is progressing well in healthy groves. Fruit set on oranges is in various sizes, ranging between marble size and quarter size. Most groves have been hedged and topped for the new season. Grove activities included spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Ditches and canals are low in some areas due to the lack of recent rainfall. Irrigation was running regularly in all areas.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Apr 14, 2019 (Final)	Apr 21, 2019 (Preliminary)	Apr 28, 2019 (Preliminary)	April 29, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	3,552	3,208	3,383	2,612
Red grapefruit	42	21	10	0
White grapefruit..	2	0	0	0
Tangerines and Tangelos	14	3	1	0
Total	3,610	3,232	3,394	2,612

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

Fruits and Vegetables

Watermelon and cantaloupe harvesting was ongoing in multiple counties. Watermelon setting fruit was slightly behind the normal schedule in Levy County. The vegetable season continued winding down in the southern peninsula. A wide variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted and brought to market this week.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture conditions improved in many parts of the state due to rain and better soil moisture. Cattle condition was mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Peanut planting continued in Escambia and Levy counties. Crop planting in Suwannee County was curtailed some due to rain. Potato harvesting activities continued in Flagler and Putnam counties. Sugarcane harvesting continued in Glades and Hendry counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/05/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	4
Short.....	21	28
Adequate.....	68	64
Surplus.....	5	4

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/05/19

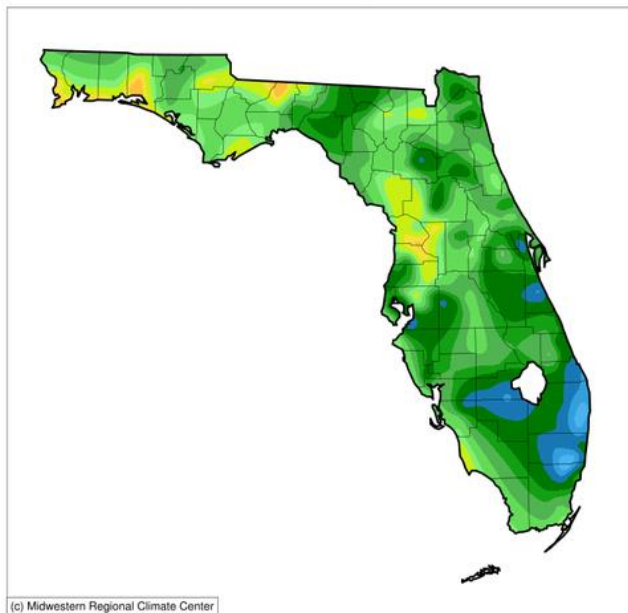
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	11	4	15	14
Peanuts - Planted.....	33	23	35	29

Condition for Week Ending 05/05/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	24	59	14
Pasture & range	1	7	34	46	12

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

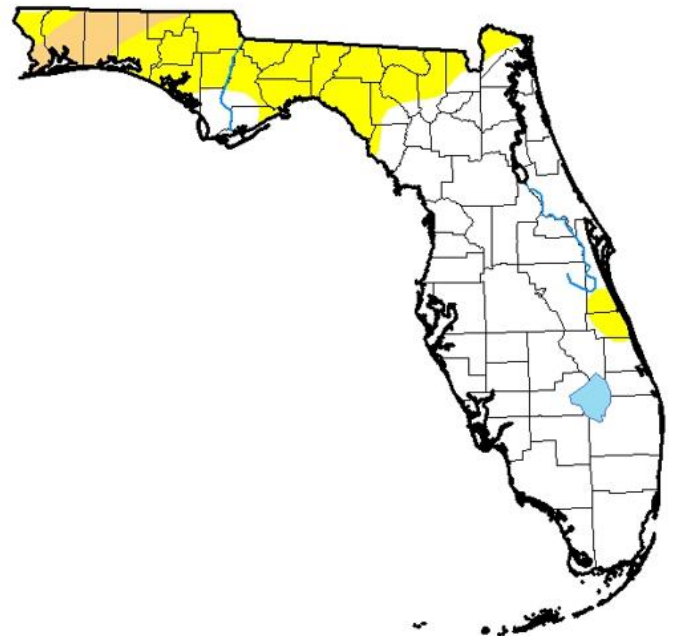
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 29, 2019 to May 05, 2019



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Intensity:

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

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<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>