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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 12, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 7.67 inches in South Miami (Miami Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 73.2°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 83.2°F in John Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region had above average temperatures all week. Daily highs were in the high 80s to low 90s. Rain activity affected the majority of the citrus growing region. The northern and central citrus growing area stations mostly recorded between 0.5 and 1.5 inches of rainfall. The heaviest rainfall was in the western and southern citrus growing areas. Arcadia (Desoto County) recorded 3.71 inches and Lehigh Acres (Lee County) had 3.31 inches of rainfall. The recent abundance of rain has been beneficial to the citrus growing region. According to the May 7, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is now drought free.

Valencia orange harvest is in full swing. Over three million boxes are being harvested on a weekly basis. According to the Market News Bulletin, dated May 6, 2019, “most plants are looking to the end of May to finish processing Valencia oranges, while a few may go into June.”

Growing conditions have been favorable for citrus the past couple of months. Rainfall has been sufficient for this time of year and most days have had ample sunshine. Next year’s fruit is in various sizes, ranging from large marble size to golf ball size on orange varieties. Grapefruit and tangerines are slightly larger. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicide under the trees, spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation is running 2-4 times a week in most groves.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

| Crop | For week ending | | | Previous Year |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Apr 21, 2019 (Preliminary) | Apr 28, 2019 (Preliminary) | May 5, 2019 (Preliminary) | May 6, 2018 (Actual) |
| | (boxes) | (boxes) | (boxes) | (boxes) |
| Valencia oranges..... | 3,208 | 3,383 | 3,320 | 2,523 |
| Red grapefruit | 21 | 10 | 4 | 0 |
| White grapefruit.. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Tangerines and Tangelos | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3,232 | 3,394 | 3,324 | 2,527 |

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry and vegetable production continued and was doing well in Bradford County. Watermelon harvesting is expected to begin soon in Levy County. The vegetable season continued winding down in the southern peninsula. There were reports in Manatee County of tomatoes with target spot and late blight in areas which received more rainfall. Crops in all parts of Manatee County were under heat stress and growers were harvesting as quickly as possible to prevent loss. A wide variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted and brought to market this week.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Field Crops

Peanut planting continued and is nearly complete in Levy County. Potato harvesting activities were ongoing in Flagler and Putnam counties. Sugarcane harvesting continued in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/12/19

| Topsoil | This week | Previous week |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 3 | 6 |
| Short..... | 13 | 21 |
| Adequate..... | 78 | 68 |
| Surplus..... | 6 | 5 |

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/12/19

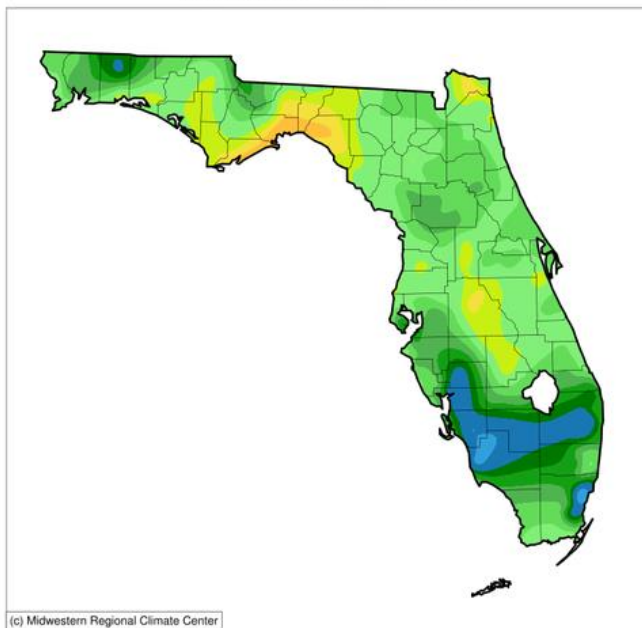
| Crop stage | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton - Planted | 22 | 11 | 24 | 22 |
| Peanuts - Planted..... | 50 | 33 | 49 | 44 |

Condition for Week Ending 05/12/19

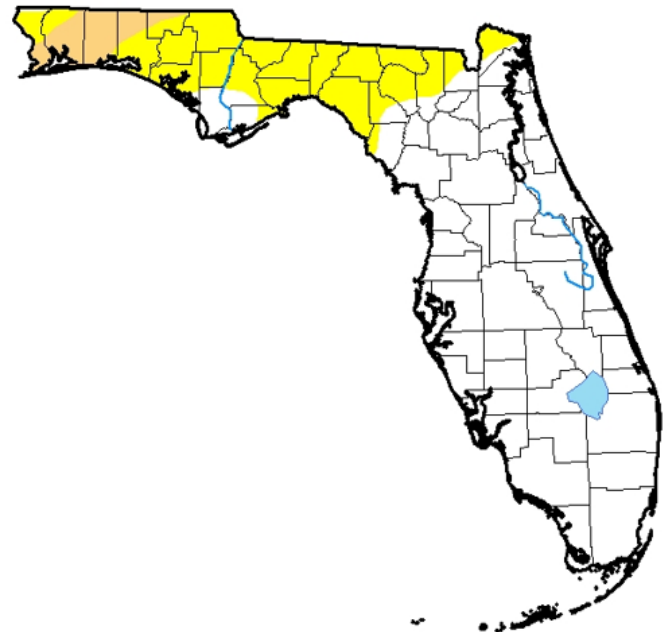
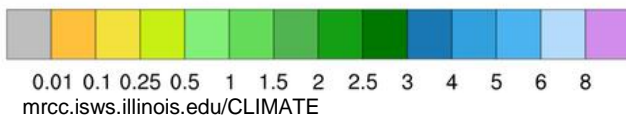
| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle | 0 | 3 | 27 | 63 | 7 |
| Pasture & range | 2 | 7 | 32 | 51 | 8 |

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 06, 2019 to May 12, 2019



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



Intensity:

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

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