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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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 19, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 3.78 inches in Islamorada (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 70.2°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 83.3°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region had seasonably warm temperatures all week. Daily highs were in the mid 80s to low 90s. Rainfall amounts ranged mostly from 0.3 to over 2 inches. While the eastern portion of the citrus region recorded the most rainfall generally, a couple of isolated stations in the northern area had the highest amounts. Clermont (Lake County) recorded 3.37 inches of rainfall. Lutz (Pasco County) had 3.13 inches of rainfall. According to the May 14, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region remains drought free.

Valencia orange harvest was strong as of this report. More than three million boxes were harvested for the week ending May 12, 2019. According to the Market News Bulletin, dated May 13, 2019, “most plants are looking to the end of May to finish processing Valencia oranges, while a few may go into June.”

Current growing conditions are good for citrus. Rainfall has been average or above for most weeks, with several hours of sunshine each day. Next year’s fruit is in various sizes ranging from large marble size to around 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 being run 2-4 times a week in most areas.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Apr 28, 2019 (Final)	May 5, 2019 (Final)	May 12, 2019 (Preliminary)	May 13, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	3,399	3,422	3,233	1,568
Red grapefruit	6	11	4	0
White grapefruit..	0	2	0	0
Tangerines and Tangelos	2	1	0	0
Total	3,407	3,436	3,237	1,568

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry and vegetable production continued in Bradford County, where some plants exhibited symptoms of anthracnose, leaf spot, and leaf blight. Producers in Levy County reported anthracnose in watermelons. Crops in Manatee County continued showing signs of heat stress. A wide variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted and brought to market this week.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture conditions deteriorated in parts of the state due to warm, dry conditions. Cattle condition was mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Cotton and peanut planting continued this week under dry conditions. Some growers expressed a concern that a lack of moisture may halt planting activities soon. Soybean planting was reported in Jackson County. Snails were causing damage to newly emerged cotton and peanut crops in Okaloosa County. Hay harvesting activities were reported in Dixie and Jackson counties. Potato harvesting activities continued in Flagler and Putnam counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/19/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	3
Short.....	32	13
Adequate.....	56	78
Surplus.....	2	6

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/19/19

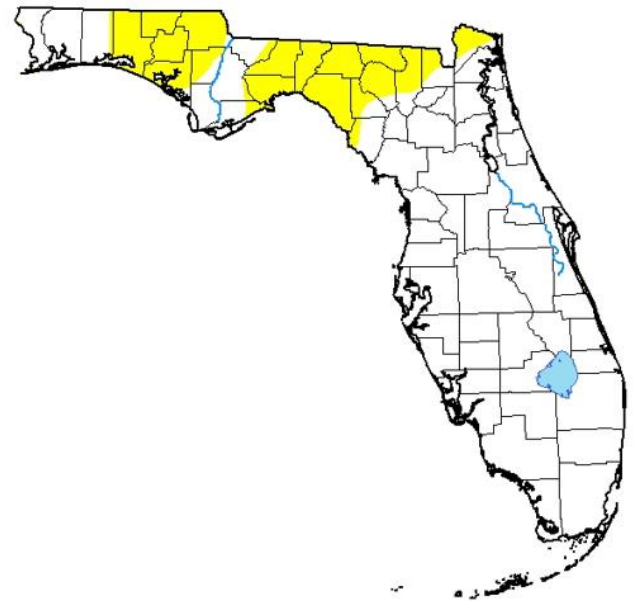
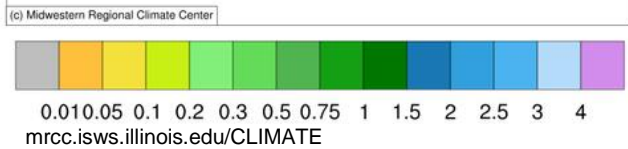
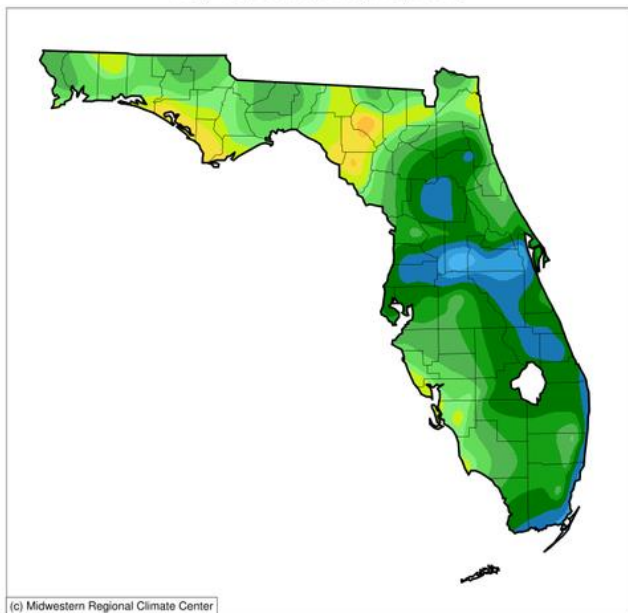
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	50	22	35	40
Peanuts - Planted.....	74	50	66	62

Condition for Week Ending 05/19/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	30	59	8
Pasture & range	4	8	38	37	13

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 13, 2019 to May 19, 2019



May 14, 2019 (Released Thursday, May 16, 2019)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>