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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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 3, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 10.65 inches in Palm Beach Shores (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 42.5°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 69.8°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were generally below average in the citrus growing region, with highs on most days in the mid 50s to high 60s. On one or two warmer days, highs reached into the 70s and 80s. The highest temperature was in Palmdale (Glades County) at 83°F. All counties in the citrus belt received abundant rainfall, mostly early in the week. The most rainfall was in Frostproof (Polk County) at 2.52 inches.

According to the January 31, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, dry conditions have lessened in the citrus growing region. The western area and northern area remain drought free. Lee and Charlotte counties in the southern area are now drought free. Only a portion of Highlands and Osceola counties in the Central area are under abnormally dry conditions. The Indian River District remains under moderate drought.

Processing plants were running field-run oranges and grapefruit packinghouse eliminations (PHE). Grove caretakers continued with normal spray programs, fertilizing, applying herbicide, hedging, and taking care of young trees. Utilization on Non-Valencia oranges hovered around 2.80 million boxes weekly during the month of January. Weekly grapefruit harvest reached just over 200,000 boxes, with about two-thirds of the crop going to the fresh market. Tangerine harvest included several of the newer varieties, most notably Orri, Tango, Autumn Honey, Juicy Crunch, and Roe tangerines. Fallglo tangerine harvest was relatively completed; Sunburst tangerine harvest was winding down. Murcott (Honey Tangerine) harvest was just beginning.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 13, 2019 (Final)	Jan 20, 2019 (Final)	Jan 27, 2019 (Preliminary)	Jan 28, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	2,796	2,822	2,758	833
Navel oranges	27	31	15	5
Valencia oranges	0	0	9	31
Red grapefruit	183	171	163	195
White grapefruit..	41	46	36	56
Tangerines and Tangelos	62	67	32	47
Total	3,109	3,137	3,013	1,167

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Cabbage and cauliflower harvesting began in Flagler and Putnam counties. Tomatoes in Manatee County, which were planted in early January, had a slight setback and have not grown much due to cool temperatures. Crops planted included boniato, eggplant, green beans, herbs, malanga, and squash. Crops harvested included Asian vegetables, avocado, boniato, green beans, herbs, malanga, pepper, squash, sweet corn, tomato, and zucchini.

Livestock and Pastures

Excess moisture and temperature fluctuations for the past several weeks in the Panhandle caused declining pasture conditions. Cattle producers in Jackson County reported bad pastures and not enough hay due to the weather. Some are unable to afford much feed due to costs associated with damage from Hurricane Michael last fall. Cool season forages were coming in and doing well in Columbia County. Dry conditions in Brevard and Indian River counties had ranchers feeding hay and supplying water. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

Field Crops

Cotton and peanut harvesting is complete in Jackson County. Wet weather prevented producers from harvesting much of what was left after Hurricane Michael last fall. Potato planting began in Flagler and Putnam counties. Much hay was baled over the last two weeks in Polk County.

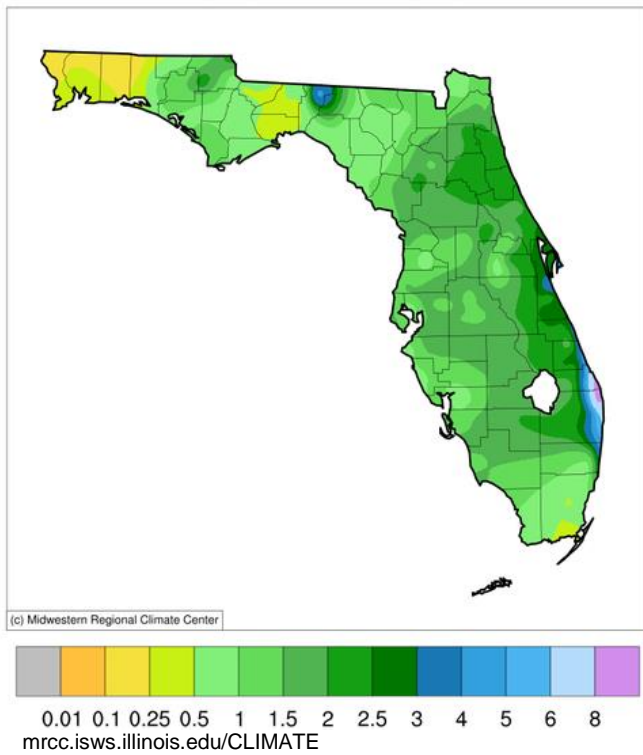
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 02/03/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	NA
Short	15	NA
Adequate.....	65	NA
Surplus.....	17	NA

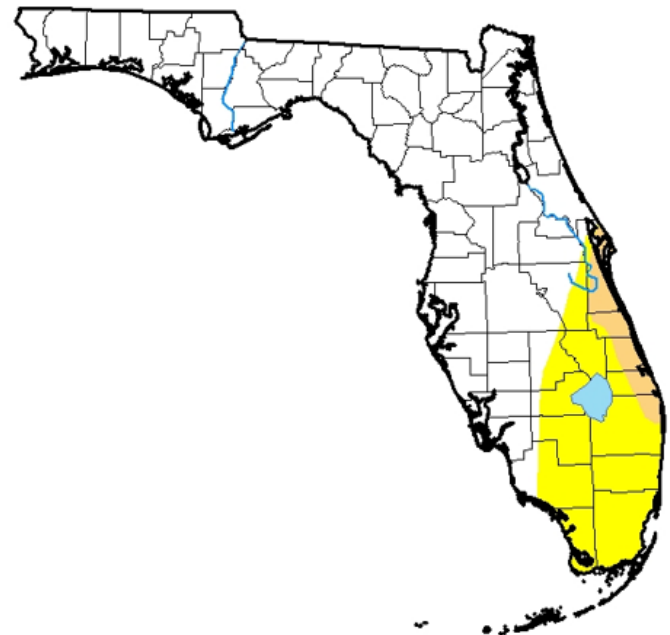
Condition for Week Ending 02/03/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	7	34	50	8
Pasture & range	9	24	32	28	7

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 28, 2019 to February 03, 2019



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>