



United States Department of Agriculture  
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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 14, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Juno Beach (Palm Beach County) to 3.44 inches in Crestview (Okaloosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 70.1°F in Apalachicola (Franklin County) to 80.6°F in Key Biscayne (Miami-Dade County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures this week were some of the warmest this year. All counties reported highs in the high 80s to low 90s. All citrus growing areas had at least one or two days of rain showers. Most showers were short passing rainstorms, bringing less than a half of an inch of rainfall each. Total rainfall in the citrus belt was consistent with historical averages for this time of the year, with the exception of a few outlying stations receiving less rainfall than average. According to the April 11, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, recent rainfall benefited the citrus belt. Only Indian River County and Brevard County had abnormally dry conditions. The remaining citrus growing areas were drought free.

Valencia harvest was going very rapidly. Weekly harvest of the later-variety oranges was near the four million boxes mark. Tangerine and grapefruit harvesting were winding down for the season.

After a uniform bloom this season, next season’s crop appeared to be at a consistent level of development. Normal fruit drop started as the trees set next season’s crop. Trees in well-cared-for and well-irrigated groves looked good. Grove activities included spraying nutritionals, fertilizing, and performing general grove maintenance. Irrigation ran regularly in all areas.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 24, 2019 (Final)	Mar 31, 2019 (Preliminary)	Apr 7, 2019 (Preliminary)	April 8, 2019 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	8	6	1	0
Navel oranges ....	0	0	0	0
Valencia oranges .....	2,992	3,779	3,814	2,682
Red grapefruit ....	137	134	88	2
White grapefruit..	16	11	2	2
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	21	25	24	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>2,687</b>

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

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Pest pressure was reported for tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, and watermelon. Potatoes were in good condition in Suwannee and Manatee Counties. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, okra, green beans, tomatoes, and watermelon. Crops harvested included cucumber, green beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, yellow squash, and zucchini.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pasture condition started to rebound in Alachua and Levy counties after scattered showers improved soil moisture. Cattle looked good throughout the state.

**Field Crops**

Corn was planted in several counties. Emerged corn benefited from much-needed rain. Overall, corn was in good condition. Field preparation and planting continued on schedule for peanuts.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/14/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	7
Short.....	26	24
Adequate.....	64	67
Surplus.....	4	2

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/14/19

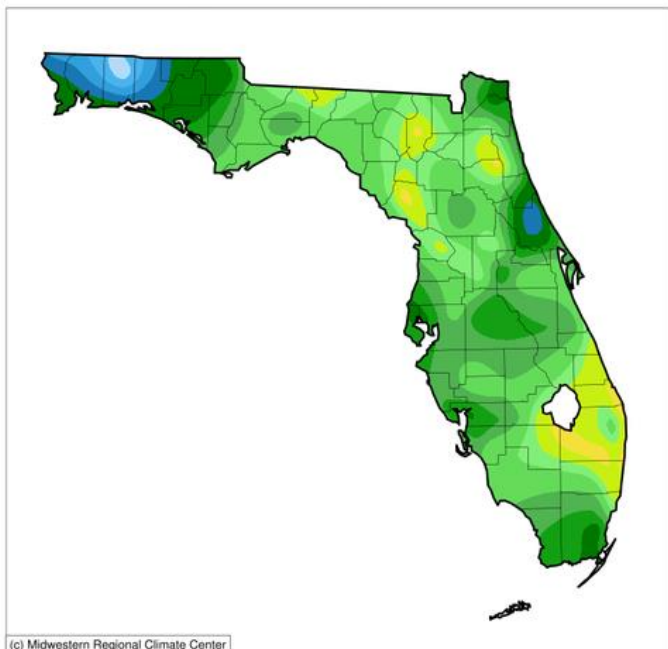
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	0	NA	0	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	8	2	7	3

### Condition for Week Ending 04/14/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	5	36	50	9
Pasture & range .....	3	11	43	32	11

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

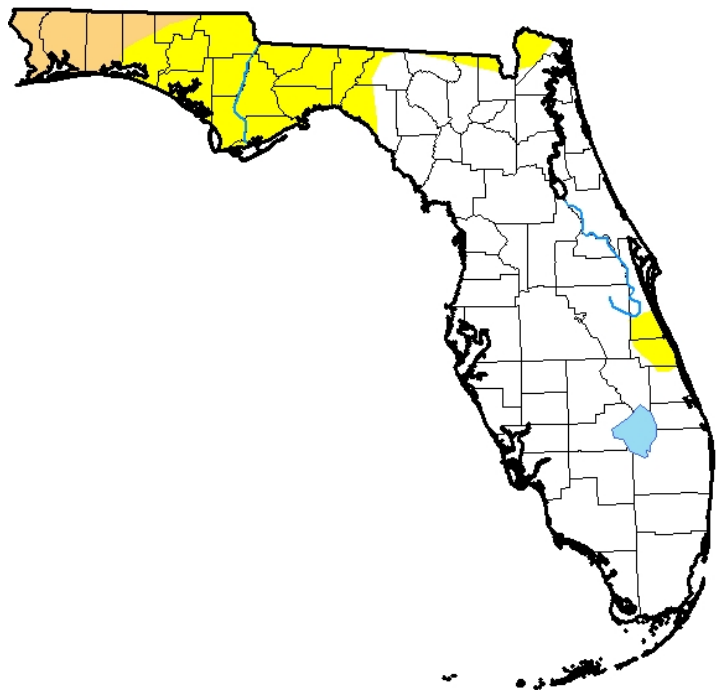
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
April 08, 2019 to April 14, 2019



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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/>