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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, April 28, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 2.56 inches in Century (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 64.5°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 78.4°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Seasonably warm temperatures continued all week in the citrus growing region. Highs on most days were in the mid to high 80s. The majority of citrus producing counties received only trace amounts of rain, or none at all. A couple of outlying stations in the northern and western citrus growing areas recorded around 0.25 inches of precipitation for the week. According to the April 25, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the recent lack of significant rainfall has not changed the drought status. Still only Indian River and Brevard counties are showing abnormally dry conditions. The remaining citrus growing region is drought free.

Only Valencia oranges remain to be harvested. Weekly utilization of the later variety oranges has steadily been over three million boxes. So far this season, about 97 percent of the harvested Valencia oranges have gone to processing. Tangerine and grapefruit harvest is nearly finished for the season.

Next season’s crop is doing well in cared for groves. Fruit set on oranges is in various sizes, ranging between marble size to quarter size. Normal fruit drop is continuing as the trees are setting the new crop. Ditches and canals are low in some areas due to the recent lack of rainfall. Grove activities included spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Hedging and topping of oranges was also observed in some areas. 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 7, 2019 (Final)	Apr 14, 2019 (Preliminary)	Apr 21, 2019 (Preliminary)	April 22, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	8	0	0	0
Valencia oranges.....	3,666	3,506	3,148	2,878
Red grapefruit	98	36	23	4
White grapefruit..	2	1	0	0
Tangerines and Tangelos	27	12	2	0
Total	3,801	3,555	3,173	2,880

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Some disease pressures were reported on strawberries in Bradford County and on pepper, tomato, and watermelon in Manatee County. Watermelon harvesting was ongoing in multiple counties, with good yields and quality reported. The vegetable season is beginning to wind 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

Some pastures are beginning to dry out due to warm, dry conditions. Pastures in Alachua and St. Lucie counties were growing well and looking good. Cattle in Brevard and Indian River counties were being supplied with water. Cattle condition was mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Peanut planting continued in Levy County. Corn planting was ongoing in Suwannee County. Potato harvesting activities continued in Flagler and Putnam counties. Sugarcane harvesting continued in Glades and Hendry counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/28/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3
Short.....	28	20
Adequate.....	64	69
Surplus.....	4	8

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/28/19

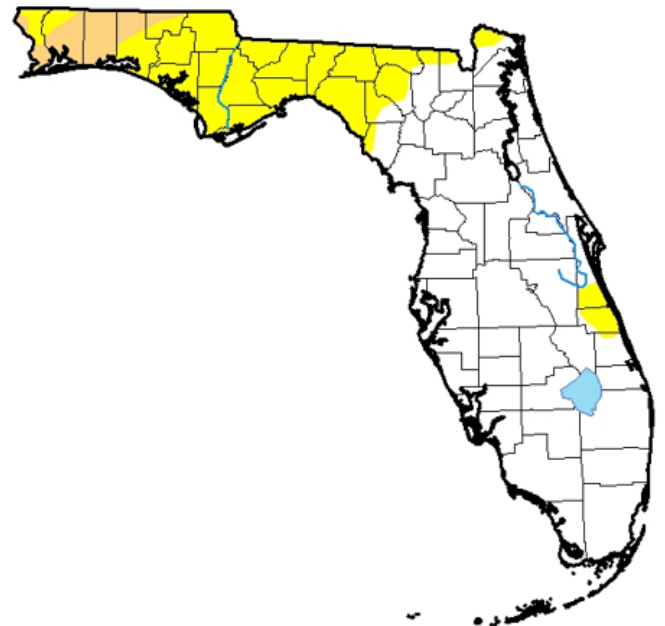
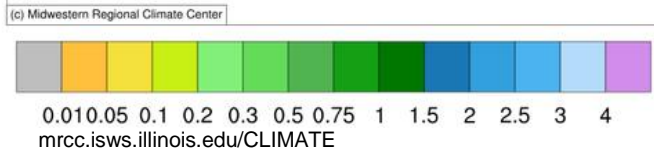
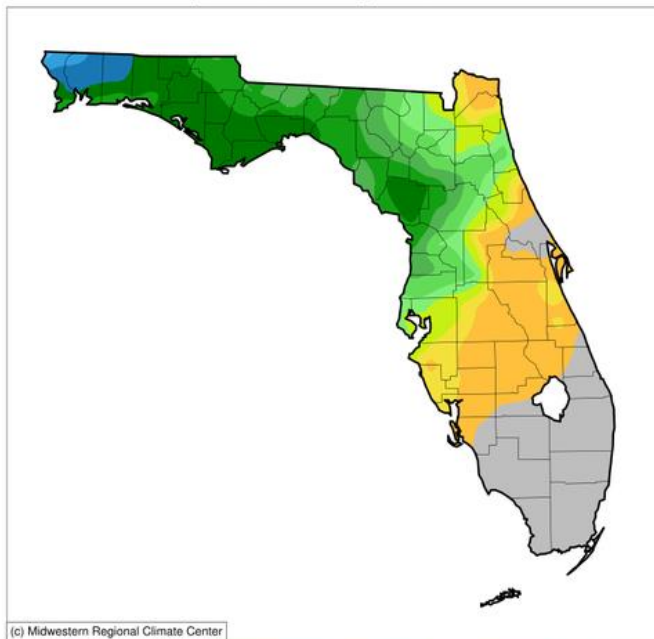
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	4	2	8	6
Peanuts - Planted.....	23	13	20	15

Condition for Week Ending 04/28/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	28	56	13
Pasture & range	2	7	38	43	10

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 22, 2019 to April 28, 2019



Intensity:

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

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