



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 26, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 2.45 inches in Whiskey Creek (Lee County). The average mean temperature ranged from 75.2°F in Palm Bay (Brevard County) to 83.9°F in Jacksonville (Duval County).

**Citrus**

The citrus growing region had the warmest temperatures of the year in most areas. Daily highs were in the high 80s to mid 90s, with maximum temperatures reaching 95 to 97 degrees in several counties. With the exception of one or two stations receiving traces of rainfall, the citrus region did not receive any rain for the week. Despite the warm temperatures and reduced rainfall, according to the May 21, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region remained drought free.

The Valencia orange season is running later than last season. Over three million boxes were harvested for the week ending May 19, 2019, compared to three hundred and seventy thousand boxes last season. Harvesting is projected to finish sometime in June.

Well cared for groves were looking good. Growers were implementing planting programs as trees became available. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicide under the trees, spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. One fieldworker reported seeing some of the smaller sized next year’s fruit falling off trees as they continued adjusting for the new crop season. Due to lack of rainfall, pumps were pulling water from the larger reservoirs to the smaller canals. Irrigation was running several times a week in most areas.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	May 5, 2019 (Final)	May 12, 2019 (Final)	May 19, 2019 (Preliminary)	May 20, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	3,422	3,363	3,014	370
Red grapefruit ....	11	11	3	0
White grapefruit..	2	0	0	0
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	1	1	0	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>3,017</b>	<b>370</b>

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

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Tomatoes in Manatee County were showing signs of heat stress. Vegetable growers throughout the southern peninsula began to clean up fields and fallow them for the summer. A wide variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted and brought to market this week.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pasture conditions continued deteriorating due to hot, dry conditions. Livestock watering holes were drying up. Cattle condition was mostly good throughout the state.

**Field Crops**

Dry conditions halted some planting activities in multiple counties throughout the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Thrips damage was reported on cotton in Okaloosa County. Corn was in critical condition due to the heat and lack of moisture in Madison and Walton counties. Potatoes were harvested in Flagler and Putnam counties. Sugarcane harvesting was completed in Glades and Hendry counties.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/26/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	26	10
Short.....	38	32
Adequate.....	35	56
Surplus.....	1	2

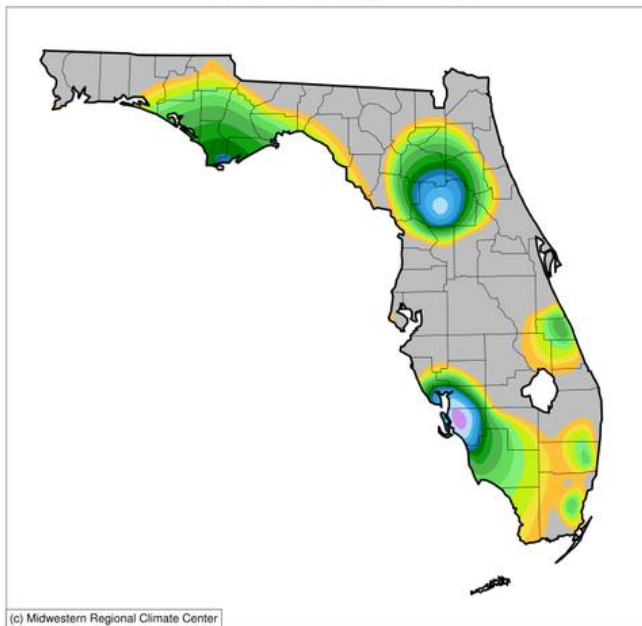
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/26/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	75	50	58	66
Peanuts - Planted.....	86	74	78	78

### Condition for Week Ending 05/26/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	4	29	51	15
Cotton.....	4	22	56	18	0
Pasture & range .....	4	13	28	43	12
Peanut.....	3	4	31	58	4

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 20, 2019 to May 26, 2019

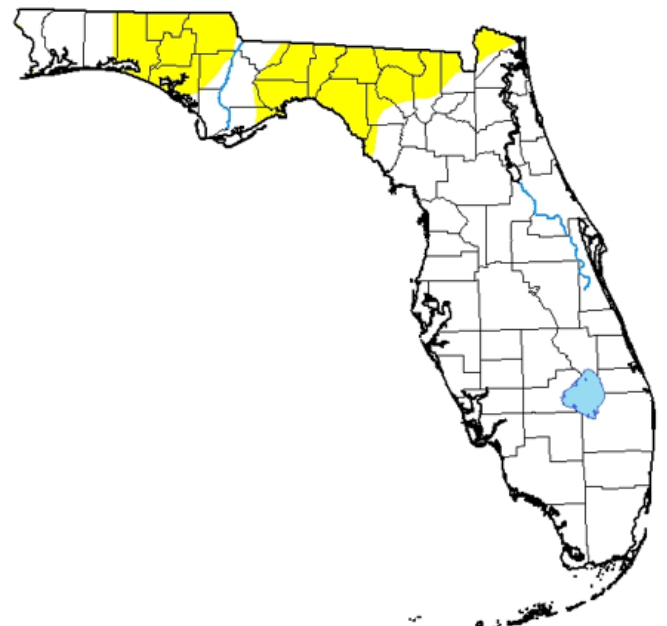


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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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