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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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 30, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 3.98 inches in Fort Myers (Lee County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.6°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 87.1°F in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region were in the 90s, with the hottest reading in Clermont (Lake County) at 98°F. Rainfall was scattered across the citrus area for most of the week, with patchy coverage and low precipitation totals outside of afternoon convective thunderstorms. This changed later in the week, with a wet pattern taking hold and generating significant rainfall in many areas. Sebring (Highlands County) had the most rainfall with 3.31 inches, while Lake Alfred (Polk County) had 2.58 inches and Immokalee (Collier County) receiving 2.52 inches. According to the June 27, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remained drought free.

Valencia harvest was nearly complete for the season, with a minimal amount of fruit going mostly to fresh squeezed juice operations.

Grove activities included mowing, herbiciding, spraying, fertilizing, hedging, and general grove maintenance. Early oranges were approximately tennis ball size in several areas. Valencias were golf ball size or slightly larger. Irrigation was run in groves that received less rainfall.

Fruits and Vegetables

Eggplant, melon, pepper, and tomato harvesting activities were reported in Walton County. Watermelon harvesting was wrapped up in Levy and Union counties. Minor aphid problems were reported on okra in Manatee County. A variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted and brought to market this week.

Livestock and Pastures

Livestock producers in Osceola County were planting and cutting limpoggrass. Scattered rainfall and warm temperatures helped keep pastures green, but some producers expressed concern that continued high temperatures may begin to cause stress. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Hay cutting was reported in Dixie and Lafayette counties. Hay production in Okeechobee County was hindered some by the occasional rainfall. Corn silage harvesting was reported in Lafayette County. A large portion of the peanut crop in Dixie County was planted late due to growers who planted green beans first. Sugarcane remained in its grand growth phase.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/30/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	4
Short.....	21	19
Adequate.....	70	66
Surplus.....	2	11

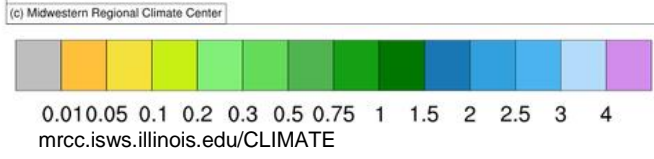
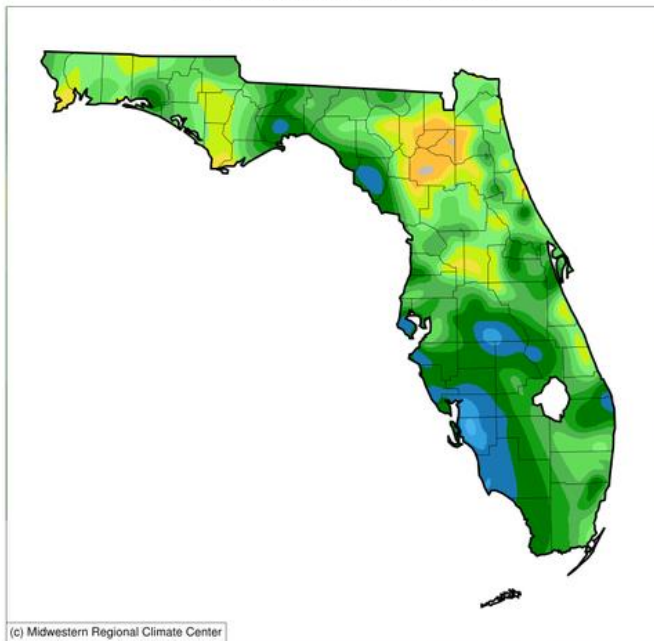
Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/30/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	51	34	31	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	9	0	0	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	54	42	32	43

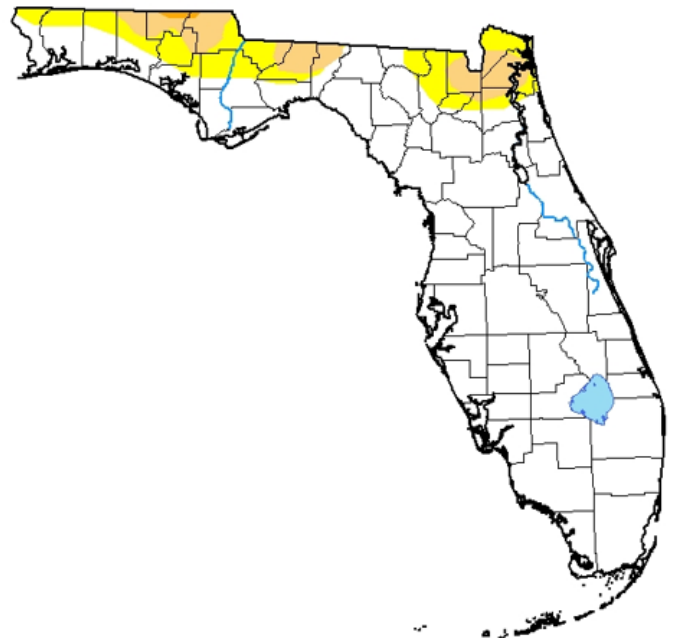
Condition for Week Ending 06/30/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	4	23	61	11
Cotton.....	7	13	55	25	0
Pasture & range	2	6	21	57	14
Peanut.....	4	7	29	54	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 24, 2019 to June 30, 2019



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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