



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 7, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in multiple locations to 6.69 inches in DeLand (Volusia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 81.0°F in Bell (Gilchrist County) to 88.0°F in Marathon (Monroe County).

### Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region were in the low to high 90s with extremes reaching the low 100s. The hottest reading was in Central Florida (Lake County) at 101°F. The rainfall pattern was highly variable across the region for most of the week with significant rainfall received 2 to 3 days in most counties. Palmdale (Glades County) had the most rainfall with 3.37 inches. According to the July 3, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remained drought free.

Valencia harvest is complete for the season.

Grove activities included mowing, herbiciding, spraying, fertilizing, hedging, and general grove maintenance. Less irrigation was needed due to the rainfall received throughout the week. The new crop progressed well; early oranges and Hamlins were approximately tennis ball size in several areas. Valencias were golf ball size or slightly larger.

### Fruits and Vegetables

Watermelon harvesting activities were reported in Jackson 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 continued planting and cutting limpoggrass. Pasture quality continued improving due to more rainfall in much of the state. Producers in DeSoto County expressed concern that the high temperatures may cause stress in cattle. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

### Field Crops

A limited hay harvest was reported in Jackson County. Silage harvesting activities were reported in Lafayette and Levy counties. Cotton and peanuts were treated for pesticides and fungicides in Santa Rosa County. Sugarcane remained in its grand growth phase.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/07/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	7
Short.....	10	21
Adequate.....	80	70
Surplus.....	4	2

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/07/19

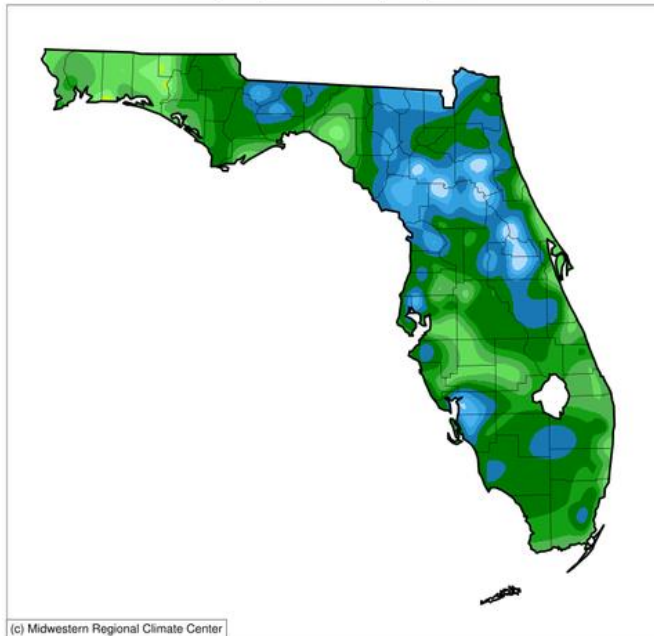
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	65	51	41	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	17	9	3	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	68	54	47	60

### Condition for Week Ending 07/07/19

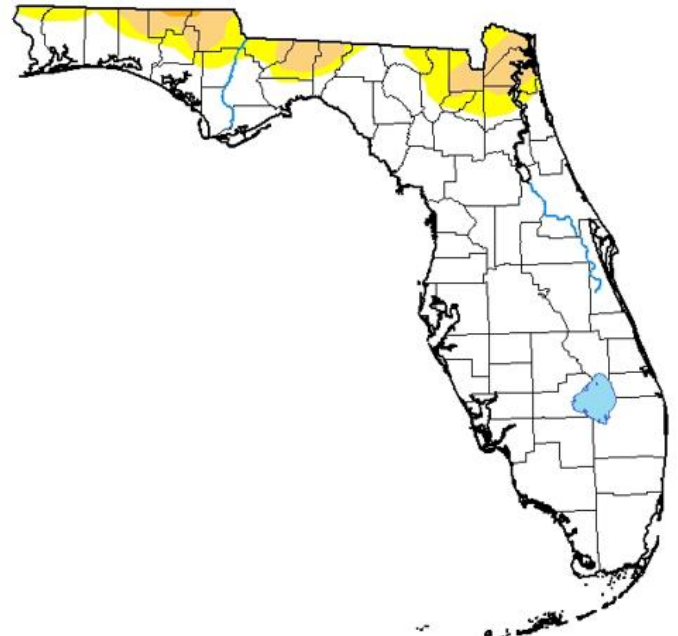
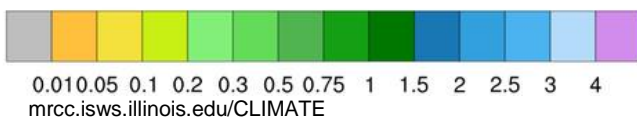
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	4	18	64	14
Cotton.....	0	2	62	36	0
Pasture & range .....	2	4	20	58	16
Peanut.....	0	1	32	62	5

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
July 01, 2019 to July 07, 2019



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**Intensity:**

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

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