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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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 28, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 8.45 inches in Lakeland (Polk County). The average mean temperature ranged from 77.5°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 86.1°F in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region were in the mid 80s to low 90s. The hottest average maximum temperature was in Clermont (Lake County) at 91°F. The citrus growing region experienced widespread spotty showers throughout the week. Lakeland (Polk County) had the most rainfall with 8.45 inches, followed by Valrico (Hillsborough County) with 7.38 inches, and Auburndale (Polk County) with 6.79 inches. According to the July 25, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remained drought free.

Grove activities included mowing, herbiciding under the trees, spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was scaled back in areas where there has been much rainfall. The new crop progressed well; grapefruits were approximately baseball size, early oranges were a little smaller than baseballs, and navels were approximately tennis ball size.

Fruits and Vegetables

Producers in Walton County continued harvesting the last of the summer vegetables. Growers in the southern peninsula continued preparing land and transplant production ramped up for planting in August and beyond. A variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted and brought to market this week.

Livestock and Pastures

Livestock producers in DeSoto County continued planting and cutting limpoggrass. Pasture quality continued to improve in the central and southern parts of the state due to adequate rainfall. Some pastures in Union County retained pockets of water in low lying areas. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

More peanuts in Dixie and Lafayette counties were showing yellowing leaves, and some growers in Dixie County expect peanut losses due to standing water in fields. Tobacco harvesting activities were reported in Lafayette County. Hay cutting was reported in Dixie, Jackson, Lafayette, and Walton counties. Recent rainfall in Escambia County improved crop conditions, but came too late for some dryland corn. The sugarcane crop continued looking good.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/28/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	9	15
Adequate.....	81	77
Surplus.....	9	6

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/28/19

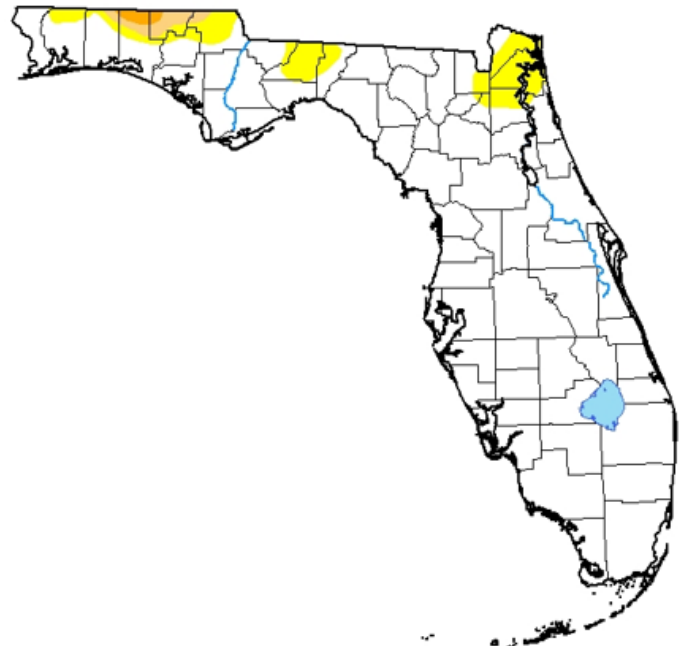
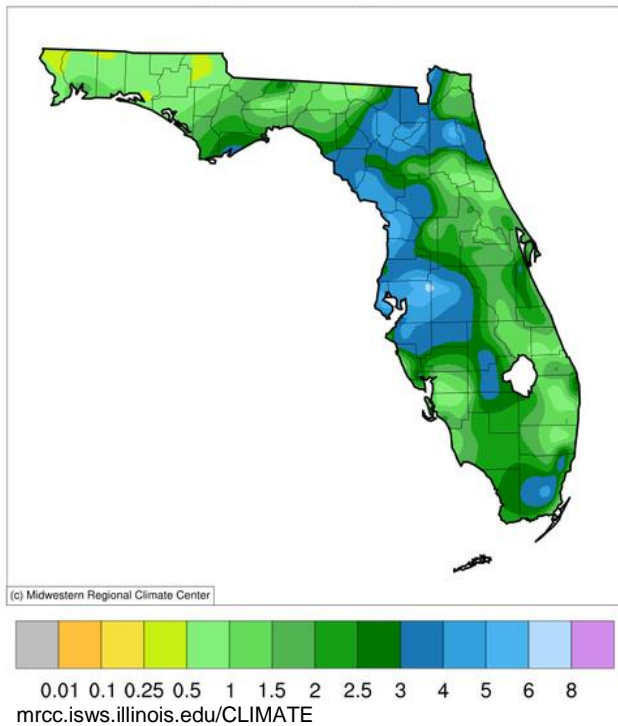
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	91	88	86	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	64	50	57	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	92	84	84	90

Condition for Week Ending 07/28/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	17	63	18
Cotton.....	5	8	37	49	1
Pasture & range	2	4	17	59	18
Peanut.....	1	5	30	61	3

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

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



Intensity:

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

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