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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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 4, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 11.54 inches in John Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.6°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 86.1°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region were in the high 80s to mid 90s. The highest readings were in the interior areas of central Florida, with Clermont (Lake County) reaching 95°F, and Lakeland (Polk County) hitting 94°F. Seasonal weather patterns returned to the citrus growing region, followed by wetter conditions from tropical moisture coming off the Atlantic Ocean. As a result, rainfall was widespread, with Frostproof (Polk County) receiving 5.42 inches of precipitation, and Valrico (Hillsborough County) getting 3.54 inches of rain. Most other locations in citrus growing areas reported moderate quantities of beneficial rainfall. According to the August 1, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remained drought free.

Grove activities included mowing, herbiciding, spraying, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. The new crop progressed well; grapefruit were approximately softball size, early oranges were approximately baseball size, and navels were approximately tennis ball size.

Fruits and Vegetables

Many growers in the southern peninsula continued preparing land and laying plastic for fall vegetables. A variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted while others were harvested and brought to market this week.

Livestock and Pastures

Forage plantings continued in DeSoto County. Pasture quality continued to improve in the central and southern peninsula. Some pastures in the southern part of the state had standing water in low lying pastures. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Peanuts in Walton County began to look stressed. Dixie County growers reported harvesting corn for grain and silage. Hay harvesting activities were reported in Escambia, Jackson, and Levy counties. The sugarcane crop was growing rapidly.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/05/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	12	9
Adequate.....	72	81
Surplus.....	16	9

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/05/19

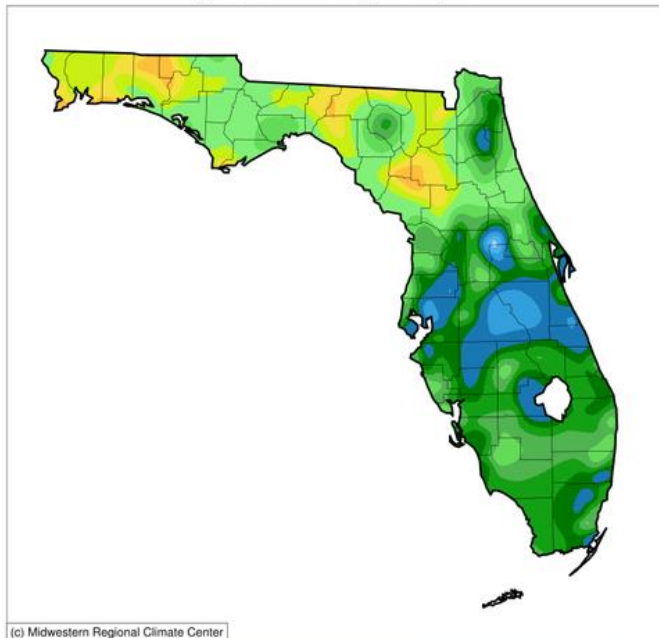
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	95	91	92	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	66	64	80	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	94	92	88	94

Condition for Week Ending 08/05/19

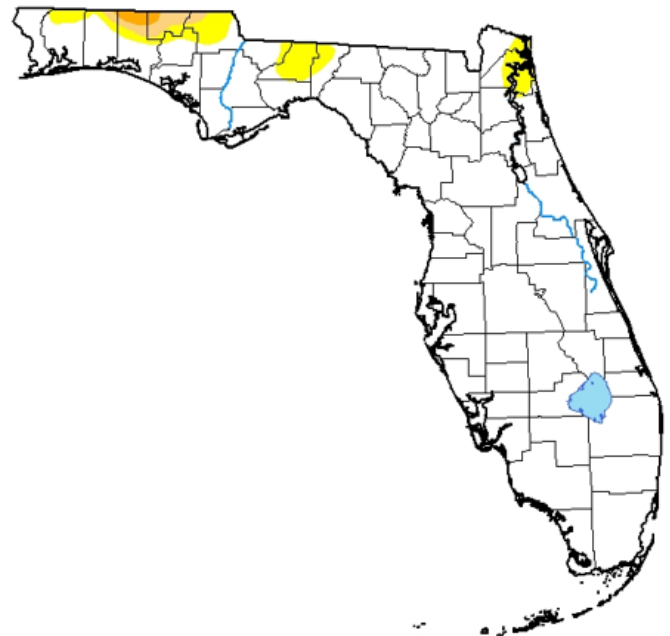
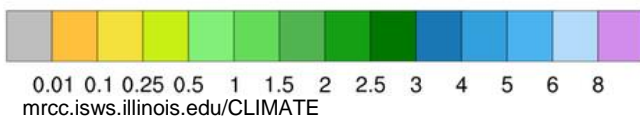
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	19	62	17
Cotton.....	11	14	15	59	1
Pasture & range.....	1	5	17	56	21
Peanut.....	1	12	17	67	3

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 29, 2019 to August 04, 2019



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



Intensity:

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

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