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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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 11, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 7.68 inches in West Palm Beach (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.8°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 87.4°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region were in the low to upper 90s. The highest readings were at the Central Florida weather station (Lake County) reaching 98°F and Clermont (Lake County) at 95°F. Seasonal rainfall patterns continued across the citrus growing region. Plant City (Hillsborough County) had the most rainfall with 5.11 inches, followed by Fellsmere (Indian River County) with 5.06 inches, and Aburndale (Polk County) with 3.52 inches. According to the August 8, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remained drought free.

Grove activities included mowing, herbiciding, spraying, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. There was very little irrigation running due to groves receiving plenty of rainfall. The new crop progressed well; grapefruit were approximately softball size, early oranges were approximately baseball size, Navels were approximately tennis ball size, and early tangerines were approximately golf ball size.

Fruits and Vegetables

A variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted while others were harvested and brought to market this week. The planting of broccoli, carrots, and lettuce, and harvesting of peas were reported in Bradford County. Some tomatoes were planted in Collier County. Growers in the southern peninsula continued preparing land and laying plastic for fall vegetables.

Livestock and Pastures

Forage plantings continued in DeSoto County. Pasture quality continued to improve in the central and southern peninsula. Saturated pastures and sitting water on the ground surface was reported in Okeechobee County. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Growers in Lafayette and Jackson counties reported some yellowing on the peanuts. Corn harvesting for grain and silage was reported in Levy County. Cotton in Santa Rosa County was treated for spider mites, and producers remained diligent with soil born fungicide applications. Hay harvesting activities were reported in Dixie and Lafayette counties. Hayfields in Volusia County were too waterlogged for cutting. Heavy rains in Okeechobee County delayed hay production. The sugarcane crop continued growing nicely with plenty of warm weather and moisture.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/11/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	0
Short.....	12	12
Adequate.....	63	72
Surplus.....	23	16

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/11/19

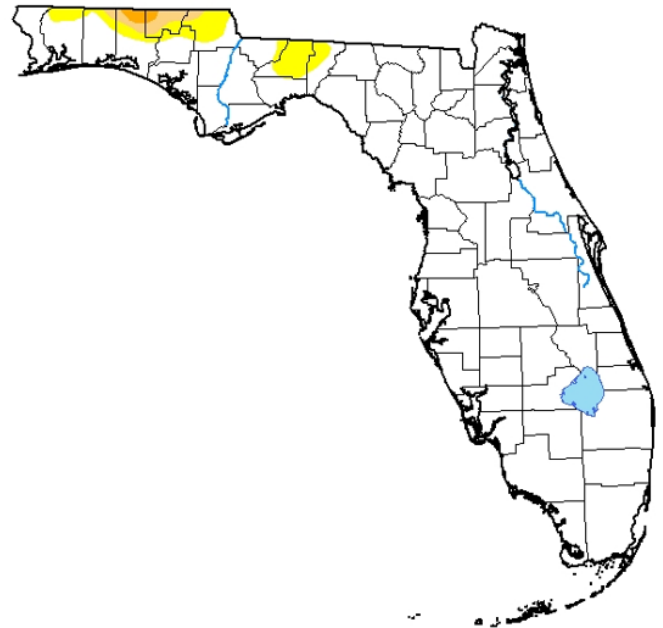
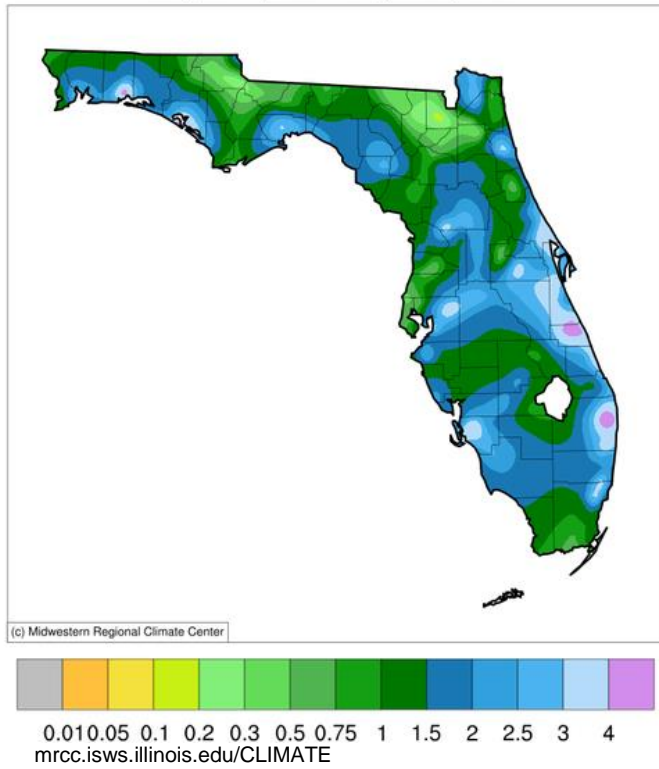
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	83	66	88	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	96	94	92	96

Condition for Week Ending 08/11/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	15	62	21
Cotton.....	3	24	27	45	1
Pasture & range	1	4	20	59	16
Peanut.....	0	15	24	58	3

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 05, 2019 to August 11, 2019



Intensity:

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

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