



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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 18, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 12.46 inches in Hudson (Pasco County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.5°F in Gainesville (Alachua County) to 86.7°F in Tallahassee (Leon County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region ranged from the low to upper 90s. The highest reading was at the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (Polk County) at 99°F, followed by Mt. Plymouth (Lake County) and Scottsmoor (Brevard County) reaching 96°F. Rainfall was abundant across the citrus growing region. Ruskin (Hillsborough County) had the most rainfall with 7.34 inches. According to the August 15, 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 baseball size, Navels tennis ball size, and early tangerines 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. Some tomatoes were planted in Manatee County. Many growers in the central and southern peninsula were delayed in fall planting preparations due to excessive rainfall.

Livestock and Pastures

Forage plantings continued in DeSoto County. Pasture quality continued improving throughout much of the state. More flooded pastures and standing water in low lying areas were reported in multiple locations. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

There was a lot of variation in the progress and conditions of cotton and peanuts throughout much of the Panhandle. Some cotton fields were shutting down, while others had many bolls opening. There were cotton fields in Santa Rosa County where some plants had mature bolls at the bottom, and a second crop beginning to set on the upper half of the same plant. Peanut fields were similarly varied depending on location and rainfall received recently. Hayfields in Lafayette and Volusia counties were too wet to cut. Some hay was cut and corn was harvested in Jackson County. Tobacco harvesting was nearly complete in Lafayette County. The sugarcane crop continued growing nicely with warm weather and an abundance of moisture.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/18/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	10	12
Adequate.....	58	63
Surplus.....	31	23

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/18/19

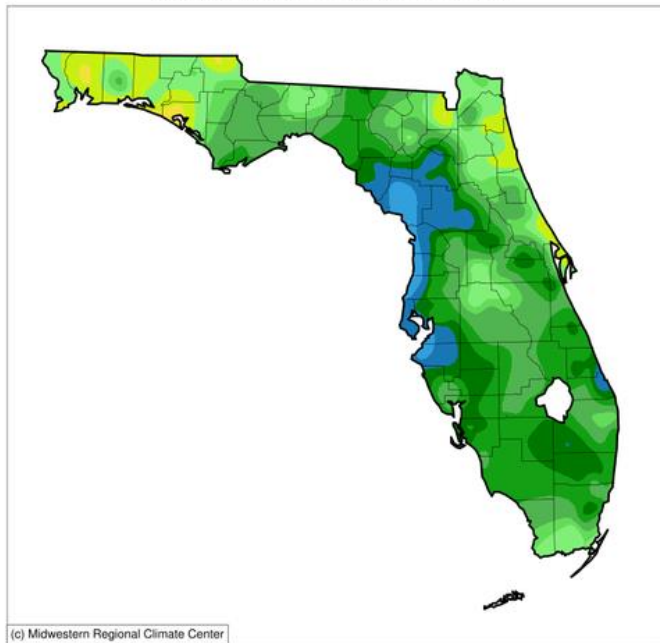
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	91	83	92	NA
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	8	NA	11	NA

Condition for Week Ending 08/18/19

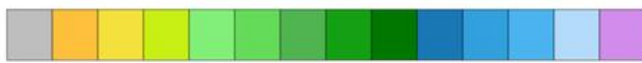
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	16	60	22
Cotton.....	2	19	42	36	1
Pasture & range	1	5	19	54	21
Peanut.....	1	6	35	49	9

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

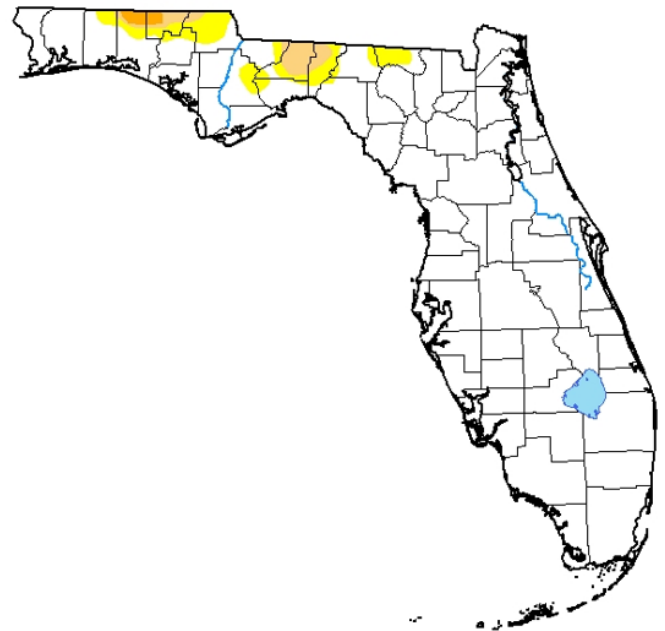
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 12, 2019 to August 18, 2019



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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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