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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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 25, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 7.68 inches in Key West (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.9°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 86.5°F in St. Petersburg (Pinellas County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region ranged from the mid to upper 90s. The highest reading was at the Central Florida (Lake County) weather station, which reached 97°F, followed by Plant City (Hillsborough County) at 95°F. Seasonal rainfall patterns continued across the citrus region. Sebring (Highlands County) had the most rainfall with 3.18 inches, followed by Sarasota (Sarasota County) with 2.10 inches. According to the August 22, 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 tennis ball size, Navels softball size, and early tangerines were between golf ball and tennis 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. Bell peppers and tomatoes were planted in Manatee County. Drier weather in the central and southern peninsula permitted vegetable growers to resume land preparations for future plantings.

Livestock and Pastures

Forage plantings were ongoing in DeSoto County. Pasture quality continued improving throughout much of the state. Water began to recede from low lying areas in many pastures in the southern peninsula. Producers in Brevard and Indian River counties reported cattle herds thinning out. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Growers in Columbia, Dixie, Jackson, and Walton counties observed a variety of stressors on peanuts, including drought stress, fungal and viral pressures, and some losses due to excessive rainfall. Producers in Dixie County began harvesting peanuts in order to salvage what they could. Peanuts harvested in Washington County have all been for the green/boiling market so far. Corn harvesting activities were reported in Suwannee and Walton counties. Tobacco harvesting was completed in Suwannee County. Hay harvesting was halted for a short time in Columbia County, and losses were reported in Dixie County due to flooding. Haylage was harvested in Brevard County. Sugarcane was extremely high for this time of the year. Sugarcane planting was delayed by wet conditions in Glades and Hendry counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/25/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	11	10
Adequate.....	60	58
Surplus.....	28	31

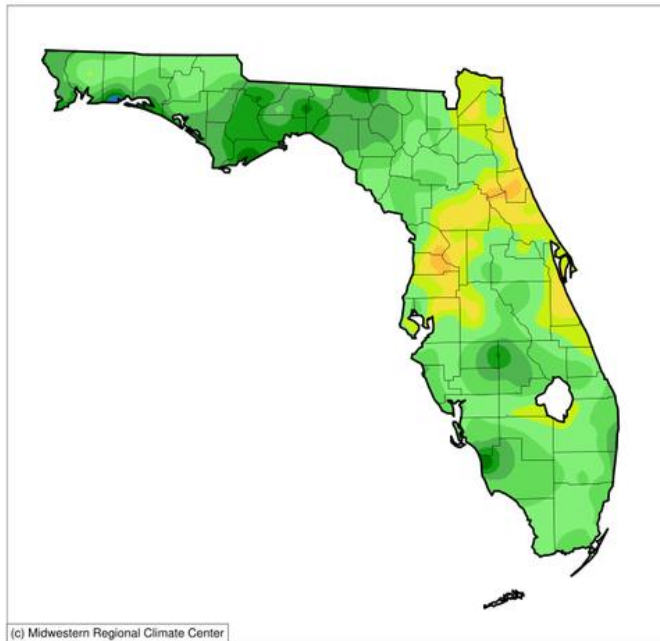
Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/25/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	93	91	95	NA
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	18	8	19	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	1	NA	2	1

Condition for Week Ending 08/25/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	16	56	25
Cotton.....	2	24	34	39	1
Pasture & range	2	5	15	55	23
Peanut.....	2	7	42	41	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 19, 2019 to August 25, 2019

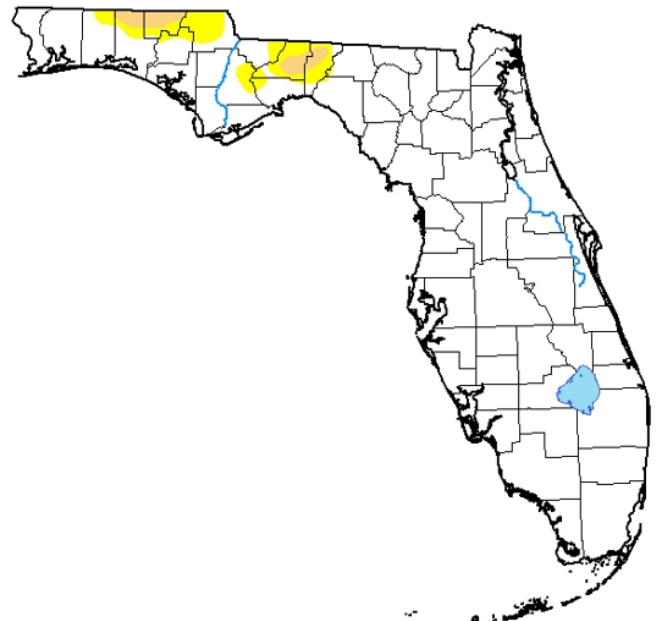


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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