



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 15, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 2.26 inches in Miami (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.1°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 86.3°F in Naples (Collier County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region were in the low to upper 90s. The highest readings were in central Florida reaching 99°F. The beginning of the week was dry until tropical storm Humberto brought in some rainbands. Port St. Lucie (St. Lucie County) had the most rainfall with 1.87 inches. According to the September 12, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicide under the trees, spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run several times a week in most areas. The new crop progressed well; grapefruit were approximately softball size, early oranges were approximately tennis ball size, Navels were approximately softball size, and early tangerines were approximately 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. Seasonally hot and dry weather provided ideal conditions for many vegetable growers to continue land preparation, lay plastic, and begin planting fall crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Producers in DeSoto County continued planting forages. Quickly moving showers were beneficial to pastures and cattle in Brevard and Indian River counties. Calving season began in several counties in the central and southern peninsula. Cattle and pasture conditions remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Peanut harvesting is ongoing in Santa Rosa and Washington Counties. It was too dry to dig peanuts in Holmes County. Cotton defoliation was reported in Washington County. Cotton producers in Santa Rosa County reported plant maturity and yield potentials to be widely varied across the area. Hay cutting was reported in Dixie, Jackson, Levy, Taylor, Walton, and Washington counties. It was too wet in Volusia County to harvest hay, which has the potential to negatively impact livestock producer's abilities to feed cattle this winter. Producers in Levy County reported armyworm pressures in hayfields. Sugarcane planting started and is expected to continue for a number of weeks.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/15/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	0
Short.....	17	13
Adequate.....	60	77
Surplus.....	15	10

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/15/19

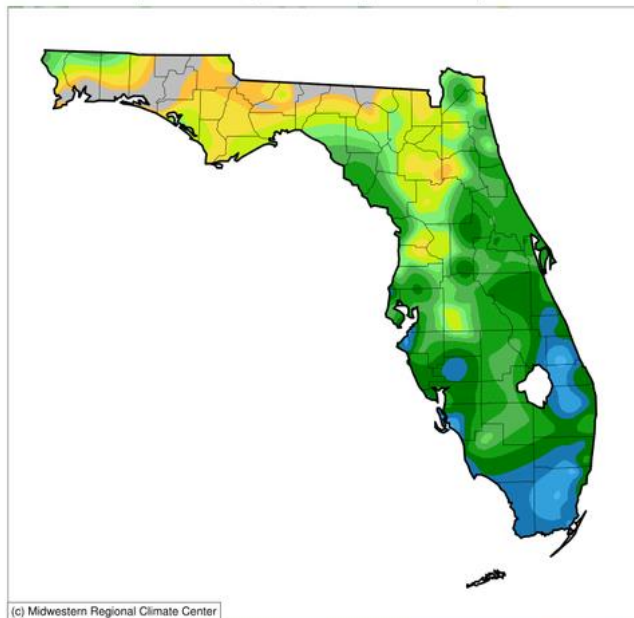
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	51	38	42	NA
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	0	0	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	38	15	26	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	15	3	14	16

Condition for Week Ending 09/15/19

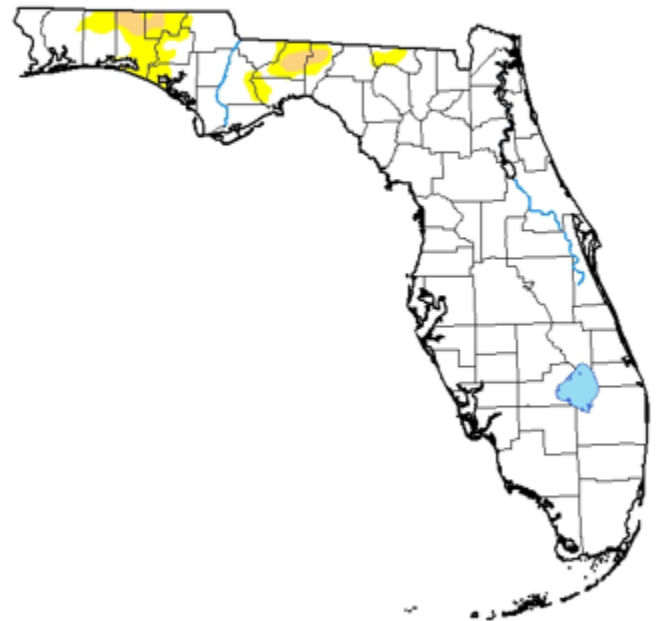
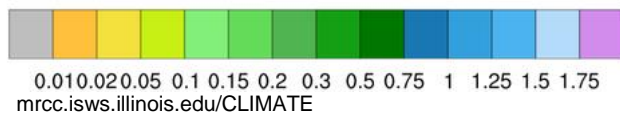
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	22	65	12
Cotton.....	1	14	42	43	0
Pasture & range	1	8	28	51	12
Peanut.....	5	6	33	54	2

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 09, 2019 to September 15, 2019



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



Intensity:



September 10, 2019 (Released Thursday, Sep. 12, 2019)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>