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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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 22, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 1.92 inches in Perrine (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 77.8°F in Glen St. Mary (Baker County) to 84.9°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonal across the citrus growing region with highs in the mid 80s to low 90s. Interior areas of central Florida were the hottest, with stations near Orlando (Orange County), Lakeland (Polk County), and Sebring (Highlands County) all hitting 90°F. Precipitation was scattered and variable, with most of the citrus belt receiving very little rain. Standouts included Fort Pierce (St. Lucie County), with 0.83 inches of rain and Muse (Glades County) with 0.58 inches. According to the September 19, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove activities included hedging, mowing, herbiciding, spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run several times 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 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. Cabbage planting was reported in Flagler and Putnam counties. Vegetable growers in the central and southern peninsula continued land preparation, laying plastic, and planting fall crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Declining pasture conditions due to the dry weather were reported in Okaloosa and Washington counties. Calving season was ongoing in several counties in the central and southern peninsula. Cattle and pasture conditions remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Hot temperatures and dry conditions continue to negatively impact crops in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Peanut harvesting continued in Santa Rosa County, where producers reported widely varying yields. Some of the cotton and peanut crops in Jackson County which have been irrigated are faring better than the non-irrigated crops. Growers in Dixie County reported fields which flooded recently will result in unharvested peanuts. Cotton harvesting activities were reported in Lafayette and Washington County. Producers in Lafayette County reported cutting what little hay the dry conditions would allow. Sugarcane planting was ongoing in Glades and Hendry counties and looks to be in good condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/22/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	8
Short.....	22	17
Adequate.....	56	60
Surplus.....	7	15

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/22/19

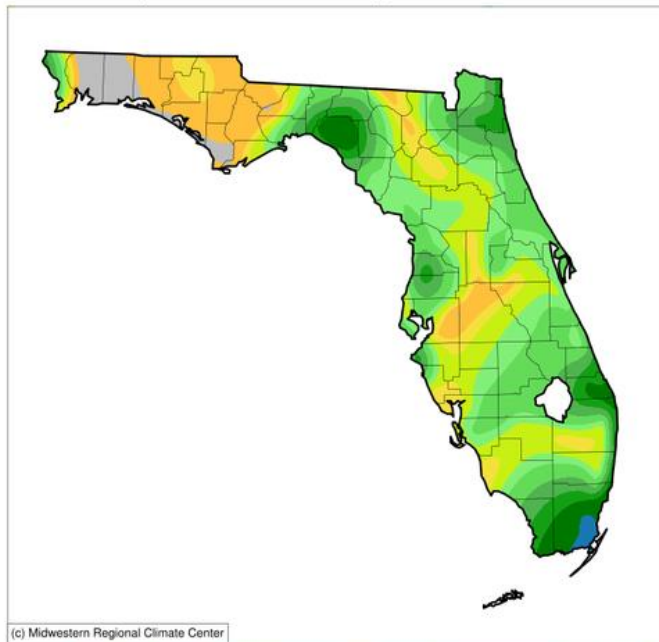
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	62	51	57	NA
Cotton - Harvested	2	0	1	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	54	38	42	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	37	15	27	26

Condition for Week Ending 09/22/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	24	59	16
Cotton.....	0	22	41	37	0
Pasture & range	1	8	30	48	13
Peanut.....	3	8	36	51	2

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

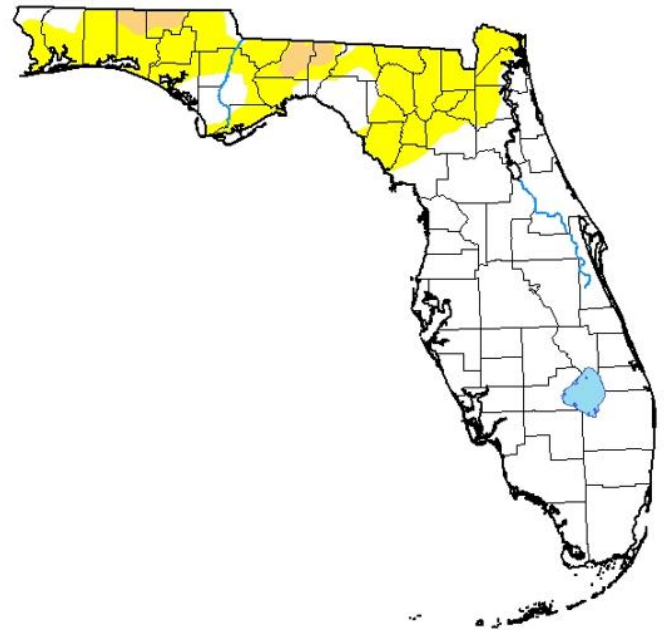
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 16, 2019 to September 22, 2019



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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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