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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 29, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 1.82 inches in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 74.4°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 83.9°F in Pensacola (Escambia County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonably warm across the citrus growing region, with highs ranging from the mid 80s to high 90s. The highest reading was in Central Florida (Lake County), which reached 97°F. Counties in the citrus belt received no significant rainfall this past week. According to the September 26, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions continued to spread across northern Florida. Parts of Citrus and Marion counties showed abnormally dry conditions. The remaining portion of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Growers began harvesting Fallglo tangerines. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicides, spraying nutritional and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run several times in most areas. The new crop progressed well. Early oranges were approximately tennis ball size, Navels and grapefruit 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 ongoing in Flagler and Putnam counties. Vegetable growers continued land preparation, laying plastic, and planting fall crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Declining pasture conditions continued throughout most of the state. Producers in Escambia County reported that permanent pastures were dry and the grass was not growing well. Cattle and pasture conditions remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Hot temperatures and dry conditions continued to negatively impact crops in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Peanut harvesting continued in Santa Rosa County. Peanut harvest was nearly complete in Levy County. Peanut conditions in Jackson County continued to decline due to the dry conditions. Cotton harvesting activities were reported in Lafayette and Santa Rosa counties. Hay was cut in Levy, Volusia, and Walton counties. Producers in Walton County reported the hay to be poor quality due to the dry conditions. Sugarcane looked good approaching harvest, and planting was ongoing in Glades and Hendry counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/29/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	21	15
Short.....	27	22
Adequate.....	50	56
Surplus.....	2	7

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/29/19

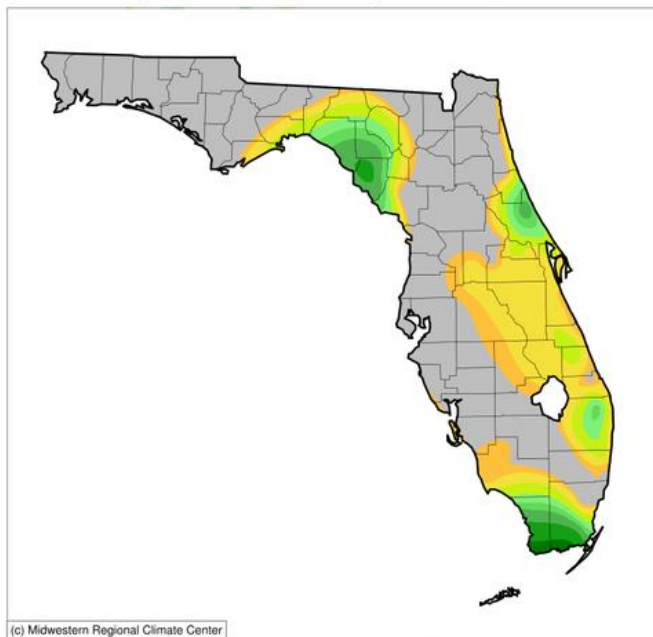
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	68	62	67	NA
Cotton - Harvested	7	2	2	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	64	54	56	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	46	37	39	39

Condition for Week Ending 09/29/19

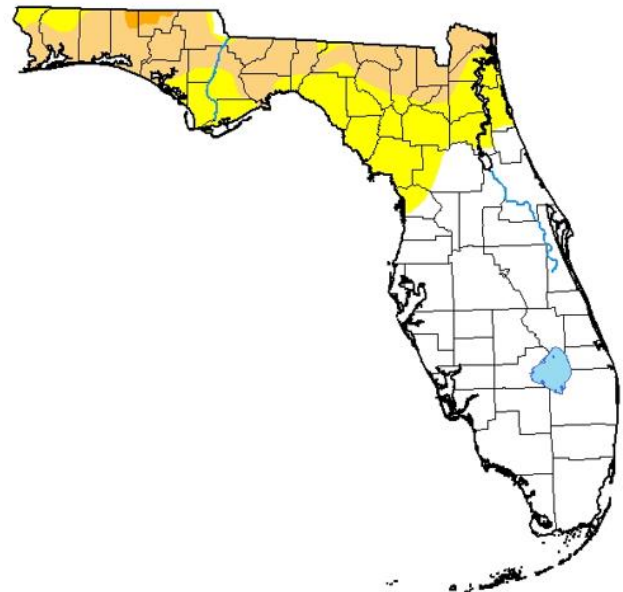
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	1	26	52	20
Cotton.....	1	39	36	24	0
Pasture & range	3	11	29	45	12
Peanut.....	5	22	36	37	0

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 23, 2019 to September 29, 2019



0.010 0.020 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 0.3 0.5 0.75 1 1.25 1.5 1.75
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Intensity:



September 24, 2019 (Released Thursday, Sep. 26, 2019)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>