



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 6, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 2.18 inches in Miami (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 77.1°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 84.4°F in Naples (Collier County).

### Citrus

Temperatures were seasonably warm across the citrus growing region, with highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s. The highest reading was in Clermont (Lake County), which reached 95°F. Counties in the citrus belt received no significant rainfall until the end of the week. Scottsmeer (Brevard County) had the most rainfall with 0.81 inches, followed by Lakeland (Polk County) with 0.56 inches. According to the October 3, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions have begun to take hold in northern Florida. Parts of Citrus, Marion, and Putnam counties are showing abnormally dry. The remaining portion of the citrus growing region is drought free.

Growers continued to harvest Fallglo tangerines. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicides, spraying nutritionals 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 continued in Flagler and Putnam counties. Squash producers in Manatee County reported whitefly pressures. Vegetable growers continued land preparation, laying plastic, and planting fall crops.

### Livestock and Pastures

Pasture conditions continued declining slightly throughout most of the state due to the dry weather and high temperatures. Overall however, cattle and pasture conditions remained mostly good throughout the state.

### Field Crops

High temperatures and dry conditions continued to negatively impact crops in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Cotton and peanut conditions continued deteriorating in many counties. Producers began harvesting cotton in Santa Rosa County. Hay cutting continued in Dixie County. Sugarcane planting continued in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach counties.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/06/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	22	21
Short.....	25	27
Adequate.....	52	50
Surplus.....	1	2

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/06/19

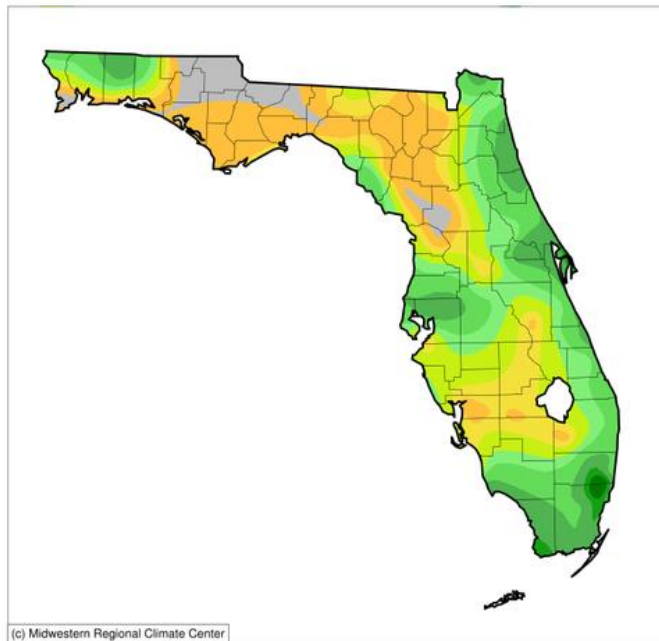
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	74	68	81	NA
Cotton - Harvested .....	13	7	3	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	76	64	71	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	59	46	56	54

### Condition for Week Ending 10/06/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	6	23	53	17
Cotton.....	2	38	31	29	0
Pasture & range .....	3	14	30	43	10
Peanut.....	5	22	37	35	1

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

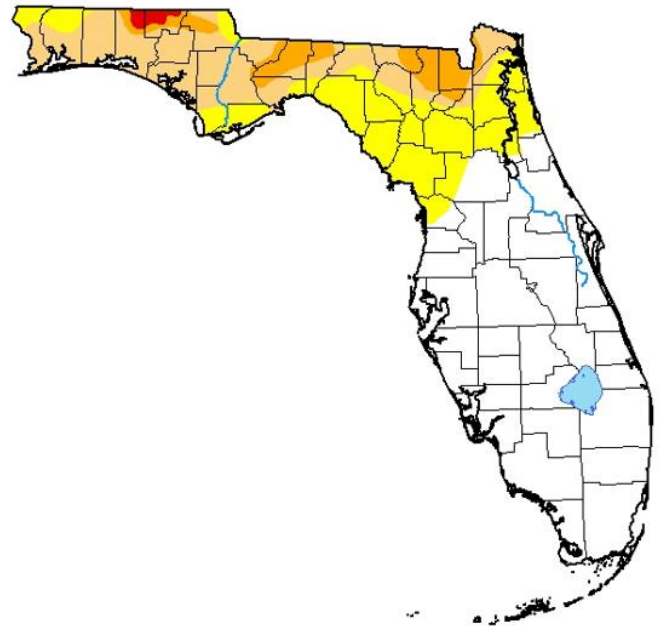
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
September 30, 2019 to October 06, 2019



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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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