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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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 20, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in multiple locations to 8.27 inches in Deland (Volusia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 66.7°F in Whiting Field NAS (Santa Rosa County) to 84.1°F in Cape Florida (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the mid 80s to low 90s. The highest maximum reading was in Clermont (Lake County) reaching 92°F. Tropical Storm Nestor made landfall in the Panhandle late in the week, but brought needed rain to portions of the citrus region. The greatest rainfall was in Mount Plymouth (Lake County) at 5.72 inches. According to the October 17, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, parts the northern, western, central and southern growing areas are abnormally dry. Only the Indian River District was drought free.

This citrus crop continued progressing well. According to the Florida Department of Fruit and Vegetables, limited amounts of early oranges (Hamlins), Navels, red grapefruit, and Fallglo tangerines were being harvested. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run several times in most areas.

Fruits and Vegetables

A variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted while others were harvested and brought to market. Broccoli and cabbage were planted in Flagler and Putnam counties. Vegetable growers continued land preparation, laying plastic, and planting fall and winter crops. Straight-line winds associated with Tropical Storm Nestor caused some property damage in parts of Lee County.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture conditions continued the seasonal decline throughout much of the state. Rainfall from the storm helped improve pasture conditions. The increase in soil moisture allowed for many producers to begin planting winter forages. Hay cutting was reported in Dixie County. Early calving and coyote pressures were reported in Brevard County. Cattle and pasture conditions remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Wet conditions prevented many farmers from getting into their fields, but provided much needed soil moisture to resume digging peanuts. Harvesting activities in Jackson County were halted due to the wet weather. Irrigated cotton in Jackson County looked better than dryland cotton.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/20/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	19
Short.....	25	22
Adequate.....	70	58
Surplus.....	2	1

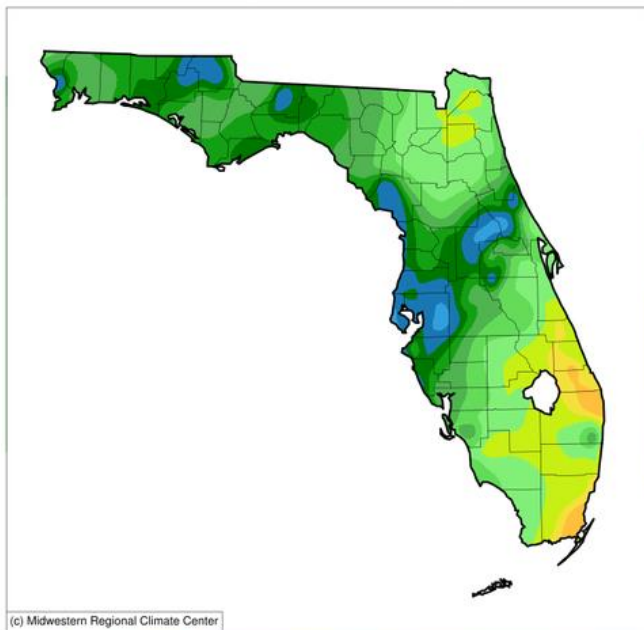
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/20/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening	82	76	95	NA
Cotton - Harvested	28	21	9	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	89	84	88	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	80	71	75	79

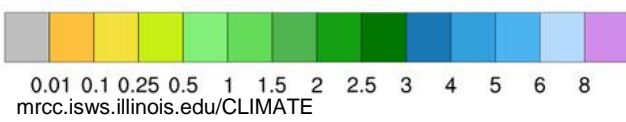
Condition for Week Ending 10/20/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	20	62	15
Cotton.....	4	11	54	31	0
Pasture & range	4	8	29	48	11

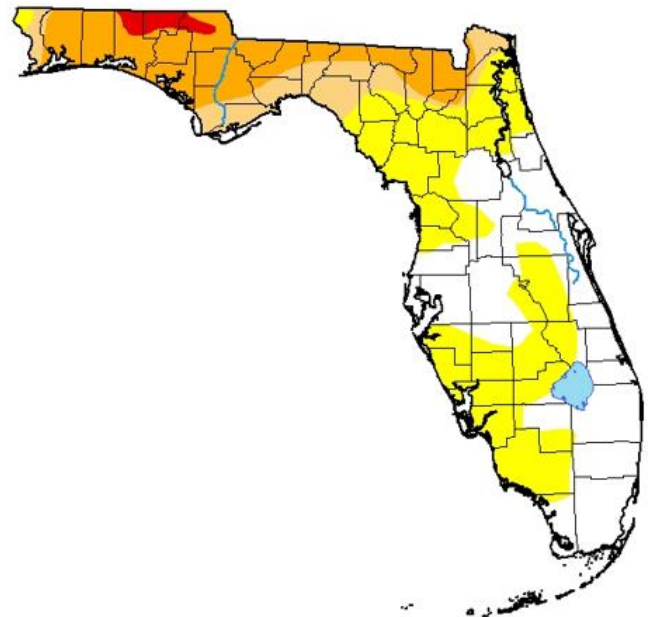
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 14, 2019 to October 20, 2019



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



October 15, 2019 (Released Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>