



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 27, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in multiple locations to 3.55 inches in Juno Beach (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 66.0°F in Whiting Field NAS (Santa Rosa County) to 84.4°F in Naples (Collier County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the high 80s to mid 90s. The highest maximum reading was in Palmdale (Glades County), reaching 95°F. Heavy rain eliminated drought and abnormal dryness across much of the citrus growing region. The greatest rainfall was in Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) at 3.13 inches. According to the October 24, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, Collier and parts of Putnam, Lee, and Hendry counties remained abnormally dry. The rest of the citrus growing region was drought free.

The citrus crop continued progressing well. According to the Florida Department of Fruit and Vegetables, red grapefruit, early oranges, Navels, Fallglo, and Early Pride tangerines were being harvested. Grove activities included hedging, applying herbicides under the trees, spraying, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run several times a week in most areas.

There were 2 major processing plants running limited quantities of early oranges and 9 packing houses open.

Fruits and Vegetables

A variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted while others were harvested and brought to market. Broccoli, cabbage, and tomatoes suffered from whitefly pressure. Vegetable growers continued land preparation for winter crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Rainfall improved pasture condition slightly. Producers planted winter forages and pastures. Hay cutting was reported in Dixie County. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Cotton harvesting continued while peanut harvesting was nearing its conclusion. Sugarcane planting and harvesting continued as well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/27/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3
Short.....	18	25
Adequate.....	79	70
Surplus.....	2	2

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/27/19

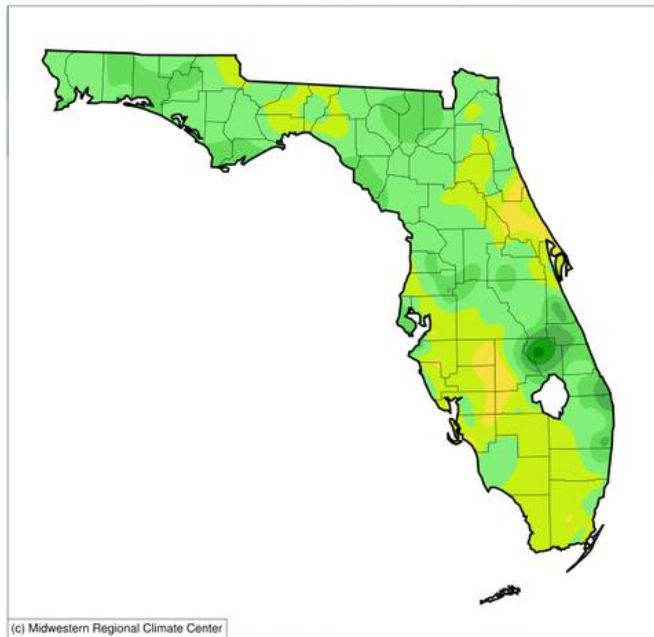
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	91	82	98	NA
Cotton - Harvested.....	33	28	13	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	95	89	91	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	88	80	80	87

Condition for Week Ending 10/27/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	21	62	16
Cotton.....	2	18	49	31	0
Pasture & range	1	7	29	51	12

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

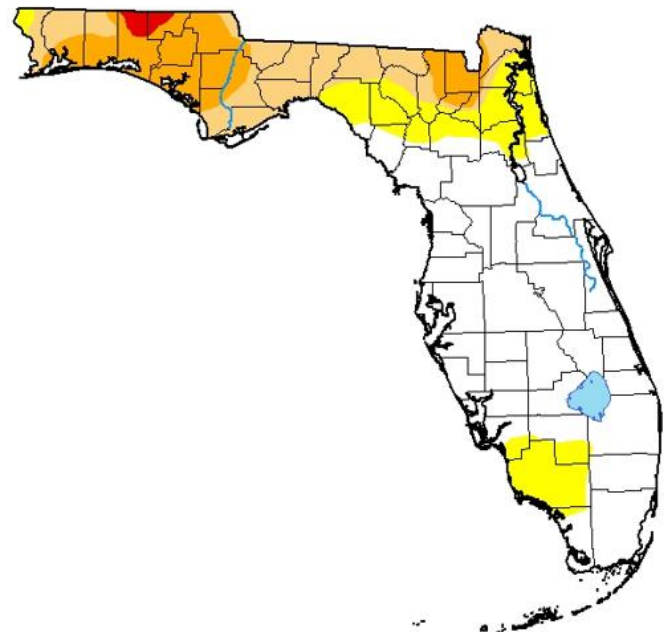
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 21, 2019 to October 27, 2019



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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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