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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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 3, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain to 5.50 inches in Navarre (Santa Rosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 60.4°F in Whiting Field NAS (Santa Rosa County) to 84.8°F in North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the upper 80s to mid 90s. The highest maximum reading was in Lake Placid (Highlands County), which reached 93°F. The citrus region was relatively dry. The greatest rainfall was in Kenansville (Osceola County) at 0.8 inches. According to the October 31, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, Collier and parts of Putnam, Lee, and Hendry counties remain abnormally dry. The rest of the citrus growing region remained 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. Hamlins and grapefruit began to show color. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicides under the trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run in all parts of the citrus growing region.

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

Fruits and Vegetables

A variety of fruits and vegetables continued to be planted while others were harvested and brought to market. Strawberries in Bradford County were healthy and maturing. Foggy mornings increased disease pressures across a wide range of vegetable. Vegetable growers continued land preparation and planting winter crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Rainfall continued to improve pasture conditions slightly in counties throughout the Panhandle. Producers continued planting winter forages and pastures. Hay cutting was reported in Dixie County. Cattle condition remained mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Cotton harvesting was halted due to rainfall in Holmes County. Peanut harvesting was completed in Washington County. Sugarcane planting and harvesting continued as well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/03/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week		
	(percent)	(percent)		
Very short	1	1		
Short	16	18		
Adequate	81	79		
Surplus	2	2		

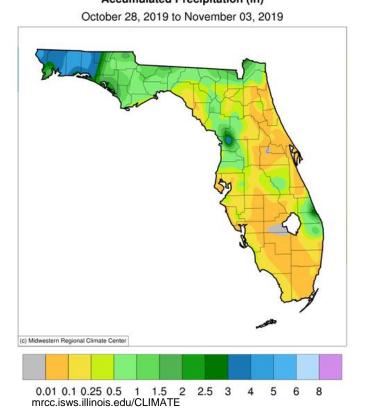
Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/03/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening	92	91	99	NA
Cotton - Harvested	41	33	21	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	97	88	89	93

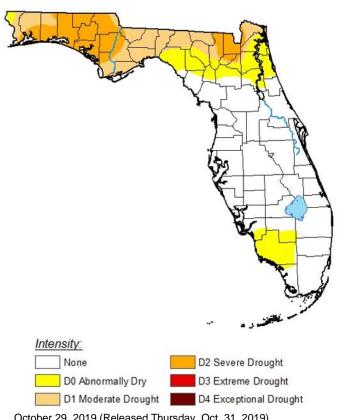
Condition for Week Ending 11/03/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Cattle	1	1	21	64	13		
Cotton	3	23	48	26	0		
Pasture & range	2	7	30	52	9		

Accumulated Precipitation (in)



U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



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