



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 24, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain to 4.0 inches in Punta Gorda (Charlotte County). The average mean temperature ranged from 50.1°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 75.3°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the mid 70s to low 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Sebring (Highlands County), which reached 83°F. The greatest rainfall was in Arcadia (Desoto County) and Lakeland (Polk County), both at 0.79 inches. According to the November 21, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions covered the complete southern citrus area, the majority of the Indian River District, and western and central growing areas. Only the northern citrus area remained free from abnormally dry conditions.

This citrus crop continued progressing well. According to the Florida Department of Fruit and Vegetables, white and red grapefruit, early oranges, Navels, Sunburst, Fallglo, and Early Pride tangerines were harvested. Grove activities included hedging, mowing, applying herbicides under the trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation ran in all parts of the citrus growing region.

According to the Florida Citrus Mutual Market News Bulletin, a couple of processing plants were processing packinghouse eliminations. Plants will begin processing field run fruit after Thanksgiving and testing it approximately one week before that.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Nov 3, 2019 (Final)	Nov 10, 2019 (Final)	Nov 17, 2019 (Preliminary)	Nov 18, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	89	98	74	62
Navel oranges	30	43	35	58
Red grapefruit	73	98	87	96
White grapefruit	15	21	4	16
Tangerines and Tangelos	22	24	16	32
Total	229	284	216	264

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

Fruits and Vegetables

Fall vegetable harvesting continued for the Thanksgiving holiday with a wide range of vegetables coming to market. Some powdery mildew was reported on squash crops in Manatee County. Vegetable growers continued planting winter crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter forage planting continued in DeSoto County. Pastures throughout the state continued their seasonal decline.

Field Crops

Fields in Suwannee County were being prepared for winter crops and winter rye. Sugarcane planting and harvesting continued.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/24/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1
Short.....	23	13
Adequate.....	73	83
Surplus.....	2	3

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/24/19

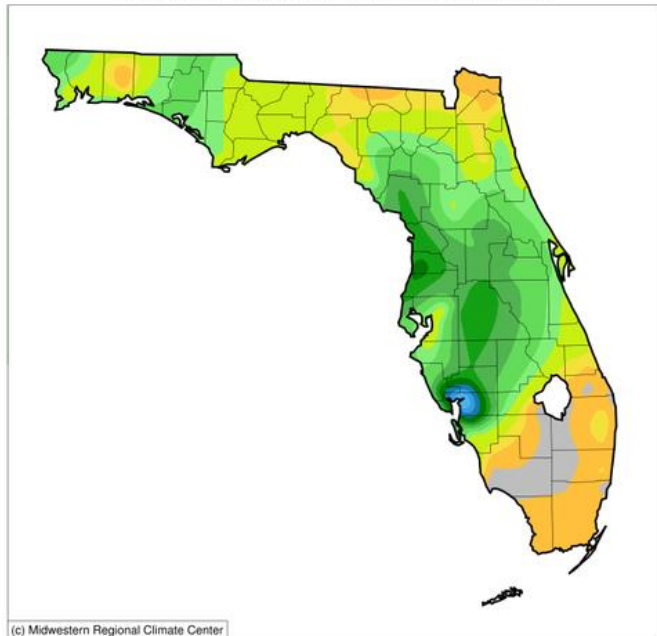
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	84	74	39	NA

Condition for Week Ending 11/24/19

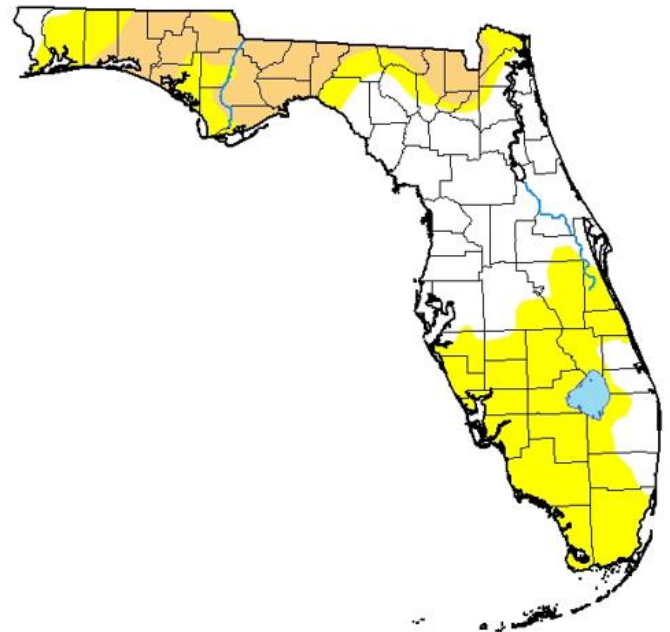
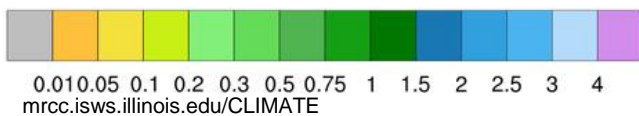
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	24	55	17
Pasture & range	2	12	32	44	10

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 18, 2019 to November 24, 2019



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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