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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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 1, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain to 0.63 inches in Moore Haven (Glades County). The average mean temperature ranged from 48.6°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 76.9°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the upper 70s to mid 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Palm Dale (Glades County), which reached 85°F. Citrus producing counties received little to no rainfall. The greatest rainfall was in LaBelle (Hendry County), at 0.33 inches. According to the November 27, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions covered the complete southern area, the majority of the Indian River District, and almost all of the western and central growing areas. Only the northern area remained mostly free from abnormally dry conditions.

White and red grapefruit, early oranges, Navels, Sunburst, Fallglo, Early Pride and Orri tangerines were being harvested. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicides under the trees, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run across the citrus growing region.

According to the Florida Citrus Mutual Market News Bulletin, a couple of processing plants were processing packinghouse eliminations. Plants were testing fruit for acceptable maturity levels and expect to begin processing field run fruit as soon as it meets satisfactory ratios.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Nov 10, 2019 (Final)	Nov 17, 2019 (Preliminary)	Nov 24, 2019 (Preliminary)	Nov 25, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	98	74	85	46
Navel oranges	43	35	34	32
Red grapefruit	98	87	93	82
White grapefruit	21	4	5	7
Tangerines and Tangelos	24	16	13	19
Total	284	216	230	186

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Late planted vegetables were harvested in Volusia County. One packinghouse in Manatee County reported minor issues with erwinia and sour rot in tomatoes. Vegetable growers continued planting winter crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter forages were planted in DeSoto, Escambia, and Walton counties. Pastures throughout the state continued their seasonal decline.

Field Crops

Producers in Jackson County reported planting cover crops. Sugarcane harvesting continued.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/01/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2
Short.....	33	23
Adequate.....	64	73
Surplus.....	1	2

Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/01/19

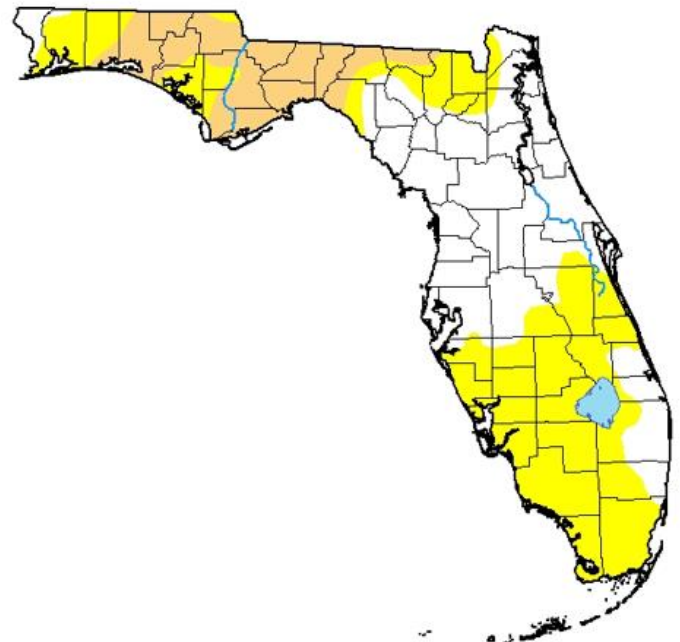
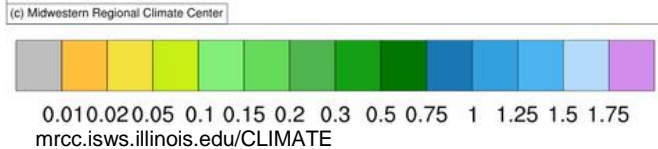
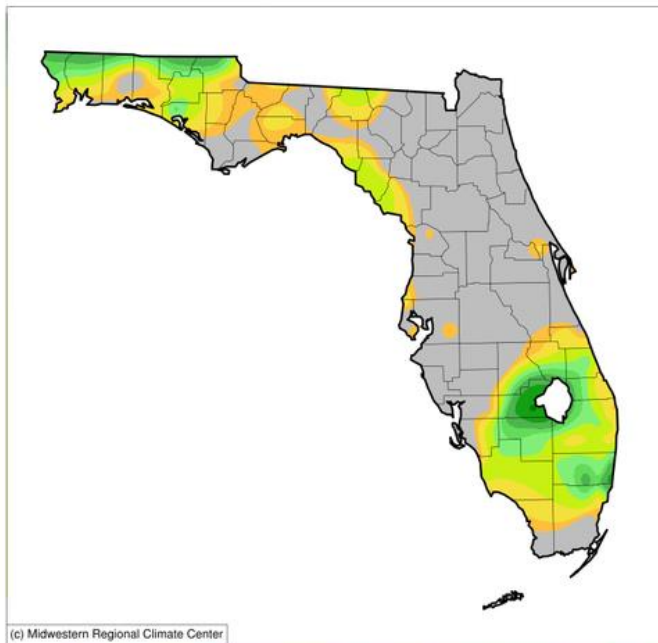
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	93	84	52	NA

Condition for Week Ending 12/01/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	24	59	15
Pasture & range	1	14	36	39	10

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 25, 2019 to December 01, 2019



Intensity:



November 26, 2019 (Released Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>