



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 8, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain to 1.62 inches in Pensacola (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 41.6°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 72.4°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 Bartow (Polk County), which reached 83°F. Citrus producing counties received little to no rainfall. The greatest rainfall was in Fort Pierce (St. Lucie County), at 0.4 inches. According to the December 5, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions cover the complete southern area, the majority of the Indian River District and almost all of the western and central growing areas. Parts of Collier County now have moderate drought conditions. Only the northern area remains mainly drought free.

White and red grapefruit, early oranges, Navels, Sunburst, Fallglo, Early Pride, and Orri tangerines were being harvested. Grove activities included spraying, mowing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation ran in all areas with observations of ditches being low.

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 17, 2019 (Final)	Nov 24, 2019 (Preliminary)	Dec 1, 2019 (Preliminary)	Dec 2, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	87	86	69	899
Navel oranges	44	34	37	67
Red grapefruit	115	93	90	141
White grapefruit	4	6	7	29
Tangerines and Tangelos	22	13	10	35
Total	272	232	213	1,171

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

Fruits and Vegetables

A wide range of fruits and vegetables were planted while others were harvested and brought to market. Strawberry harvesting began in Hillsborough County.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter forage planting continued in multiple counties throughout the state. Some grazing began in annual cool season pastures in Levy County. Producers in Jackson County were feeding hay. Pastures continued their seasonal decline and frost was reported in multiple counties which further affected conditions.

Field Crops

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

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/8/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2
Short.....	35	33
Adequate.....	63	64
Surplus.....	0	1

Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/8/19

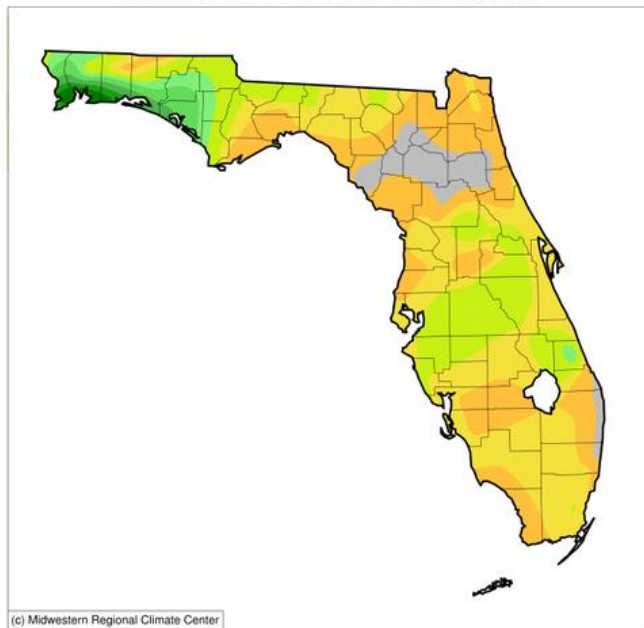
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	97	93	74	NA

Condition for Week Ending 12/8/19

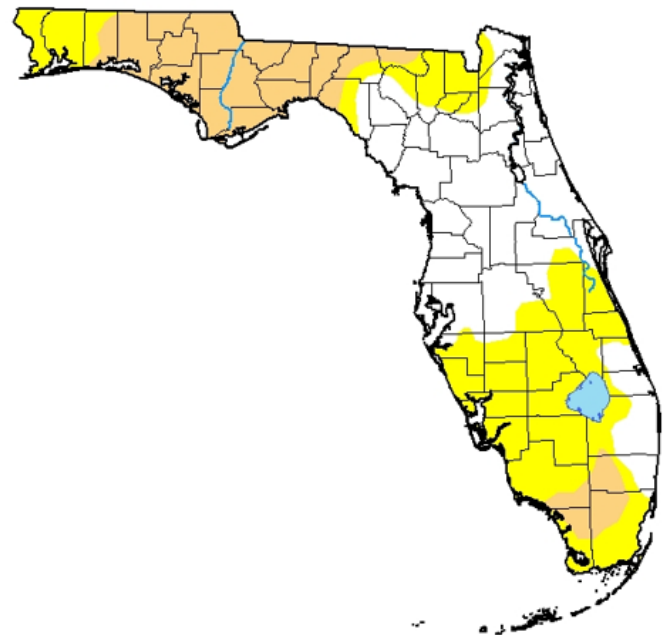
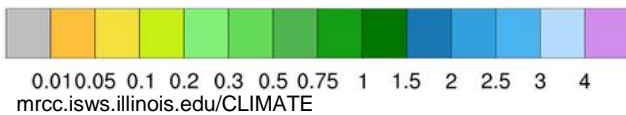
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	20	63	16
Pasture & range	0	14	40	38	8

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
December 02, 2019 to December 08, 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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