

### 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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 19, 2020. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 4.86 inches in Gonzalez (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 64.0°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 77.0°F in Key West (Monroe County).

#### **Citrus**

Temperatures were warmer than normal this week, with maximum temperatures reaching the low to upper 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Bartow (Polk County), at 86°F. The greatest rainfall was in Lakeland (Polk County), at 1.06 inches, followed by Vero Beach (Indian River County), at 0.65 inches. According to the January 16, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, parts of Hendry and Collier counties experienced abnormally dry conditions. The remaining portion of the citrus growing region was drought free.

Packinghouses were packing several midseason tangerine varieties, most notably Tango, Orri, and Juicy Crunch tangerines. A few started moving Minneola tangelos and Honey tangerines (Murcotts). Processing plants were taking field run fruit and packinghouse eliminations. Non-Valencia harvest was in full swing. Weekly early and midseason orange harvest surpassed three million boxes for the first time this season.

Other grove activities included limited mowing before harvest, spraying, irrigation, and fertilization.

#### **Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	F	Previous Year		
	Dec 29, 2019 (Final)	Jan 5, 2020 (Preliminary)	Jan 12, 2020 (Preliminary)	Jan 13, 2019 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid- oranges Navel oranges Red grapefruit White grapefruit Tangerines and	1,589 31 90 13	2,773 43 96 16	3,089 59 170 38	2,796 32 183 41
Tangelos Total	22 <b>1,745</b>	34 <b>2,962</b>	66 <b>3,442</b>	62 <b>3,114</b>

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

#### Fruits and Vegetables

Growers in Manatee County laid plastic and plan to put in tomatoes soon. Preparations are being made for multiple crops in anticipation of more cold weather.

#### **Livestock and Pastures**

The cooler weather helped to improve cattle health and condition. Cattle remained in mostly good to excellent condition throughout the state.

#### Field Crops

Sugarcane harvest continued.

#### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 01/19/20

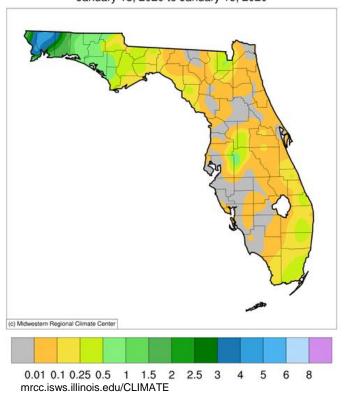
Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short Short Adequate Surplus	18 75	1 10 86 3

#### Condition for Week Ending 01/19/20

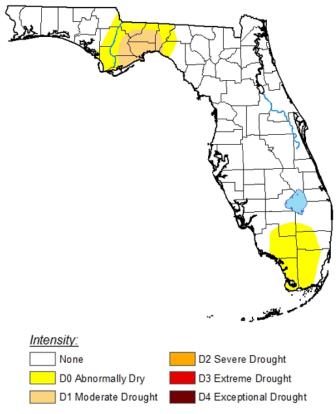
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle Pasture & range	0 1	2 20	23 23	55 45	20 11

#### **Accumulated Precipitation (in)**

January 13, 2020 to January 19, 2020



## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



January 14, 2020 (Released Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020) https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/