



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, February 16, 2020. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 3.2 inches in Boca Raton (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 59.4°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 78.9°F in West Palm Beach (Palm Beach County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the mid to upper 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Sebring (Highlands County), at 89°F. The greatest rainfall was in Port St. Lucie (St. Lucie County), at 0.8 inches. According to the February 13, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions lessened in the western citrus growing area and continued in parts of the central area. The remaining portion of the citrus growing region was drought free.

Early and midseason oranges were winding down for the season. At least one processing plant began receiving Valencia packinghouse eliminations.

Grove operations included fertilizing, hedging, and applying herbicide. Caretakers were mowing groves before harvest. Ditches and reservoirs were low. Irrigation was run steadily across the citrus region. Field staff reported seeing color break on late variety oranges, increasing signs of early bloom, and new growth on the trees.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 26, 2020 (Final)	Feb 2, 2020 (Preliminary)	Feb 9, 2020 (Preliminary)	Feb 10, 2019 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	3,022	2,731	2,515	2,500
Navel oranges	26	10	4	10
Valencia oranges	6	27	56	25
Red grapefruit	233	220	195	187
White grapefruit	21	55	72	63
Tangerines and Tangelos	51	54	57	36
Total	3,359	3,097	2,899	2,821

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry harvesting and good yields were reported in the northern and central peninsula. Unseasonably warm temperatures and foggy conditions were conducive to disease development in vegetable crops. Growers throughout the southern peninsula were wrapping up spring vegetable planting.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Some cattle herds were thinning out. Supplemental feeding was reported in multiple counties where pastures remained dry.

Field Crops

Sugarcane harvest continued.

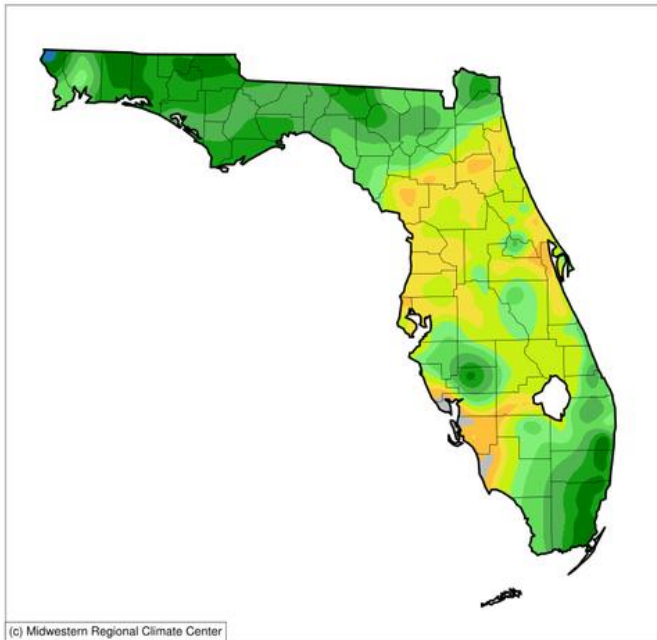
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 02/16/20

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	17	15
Adequate.....	71	80
Surplus.....	11	3

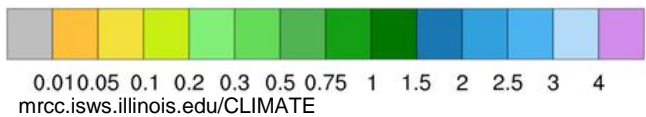
Condition for Week Ending 02/16/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	5	31	54	9
Pasture & range	3	16	37	35	9

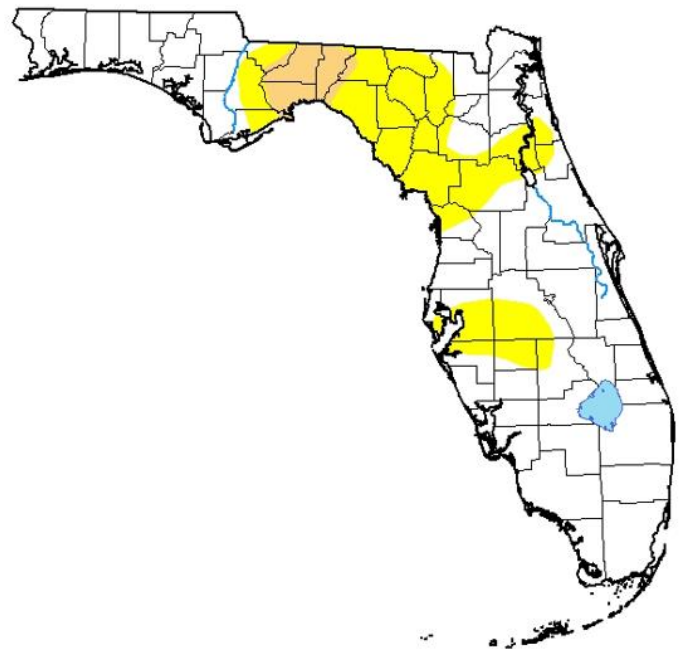
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
February 10, 2020 to February 16, 2020



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>