



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 23, 2020. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in Zephyrhills (Pasco County) to 3.4 inches in Juno Beach (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 53.9°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 78.5°F in Big Pine Key (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the mid to upper 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Mountain Lake (Polk County), at 88°F. The greatest rainfall was in Muse (Glades County), at 1.07 inches. According to the February 20, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions moved further in the western citrus growing area and lessened in parts of the central area. The remaining portion of the citrus growing region was drought free.

Two plants have finished early and midseason oranges for the season. At least one plant is now receiving Valencia packinghouse eliminations. Tangerines are going strong, Honeys and Royals are picking up, and early and mids are winding down.

Grove operations included mowing, fertilizing, hedging, and minimal spraying. Irrigation was run several times per week in most areas. Field staff reported seeing color break on late variety oranges, more 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
	Feb 2, 2020 (Final)	Feb 9, 2020 (Final)	Feb 16, 2020 (Preliminary)	Feb 17, 2019 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	2,774	2,561	1,229	1,638
Navel oranges	10	5	4	5
Valencia oranges	26	55	128	40
Red grapefruit	245	220	181	190
White grapefruit	59	76	94	52
Tangerines and Tangelos	58	64	54	28
Total	3,172	2,981	1,690	1,953

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry harvesting was underway in the northern and central peninsula. Multiple varieties of vegetables were being planted and harvested in the southern part of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition throughout the state with supplemental feeding ongoing. Winter grazing was reported in good to excellent condition due to adequate rainfall.

Field Crops

Sugarcane harvest continued.

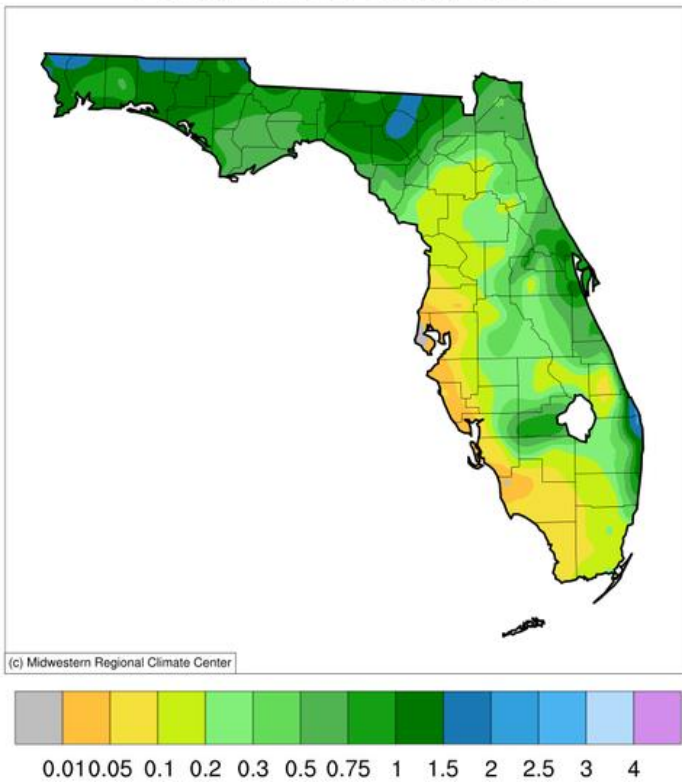
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 02/23/20

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1
Short.....	16	17
Adequate.....	76	71
Surplus.....	6	11

Condition for Week Ending 02/23/20

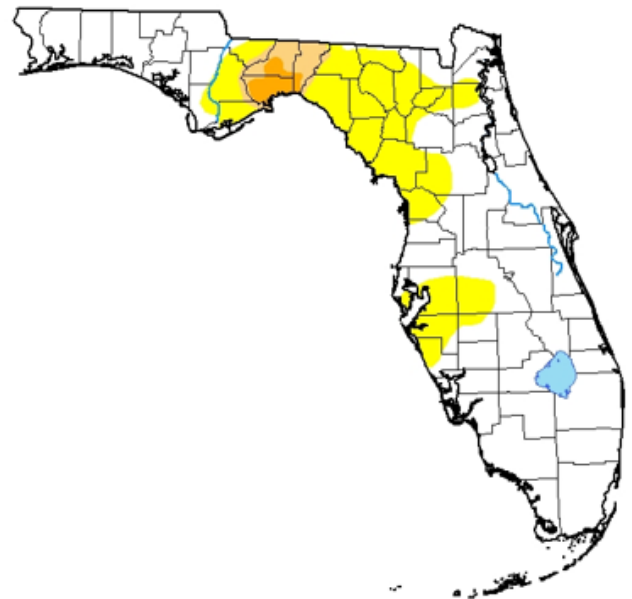
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	7	30	53	9
Pasture & range	3	16	38	35	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
February 17, 2020 to February 23, 2020



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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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