



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 1, 2020. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple areas to 3.72 inches in Hosford (Liberty County). The average mean temperature ranged from 50.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 71.6°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the low to upper 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Fort Pierce (St. Lucie County), at 88°F. Rainfall amounts were mostly between a quarter of an inch to an inch across the citrus region. A few stations in the northern citrus region received more than an inch of precipitation. According to the February 27, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions exist in much of the northern and western citrus regions. In the central area, only Polk County is showing abnormally dry condition. The southern area and Indian River district remain drought free.

Early and midseason orange harvest is about over for the season. Valencia harvested is ramping up quickly this season. Processing plants are now taking the later variety oranges as packinghouse eliminations and field run. On the fresh side, early variety tangerines are slowing down. There are still Honey (Murcott) tangerines and Royal tangerines to be harvested. Red grapefruit and Valencia oranges are also being harvested for fresh.

Grove operations included mowing, fertilizing, hedging, and minimal spraying. Irrigation was run several times per week in most areas. Groves that are being taken care of look good. Most trees are beginning to bloom. Some are already showing small fruitlets on the trees.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Feb 9, 2020 (Final)	Feb 16, 2020 (Final)	Feb 23, 2020 (Preliminary)	Feb 24, 2019 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	2,561	1,318	368	461
Navel oranges	5	3	4	4
Valencia oranges	55	125	365	41
Red grapefruit	221	224	183	184
White grapefruit	76	96	70	48
Tangerines and Tangelos	64	58	50	56
Total	2,982	1,824	1,040	794

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry harvesting continued throughout the state. Multiple varieties of vegetables were being planted and harvested in the southern part of the state. Tomatoes and potatoes had some pest pressure but were in good condition.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Field Crops

Sugarcane harvest continued.

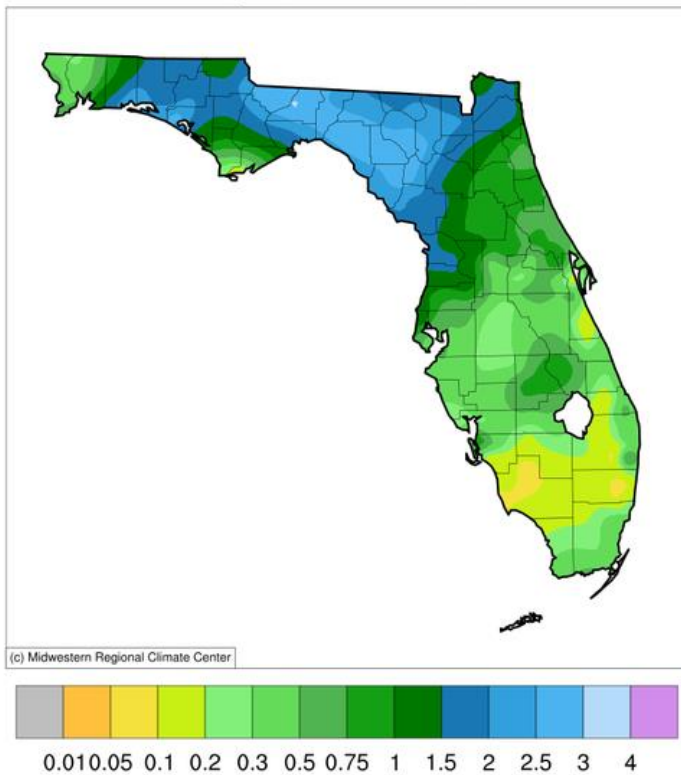
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 03/01/20

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	19	16
Adequate.....	76	76
Surplus.....	4	6

Condition for Week Ending 03/01/20

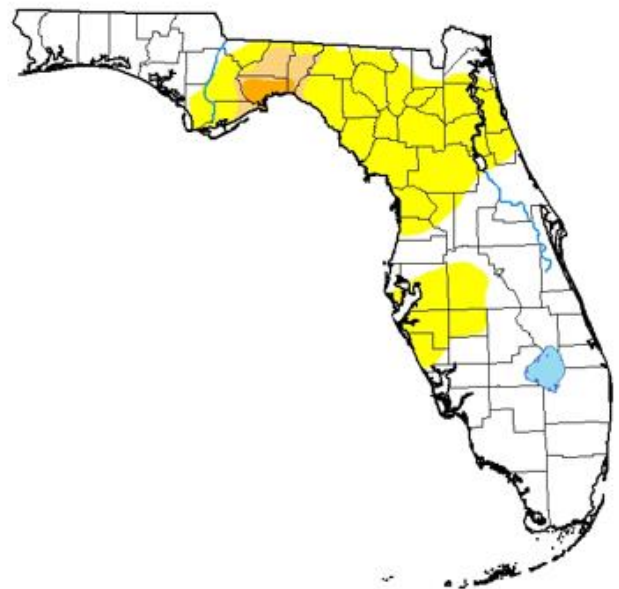
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	4	25	59	11
Pasture & range	3	11	30	48	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
February 24, 2020 to March 01, 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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