



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this 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, April 26, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 5.9 inches in Century (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 67.5°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 83.6°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region had warmer than average temperatures all week. Maximum highs ranged from the mid 80s to mid 90s. The highest reading was in Palm Dale (Glades County), which reach 96°F. Beneficial rainfall fell over much of the citrus region. The majority of the citrus producing counties received between 1 and 2.5 inches. According to the April 23, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions lessened in parts of the Indian River District area from moderate drought to abnormally dry. The rest of the citrus growing region continued to show severe to moderate drought.

Valencia harvest continued at over three million boxes per week. Grapefruit harvest was winding down for the season. Tangerine harvest was nearly complete.

Next season’s crop was doing well in groves which were well cared for. Oranges were approximately marble size and grapefruit ranged from marble to golf ball size. Reports from the field indicated that growers were pushing old trees and getting ready for the planting of new ones. Grove activities included spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, mowing, and general grove maintenance. Growers and caretakers were irrigating regularly in all areas.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	Previous Year	For week ending		
		Apr 5 2020 (Final)	Apr 12 2020 (Final)	Apr 19 2020 (Preliminary)
	Apr 21, 2019 (Actual)	Apr 5 2020 (Final)	Apr 12 2020 (Final)	Apr 19 2020 (Preliminary)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	0	11	0	0
Valencia oranges.....	3,233	3,402	3,046	3,326
Red grapefruit....	22	119	39	16
White grapefruit..	2	21	1	1
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	3	6	3	0
Total.....	3,260	3,559	3,089	3,343

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

Crops

Some fruit and vegetable producers were still challenged with finding buyers for their commodities. Excess rainfall in the northern peninsula caused disease pressures on watermelons, potatoes, corn, and peanuts. Whiteflies and aphids were spotted on tomatoes, peppers, and greens in the southern peninsula, but producers were mostly able to control them by applying pesticides. Peanut planting activities continued in the Panhandle. Some producers reported an expectation to plant cotton once they have finished planting peanuts. Potato harvesting continued in the northern peninsula.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Rainfall throughout much of the state greened up grasses and improved pasture conditions some.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/26/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	4
Short.....	36	20
Adequate.....	50	65
Surplus.....	5	11

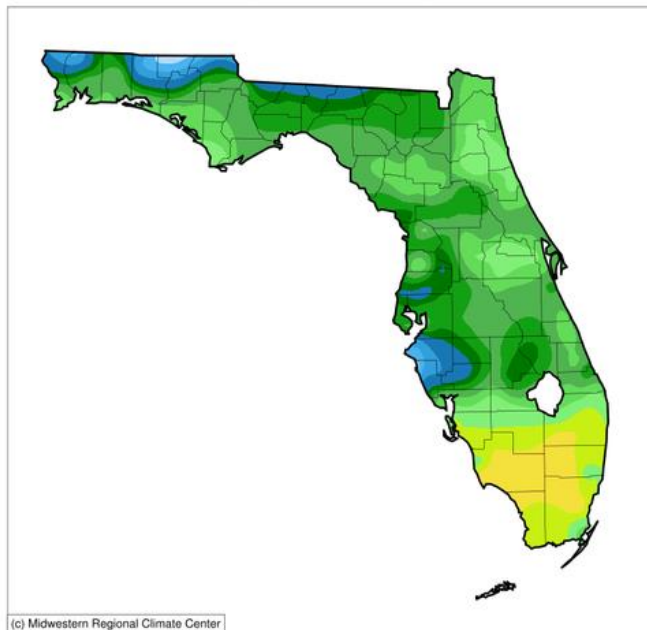
Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/26/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	3	0	3	4
Peanuts - Planted.....	20	13	15	15

Condition for Week Ending 04/26/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	8	31	53	7
Pasture & range	3	20	36	37	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020

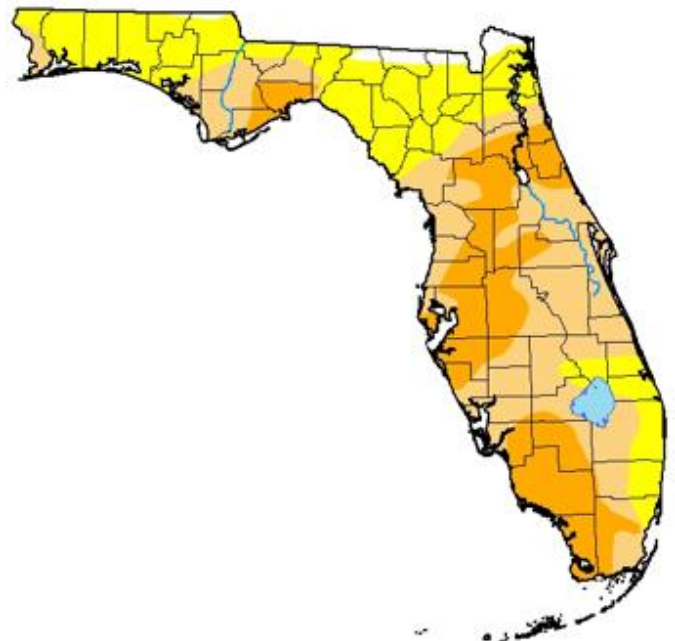


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity

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

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