



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 31, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 13.1 inches in Miami (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 75.4°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 84.5°F in Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

The citrus growing region had another week of very warm temperatures. Daily highs consistently ranged from the mid 80s to mid 90s. Beneficial rainfall was received throughout much of the citrus region. The most recorded rainfall was in Palm Dale (Glades County), at 6.2 inches. According to the May 28, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions lessened in parts of the central, western, and the Indian River district areas, which showed abnormally dry to no drought. The northern and southern areas remained under abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions.

Valencia harvest continued winding down to just over half a million boxes. Grapefruit, tangerine, and tangelo harvests all finished for the season.

Groves continued to look good in most areas. Fruit sets were generally average or better. Next year's fruit was growing as normal, approximately golf ball size on oranges and larger for grapefruit. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicide under the trees, spraying nutritionals and insecticides, and taking care of resets.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	Previous Year	For week ending		
	May 26, 2019 (Actual)	May 10 2020 (Final)	May 17 2020 (Final)	May 24 2020 (Preliminary)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges.....	2,535	2,960	2,600	557
Red grapefruit....	1	8	1	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>2,601</b>	<b>557</b>

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

**Crops**

A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested and brought to market as the season continued winding down in the southern peninsula and moving northward. Watermelon harvesting continued in the central and northern peninsula with some producers reporting downy mildew issues. Growers in the southern peninsula continued cleaning up and fallowing fields. Cotton and peanut planting activities continued in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Cotton insect pressures were reported in the Panhandle. Some peanut producers considered replanting fields due to poor establishments caused by the dry weather earlier in the season. Hay cutting and oats harvesting activities were reported in the Panhandle. Sugarcane harvesting concluded.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Some producers reported lower than normal weight gains due to poor grazing conditions in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Recent rain events continued improving pastures and caused minor flooding in low-lying areas in the southern peninsula.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/31/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	3
Short.....	27	17
Adequate.....	57	67
Surplus.....	11	13

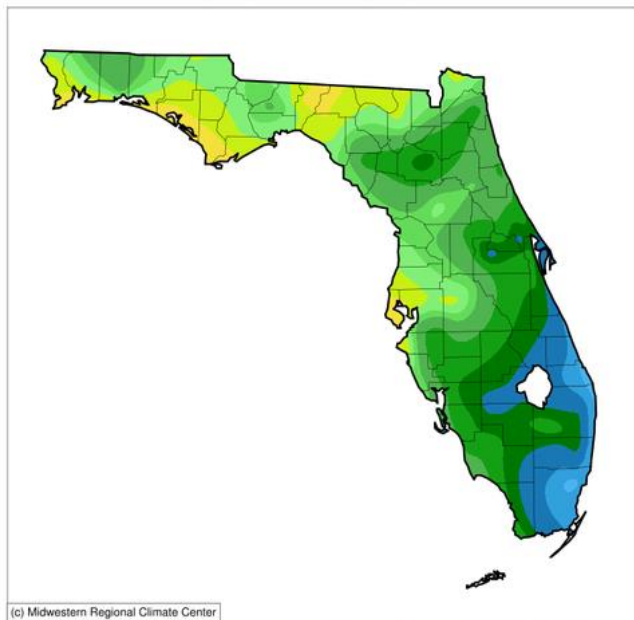
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/31/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	77	69	81	77
Cotton - Squaring.....	0	NA	0	1
Peanuts - Planted.....	89	85	93	87

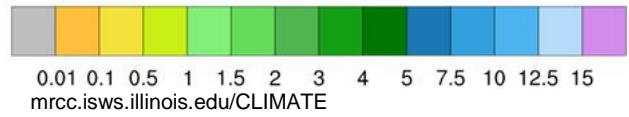
### Condition for Week Ending 05/31/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	4	25	58	12
Cotton.....	0	0	29	68	3
Pasture & range .....	1	9	27	53	10
Peanuts.....	1	3	24	67	5

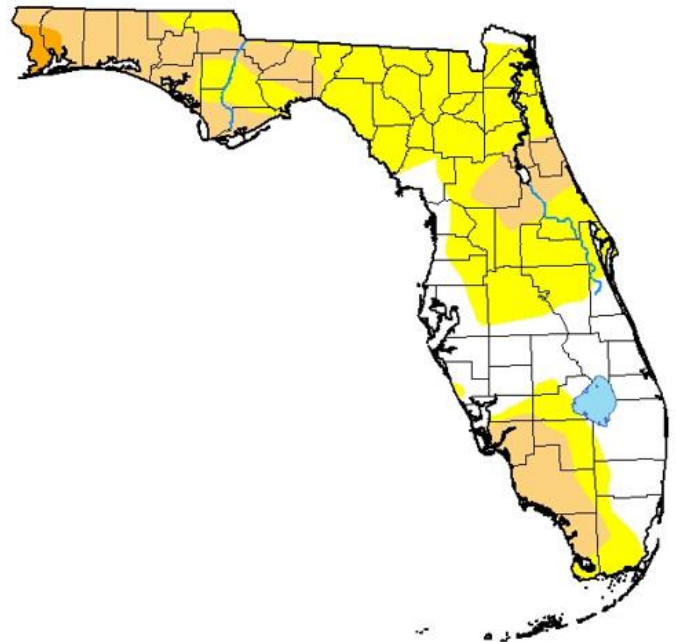
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 25, 2020 to May 31, 2020



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