



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, June 21, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 8.5 inches in Aberdeen (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 73.9°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 84.3°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced warmer than normal temperatures all week. Daily highs ranged from the upper 80s to mid 90s. The highest maximum reading was in Lakeland (Polk County), at 96°F. The majority of the citrus producing counties received between 1 and 2 inches of rainfall. The greatest rainfall was in Fort Pierce (St. Lucie County), at 4.38 inches. According to the June 18, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region was drought free.

Valencia harvest finished and all major processing plants were closed for the season. Primary utilization from this point forward will be fresh squeezed fruit.

Next season's fruit progressed well. Early oranges were larger than golf ball size, but smaller than tennis ball size. Valencias were approximately golf ball size. Grapefruits varied from golf ball to tennis ball size. Reports from the field indicated that growers were pushing non-productive trees and resetting as trees became available. Grove activities included mowing, hedging, applying herbicide under the trees, spraying nutritionals and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation ran several times per week in most areas.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables continued being planted and marketed. Vegetable growers in the southern peninsula continued planting cover crops as well as applying herbicides to fallow fields for off-season weed control. Producers in the northern peninsula reported fungal infestation and bacterial leaf spot on corn, beans, and squash. Watermelon harvesting continued in the northern peninsula and is expected to be finished in the near future. Warm temperatures and the lack of soil moisture in the Panhandle caused row crop conditions to decline. Cotton producers reported significant damage to the crop caused by deer. Peanut growers in the northern peninsula reported dealing with armyworm infestations. Hay cutting was reported throughout the Panhandle and northern peninsula.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/21/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	8
Short.....	11	20
Adequate.....	75	68
Surplus.....	13	4

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/21/20

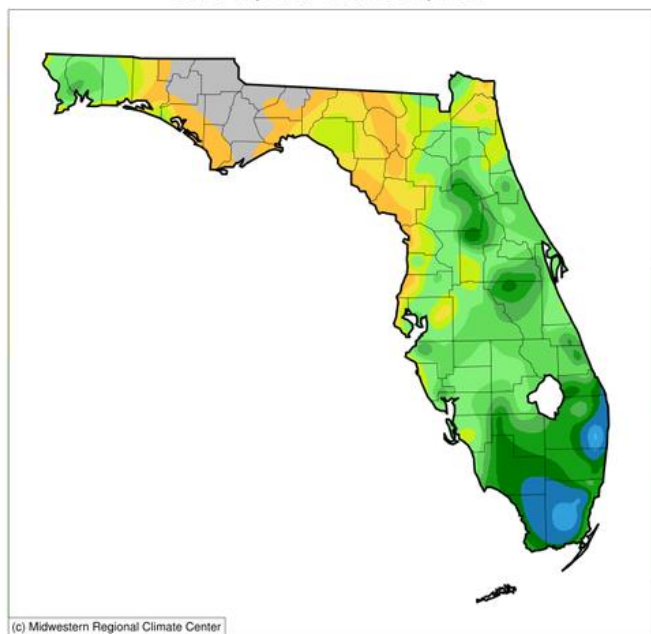
Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	96	91	95	97
Cotton - Squaring.....	29	14	26	21
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	0	NA	0	0
Peanuts - Pegging.....	35	9	32	24

Condition for Week Ending 06/21/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	25	55	16
Cotton.....	1	2	60	36	1
Pasture & range	1	4	21	49	25
Peanuts.....	1	4	47	46	2

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

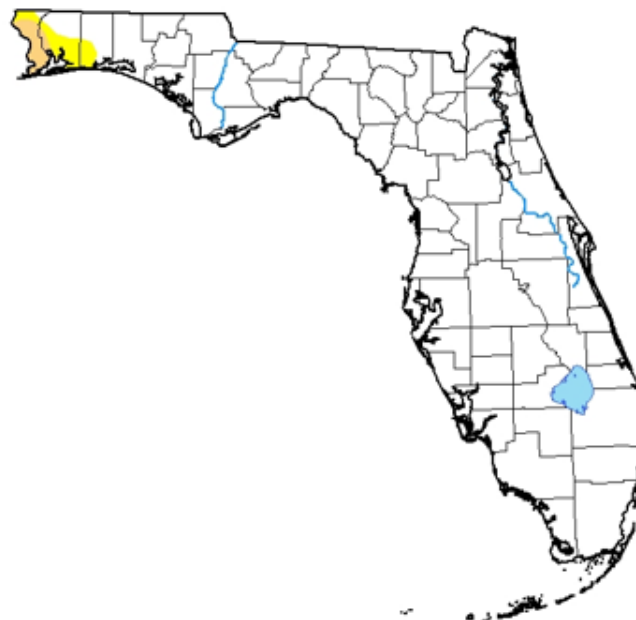
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 15, 2020 to June 21, 2020



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Intensity:

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

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