



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, July 12 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 7.1 inches in Vero Beach (Indian River County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.7°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 87.9°F in Punta Gorda (Charlotte County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region returned to more normal temperatures, with daily highs in the low to mid 90s. The highest readings were in Lake County, with the Central Florida station reporting 94°F, and the Mount Plymouth station recording 93°F. As the State re-entered the seasonal wet pattern, rainfall was widespread with totals of 7.1 inches near Vero Beach (Indian River County), 5.8 inches in Fruitland Park (Lake County), and 4.8 inches in Winter Springs (Seminole County). According to the July 9, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Next season's fruit progressed well. Early oranges were larger than golf ball size, but smaller than tennis ball size. Valencia oranges were approximately golf ball size. Grapefruit varied from golf ball to tennis ball size. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicide, spraying, fertilizing, removal of dead trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run in some areas that received lesser amounts of rainfall.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables continued being planted and marketed. Squash harvesting activities were reported in the Panhandle. Vegetable growers in the southern peninsula continued field preparation for fall planting and some began mowing cover crops. Row crop producers in the Panhandle reported battling stem maggots, armyworms, and grasshoppers. Fungicides applications on row crops continued in the Panhandle. Field corn harvesting continued in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Hay cutting activities continued across the state, but some producers were hampered by frequent rains and wet conditions. Sugarcane continued growing out nicely in its grand growth phase.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/12/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	19	13
Adequate.....	74	83
Surplus.....	6	4

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/12/20

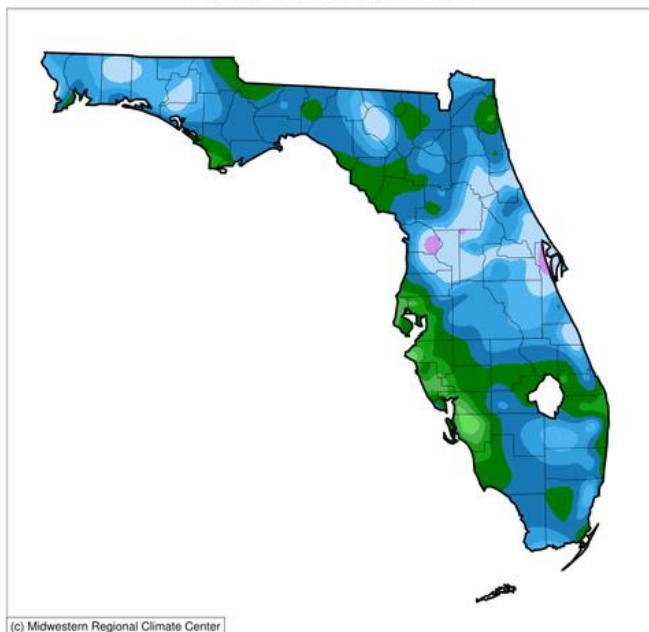
Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	67	49	53	58
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	19	11	28	13
Peanuts - Pegging.....	70	59	70	71

Condition for Week Ending 07/12/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	18	64	15
Cotton.....	0	1	46	43	10
Pasture & range	0	3	20	53	24
Peanuts.....	0	5	29	64	2

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

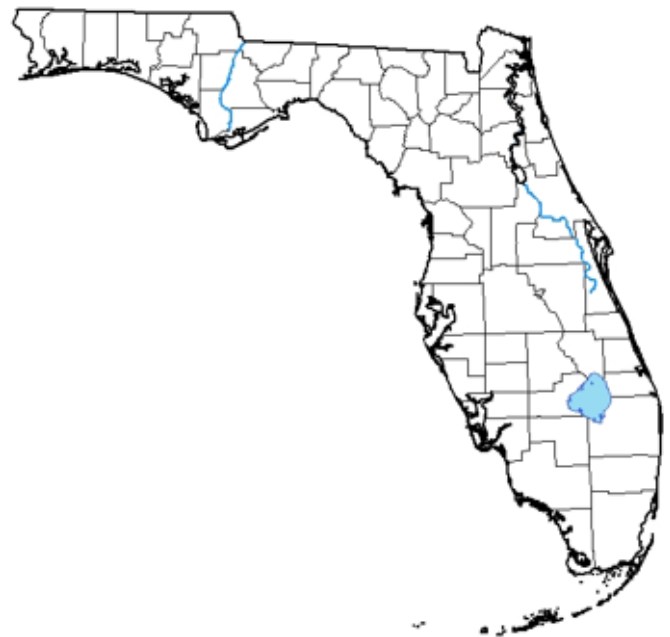
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 06, 2020 to July 12, 2020



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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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