



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 19 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 5.9 inches in Miramar (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.3°F in Fernandina Beach (Nassau County) to 85.9°F in Plant City (Hillsborough County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced seasonal temperatures, with daily highs in the low to mid 90s. The highest readings were in Clermont (Lake County) and Plant City (Hillsborough County), both reaching 96°F. Rainfall remained widespread across the citrus growing area, though amounts were more moderate. Fort Pierce (St. Lucie County) saw the most rain with 3.1 inches, followed by Lakeland (Polk County) with 2.9 inches. According to the July 16, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Next season's fruit progressed well. Early oranges were approximately tennis ball size, while Valencia oranges were approximately golf ball size. Grapefruit varied from golf ball to tennis ball size. Grove activities included mowing, herbiciding, 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 were planted and marketed. Squash harvesting activities continued in the Panhandle. Vegetable growers in the southern peninsula continued field preparation for fall planting, including disking, and spraying herbicides. Row crop producers in the Panhandle continued to deal with stem maggots, armyworms, and grasshoppers. Fungicide applications on row crops continued in the Panhandle, with some growers expressing concerns about white mold. Field corn harvesting continued in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Some growers in the northern peninsula reported corn fields showing disease pressure, and noted that it is too late to apply chemicals because harvesting will begin soon. Hay cutting activities continued across the state. Sugarcane growth continued, but some was laid down by the passage of recent storms.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Some cattle operations in the southern peninsula began shipping calves.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/19/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	13	18
Adequate.....	83	78
Surplus.....	4	3

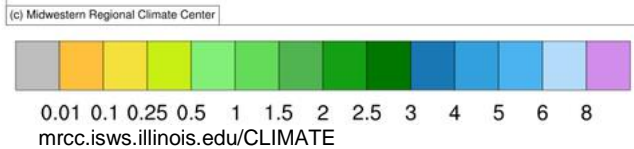
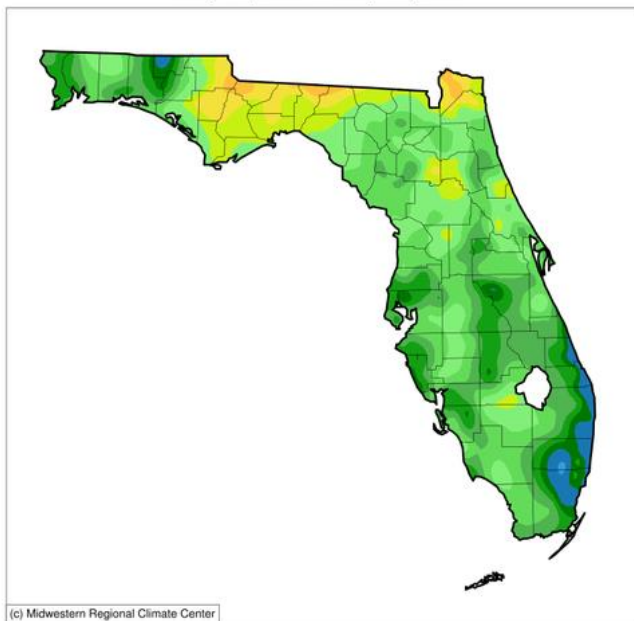
Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/19/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	82	53	67	69
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	41	28	45	30
Peanuts - Pegging.....	80	70	84	80

Condition for Week Ending 07/19/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	21	58	18
Cotton.....	1	2	39	44	14
Pasture & range	1	2	17	53	27
Peanuts.....	1	2	32	57	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 13, 2020 to July 19, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity



July 14, 2020 (Released Thursday, Jul. 16, 2020)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>