



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 26 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 8.2 inches in Key West (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.4°F in Perrine (Miami-Dade County) to 85.6°F in Chipley (Washington County).

## Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced seasonal temperatures, with daily highs in the high 80s to low 90s. The highest readings were reported in the interior of the peninsula, with the Central Florida and Clermont stations (both in Lake County) reaching 93°F each. Moderate rain fell widely across the entire citrus growing area, with Dade City (Pasco County) reporting the most precipitation, at 4.2 inches. The Bartow (Polk County) station received the second highest amount of rain, at 3.4 inches. According to the July 23, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, most of the citrus growing region remained drought free, though portions of the western and southern areas fell under abnormally dry conditions.

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

## Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Vegetable growers in the southern peninsula continued field preparation for fall planting, including disking and spraying herbicides. Some early tomato planting activities were reported in the southern peninsula. Recent rainfall and warm temperatures helped improve row crop conditions throughout much of the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Some growers, however, reported worsening conditions where the rainfall had been spotty for several weeks. Corn for grain and silage harvesting continued in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Some of the corn crop was impacted by southern rust. Hay cutting activities continued between rain events across the state. Sugarcane growth continued and benefitted from rainfalls, although some remained laid over from recent heavy thunderstorms.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Calf shipping continued on some cattle operations in the central and southern peninsula.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/26/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	18	9
Adequate.....	78	85
Surplus.....	3	5

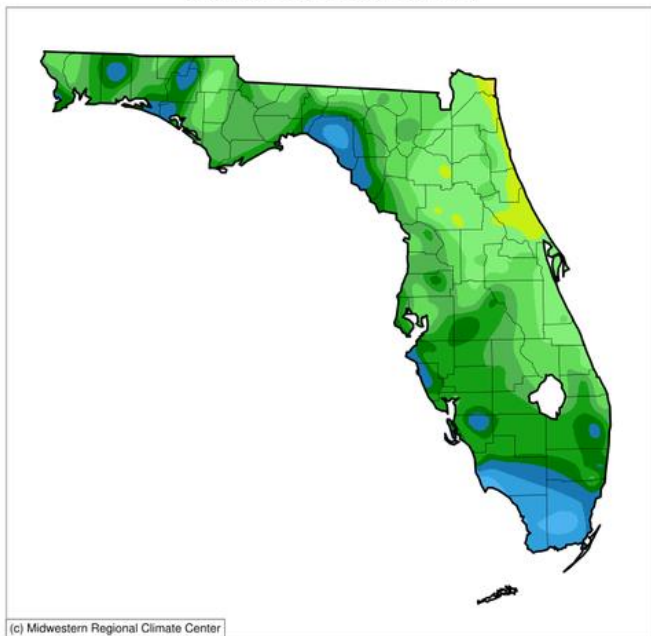
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/26/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	90	67	81	80
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	60	45	64	51
Peanuts - Pegging.....	90	84	90	88

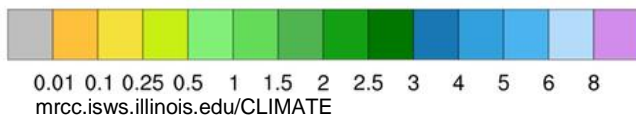
### Condition for Week Ending 07/26/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	4	15	66	14
Cotton.....	1	2	26	65	6
Pasture & range .....	1	2	15	56	26
Peanuts.....	1	1	16	74	8

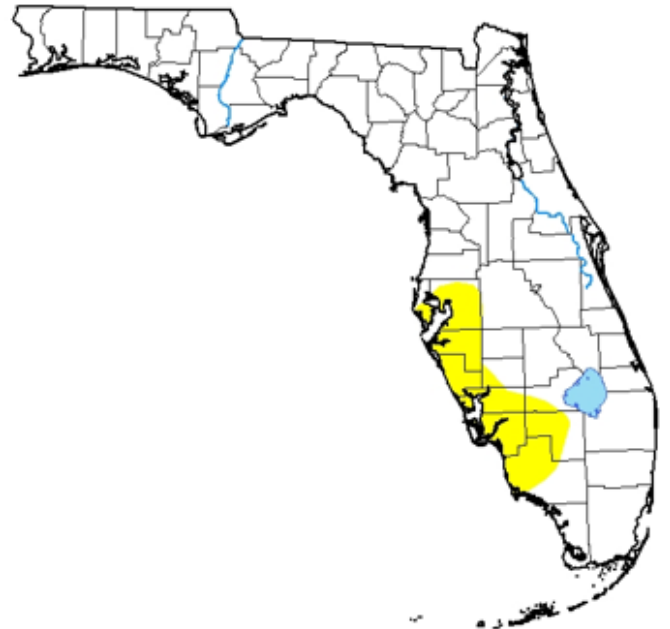
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 20, 2020 to July 26, 2020



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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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