



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 16, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 7.2 inches in Jacksonville (Duval County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.5°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 89.1°F in Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

### Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced elevated temperatures, with daily highs in the 90s throughout. The highest temperatures were reported in the interior, with both the Clermont (Lake County) and Plant City (Hillsborough County) stations reaching 96°F. Reports of moderate rainfall were widespread, though some stations received more significant precipitation. The most rain fell in Plant City (Hillsborough County) and Apopka (Orange County), which both received 6.1 inches. According to the August 11, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, most of the citrus growing region remained drought free, though portions of the western area continued to experience abnormally dry conditions.

Next season's fruit progressed well. Early oranges were about tennis ball size, while Valencia oranges were approximately golf ball to tennis ball size. Grapefruit ranged from baseball to softball size. Grove activities included mowing, spraying herbicides, fertilizing, removal of dead trees, planting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation ran 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. Corn harvesting continued in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Soybeans were reported to be in good condition in the Panhandle. Some of the peanuts dug in the Panhandle were intended for the green market. Producers in the Panhandle and northern peninsula reported minor white mold and pod rot issues in peanuts. Hay cutting activities continued across the state.

### Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Calves continued to be shipped in the central peninsula.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/16/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	1
Short.....	11	11
Adequate.....	76	81
Surplus.....	6	7

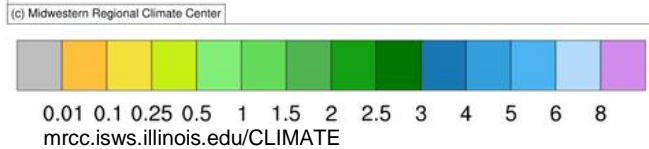
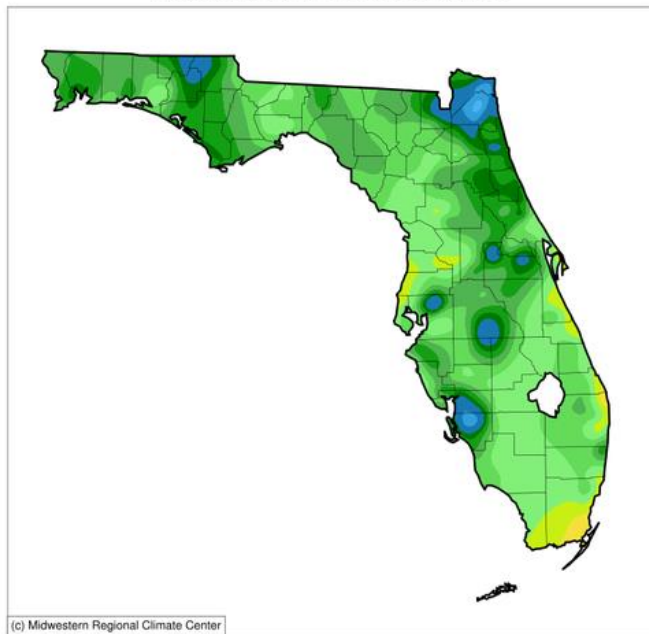
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/16/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	89	80	89	83
Cotton - Bolls Opening ....	6	4	12	9
Peanuts - Pegging.....	98	96	97	98
Peanuts - Dug.....	NA	NA	1	NA

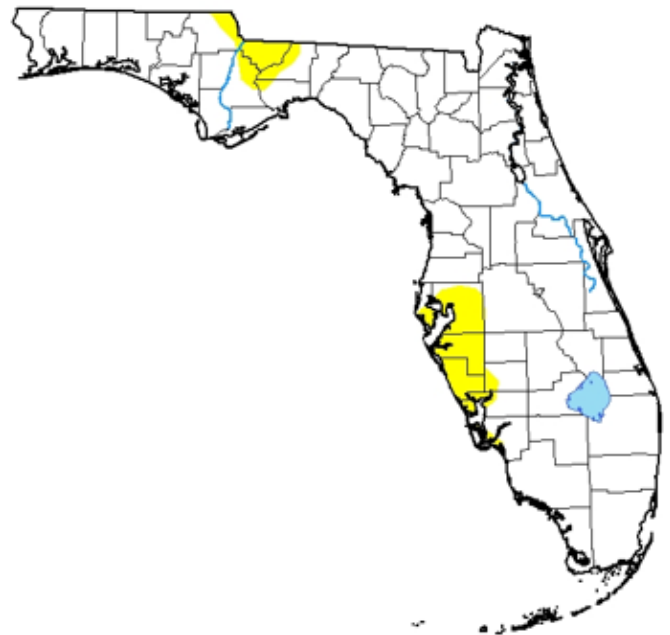
### Condition for Week Ending 08/16/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	2	17	58	22
Cotton.....	1	1	21	77	0
Pasture & range .....	1	3	17	51	28
Peanuts.....	1	1	23	73	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020



### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Intensity:**



August 11, 2020 (Released Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020)  
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>