



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 30, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 12.5 inches in Apalachicola (Franklin County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.8°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 88.0°F in Plant City (Hillsborough County).

## Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced seasonably warm temperatures, with daily highs in the low to mid 90s. Stations reporting the highest temperatures included Clermont (Lake County), at 96°F, and Lakeland (Polk County), at 95°F. Moderate rainfall was widespread across the state, with the most precipitation occurring in Lake Placid (Highlands County), with 2.6 inches, and at Fellsmere (Indian River County), with 2.4 inches. LaBelle (Hendry County) also received 2.4 inches. According to the August 27, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, most of the citrus growing region remained drought free, though abnormally dry conditions persisted along the Gulf Coast. Portions of the northern, western, and southern citrus growing areas were affected by these dry conditions.

Next season's fruit progressed well. Early oranges were about tennis ball size to baseball size, while Valencia oranges were approximately tennis ball size. Grapefruit were softball size or slightly larger. Grove activities included mowing, spraying herbicides, fertilizing, removal of dead trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation ran in areas that received lesser amounts of rainfall. Field workers reported moderate water levels in ditches along the Indian River.

## Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Vegetable growers in the southern peninsula continued field preparation for fall planting. Some broccoli, cabbage, and other greens were planted in the northern peninsula. Corn harvesting activities continued in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Peanut digging continued throughout the Panhandle but sporadic rain events may delay harvesting as the peanuts will need to dry out. A few peanut producers continued to battle leaf spot and white mold. Some hay producers were unable to bale their cut hay due to wet conditions. Some sugarcane planting began with more expected to start soon.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Tropical Storm Laura brought excess rainfall to parts of the Panhandle, which resulted in standing water in some pastures.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/30/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	5	4
Adequate.....	81	80
Surplus.....	14	15

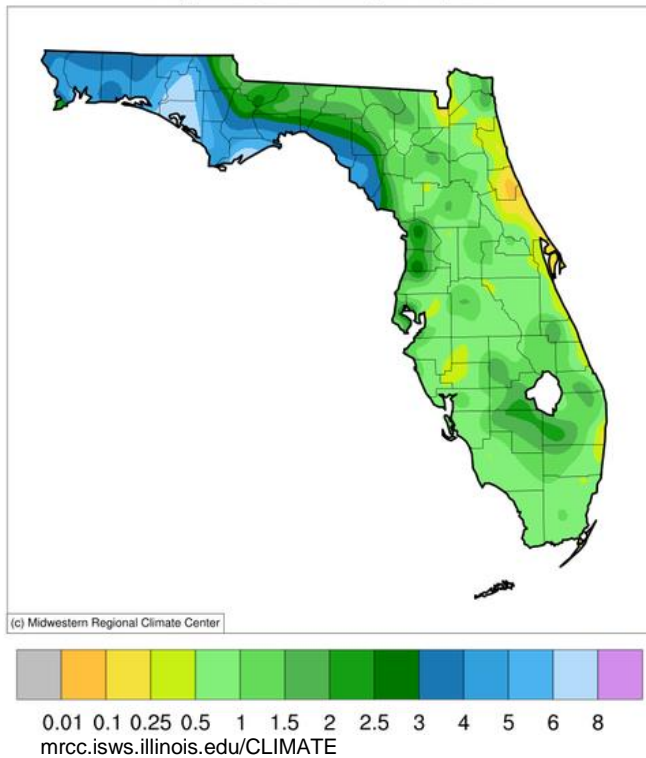
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/30/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	94	96	97	90
Cotton - Bolls Opening ....	22	17	22	26
Peanuts - Dug.....	3	4	13	4
Peanuts - Harvested.....	2	2	5	3

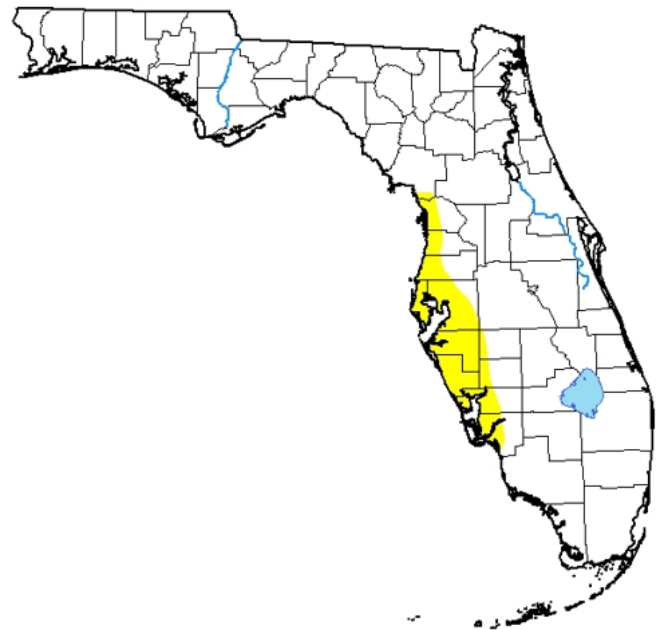
### Condition for Week Ending 08/30/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	2	19	59	19
Cotton.....	1	2	30	67	0
Pasture & range .....	1	2	16	58	23
Peanuts.....	1	1	21	75	2

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 2020



### 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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