



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 6, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 7.5 inches in Dade City (Pasco County). The average mean temperature ranged from 76.4°F in Glen St. Mary (Baker County) to 87.2°F in Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

## Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced seasonably warm temperatures, with daily highs in the low to mid 90s. The highest recorded temperature was 94°F reported by both the Lake County and Sebring (Highlands County) stations. Moderate rainfall was widespread, with the most precipitation occurring in Lakeland (Polk County), with 4.1 inches, and in Plant City (Hillsborough County), with 3.6 inches. According to the September 3, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, most of the citrus growing region remained drought free, though portions of the western and southern areas remained under abnormally 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 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 low water levels in ditches along the Indian River.

## Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Vegetable growers continued to prepare for fall planting in the southern peninsula. Some farmers laid plastic in preparation for planting winter crops. Sporadic rain showers in parts of the Panhandle affected some farmers' ability to harvest peanuts. Some peanut producers continued to fight leaf spots and pod rot. Hay was cut and baled in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Scattered showers caused some flooding in parts of the peninsula. Corn harvesting continued in the northern peninsula and Panhandle. Sugarcane planting continued with more expected before harvesting in the next few weeks.

## Livestock and Pastures

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

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/06/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	4	10
Adequate.....	80	75
Surplus.....	15	15

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/06/20

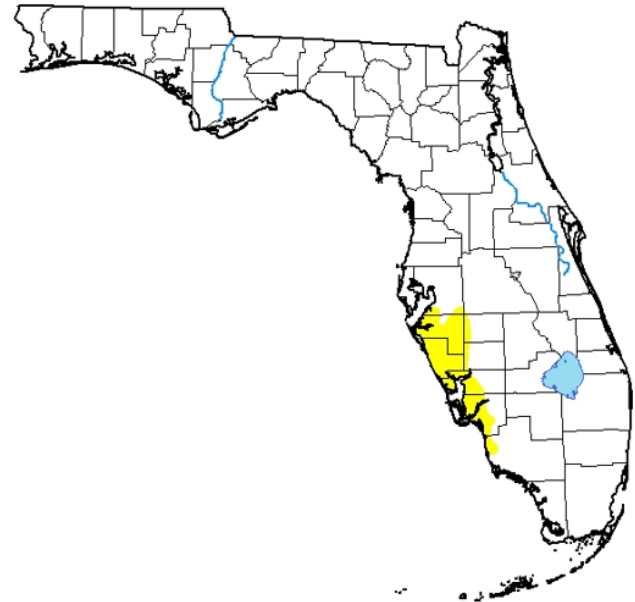
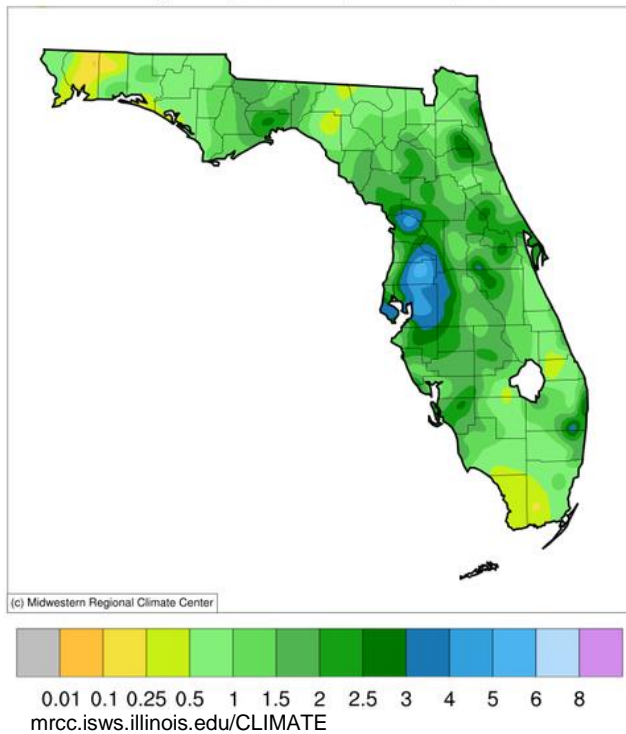
Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ....	34	22	30	36
Peanuts - Dug .....	12	13	22	12
Peanuts - Harvested.....	3	5	13	7

### Condition for Week Ending 09/06/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	17	61	20
Cotton.....	0	1	20	78	1
Pasture & range .....	1	2	18	58	21
Peanuts.....	0	0	31	67	2

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 31, 2020 to September 06, 2020



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>