



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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 13, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 12.6 inches in Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.8°F in Naples (Collier County) to 84.1°F in Sanford (Seminole County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced seasonably warm temperatures, with daily highs in the high 80s and an occasional temperature in the low 90s. Moderate to heavy rainfall was widespread throughout the citrus belt all week, including a tropical depression that would later form Tropical Storm Sally late in the week. The most precipitation was reported near St. Cloud (Osceola County), with 7.0 inches. Other stations receiving significant amounts of rainfall included Bartow (Polk County), with 4.6 inches and Lorida (Highlands County) at 4.0 inches. Field reports included excessive water in groves in the central and southern areas. There were no field reports of damage due to the weather system. According to the September 10, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region became drought free.

Next season's fruit progressed well. Early oranges were about baseball size, while Valencia oranges were approximately tennis ball size to baseball size. Grapefruit were softball size or larger. Grove activities included mowing, spraying herbicides, copper and pesticide spraying, fertilizing, removal of dead trees, planting new trees, and general grove maintenance. Field workers reported low water levels in ditches along the Indian River.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. As weather permitted, vegetable growers prepared for fall planting in the southern peninsula. Farmers were also delayed in setting plastic for winter crops due to wet conditions for most of the week. Frequent rain showers and storms limited the ability to dig and harvest peanuts. Some peanut producers noted white mold and peanut rust on the crop. Due to rains from Tropical Storm Sally, hay was too wet to be baled and cut in most of the peninsula. Frequent showers caused flooding in some southern portions of the peninsula. Sugarcane planting slowed with more expected to be planted before harvesting in the next few weeks.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Wet conditions brought mosquitoes that targeted livestock.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/13/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	10	3
Adequate.....	75	68
Surplus.....	15	28

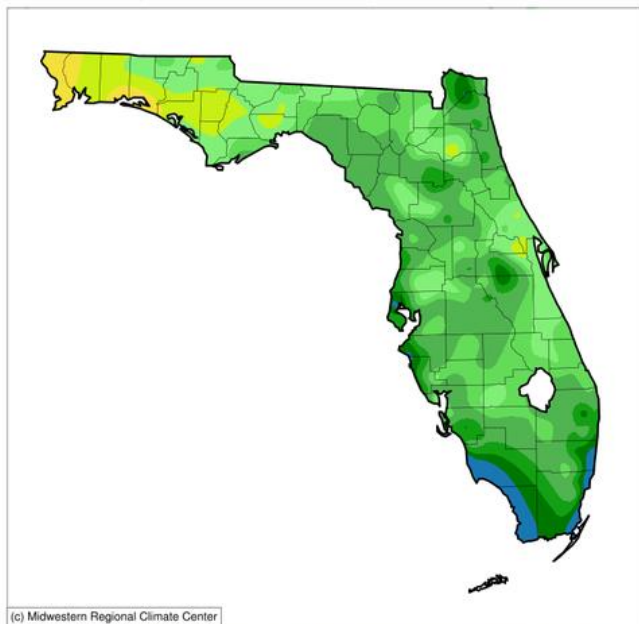
Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	47	30	33	45
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	NA	0	0
Peanuts - Dug.....	31	22	27	25
Peanuts - Harvested.....	12	13	20	14

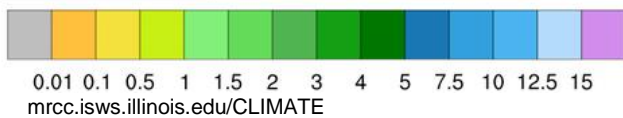
Condition for Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	15	58	24
Cotton.....	2	3	22	72	1
Pasture & range	1	2	19	56	22
Peanuts.....	1	1	22	73	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 07, 2020 to September 13, 2020



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



September 8, 2020 (Released Thursday, Sep. 10, 2020)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>