



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 8, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a many locations to 8.7 inches in Fort Lauderdale International Airport (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 58.9°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 79.5°F in West Palm Beach International Airport (Palm Beach County).

## Citrus

Temperatures were average or above for this time of year in the citrus growing region. Highs ranged from the mid to upper 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Clermont (Lake County), at 88°F. Rainfall amounts varied this past week. Most stations had less than an inch of rain for the week, with a couple isolated stations at over two inches. The most rainfall was in Arcadia (DeSoto County), at 2.7 inches. According to the November 5, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Harvesting included Navel and Hamlin oranges, red grapefruit, and Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines, primarily for the fresh market. By the end of October, two processing plants were open for eliminations and sixteen packinghouses were shipping fruit.

The citrus crop continued to progress well. Grove activities included mowing, spraying, fertilizing, dead tree removal and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run one to two times a week in most areas.

## Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Vegetable growers prepared for fall planting in the southern peninsula.

Row crop harvest activities continued in the Panhandle after a dry week. Cotton was defoliated and harvest continued slowly. Peanuts dug and harvested neared completion in the Panhandle.

Over the weekend, the southern peninsula felt the effects of passing Tropical Storm Eta. High winds, flooded fields, and heavy rains were reported which reduced time farmers could be in their fields. Hay cutting continued in the middle parts of the peninsula. Sugarcane was planted and harvested as the weather permitted.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Fields were prepared for cool-season forage.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/08/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	5	14
Adequate.....	67	50
Surplus.....	27	34

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/08/20

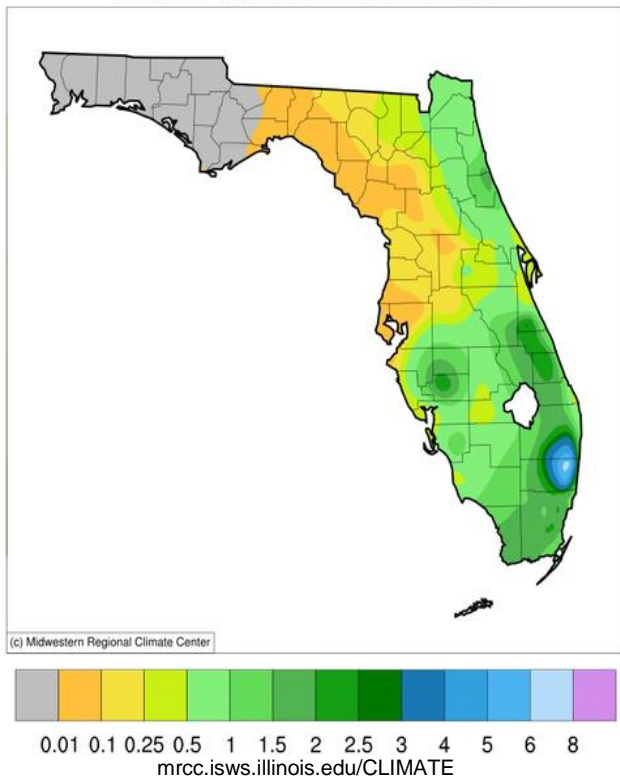
Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	93	93	97	95
Cotton - Harvested.....	54	16	25	47
Peanuts - Dug.....	99	93	97	99
Peanuts - Harvested.....	98	83	92	98

### Condition for Week Ending 11/08/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	18	61	19
Cotton.....	11	49	33	7	0
Pasture & range .....	1	6	30	49	14

#### Accumulated Precipitation (in)

November 02, 2020 to November 08, 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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