



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, November 15, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts to 8.9 inches in John Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 71.6°F in Bob Sikes Airport (Okaloosa County) to 80.8°F in Cape Florida (Miami-Dade County).

### Citrus

Temperatures were average or above for this time of year in the citrus growing region. Maximum temperatures in the citrus region ranged from the low to high 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Lakeland (Polk County), at 88°F. The greatest rainfall was in Lakeland (Polk County), at 4.7 inches, followed by Mount Plymouth (Lake County), at 3.7 inches. According to the November 12, 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. Two processing plants were open for eliminations and sixteen packinghouses were shipping fruit.

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

### Crops

A dry week in the Panhandle allowed farmers to continue row crop harvest. Peanuts harvest neared completion, and farmers turned their attention to cotton. Cotton harvest picked up but was still behind a normal year's timeframe.

As weather permitted, a variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Early in the week, the southern peninsula felt the effects of passing Tropical Storm Eta. High winds, flooded fields, and heavy rains were reported which limited access to fields. Some vegetable farmers reported damage to their crops. Sugarcane planting and harvesting was delayed due to effects of the tropical storm.

### Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. However, flooding in pastures was reported in the southern peninsula as a result of Tropical Storm Eta.

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

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	0
Short.....	14	9
Adequate.....	50	53
Surplus.....	34	38

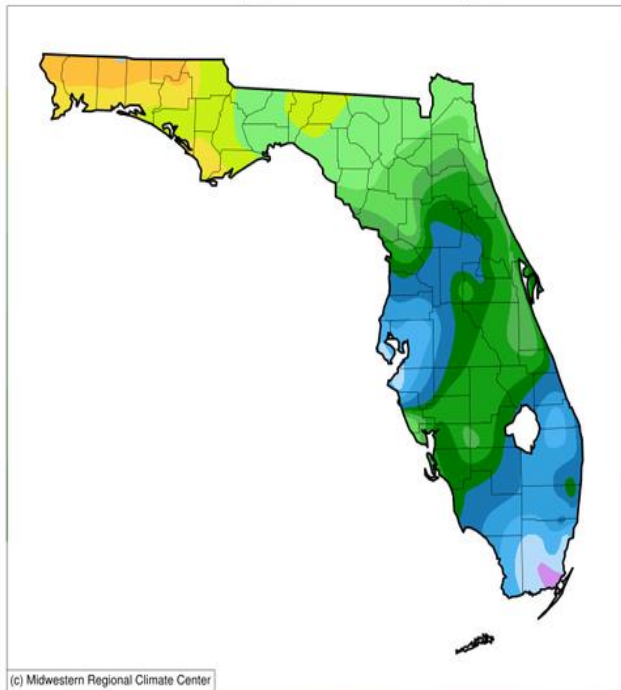
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/08/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	70	25	36	56
Peanuts - Harvested.....	100	92	98	99

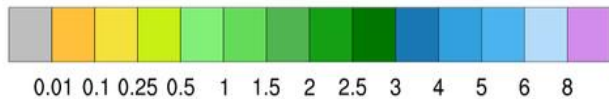
### Condition for Week Ending 11/08/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	18	62	18
Cotton.....	15	46	32	7	0
Pasture & range .....	1	6	30	47	16

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
November 09, 2020 to November 15, 2020



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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



November 10, 2020 (Released Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020) <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>