



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 6, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 3.4 inches in Pensacola (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 46.9°F in Whiting Field (Santa Rosa County) to 72.1°F in Key West International Airport (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the upper 70s to lower 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Bartow (Polk County), which reached 83°F. Most stations in the citrus region reported less than a half an inch of rainfall. The greatest rainfall was in Lakeland (Polk County), at 1.1 inches. According to the December 3, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Harvesting for the fresh market included early and mid-season non-Valencia oranges, Navels, grapefruit, and tangerines. Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines are about finished for the season. Sunburst and other minor varieties of tangerines and tangelos are being shipped to the packinghouses. Processing plants are starting to take deliveries and are beginning to process field run fruit.

Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicides under the trees, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run across the citrus growing region.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Vegetable farmers in the southern part of the peninsula continued to replant crops that they lost to flooding last month. Low temperatures were not enough to cause any damage to crops in the southern peninsula.

The Panhandle received its first couple frosts of the season. Cotton producers continued to harvest their crop, and some producers finished harvest. Sugarcane planting and harvesting continued in the southern part of the peninsula.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and ranges remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. The first frost caused some pasture grass damage in the middle part of the state. In the southern part of the state, some pastures saw renewed flooding in low lying areas.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/6/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	10	14
Adequate.....	66	70
Surplus.....	24	16

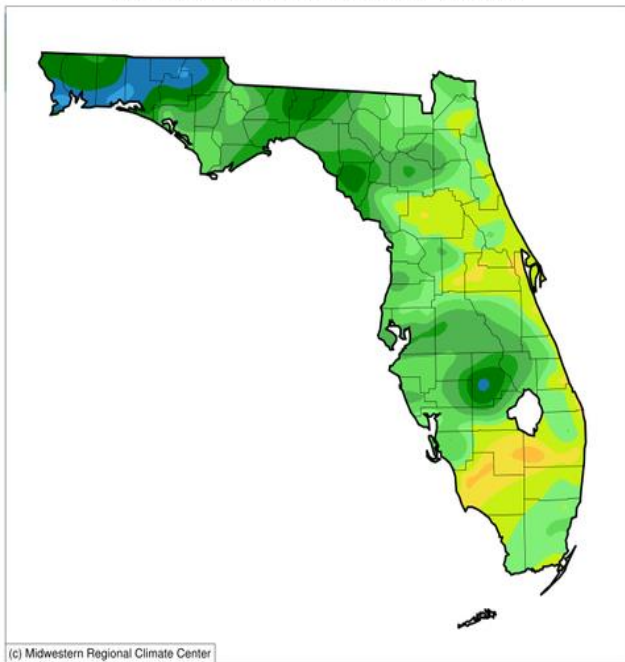
Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/6/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	96	70	82	90

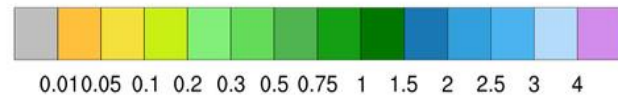
Condition for Week Ending 12/6/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	21	64	14
Pasture & range	2	11	28	46	13

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 30, 2020 to December 06, 2020



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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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