



United States Department of Agriculture  
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**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 20, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 3.3 inches in St. Petersburg Albert Whitted Airport (Pinellas County). The average mean temperature ranged from 45.9°F in Whiting Field (Santa Rosa County) to 73.4°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the mid-70s to lower 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Palmdale (Glades County), which reached 84°F. The majority of stations in the citrus region recorded less than a half of an inch of rainfall for the week. Only Bowling Green (Hardee County) had more than an inch, recording 1.4 inches for the week. According to the December 17, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions covered parts of Marion County. The rest of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Harvesting for the fresh market included early and mid-season non-Valencia oranges, Navels, grapefruit, and early and midseason tangerines and tangelos. Processing is picking up and reached over two million boxes this past week.

Grove activities included mowing, spraying, fertilizing, planting of new trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run across the citrus growing region.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Nov 29, 2020 (Final)	Dec 6, 2020 (Preliminary)	Dec 13, 2020 (Preliminary)	Dec 15, 2019 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	84	1,232	2,136	2,430
Navel oranges .....	33	66	83	105
Red grapefruit .....	118	156	118	118
White grapefruit...	8	8	9	15
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	19	25	32	50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>1,487</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>2,718</b>

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

**Crops**

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Despite continued cold temperatures, most vegetable growers saw no damage to crops. Some vegetable producers noted mildew in their fields on many crops.

As weather permitted, cotton producers in the Panhandle continued harvest closer to completion. Farmers noted poor conditions in the cotton crop. Cover crops were planted as cotton producers finished up 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. Frosts in the northern part of the state caused pasture conditions to decline.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/20/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	20	7
Adequate.....	59	75
Surplus.....	21	17

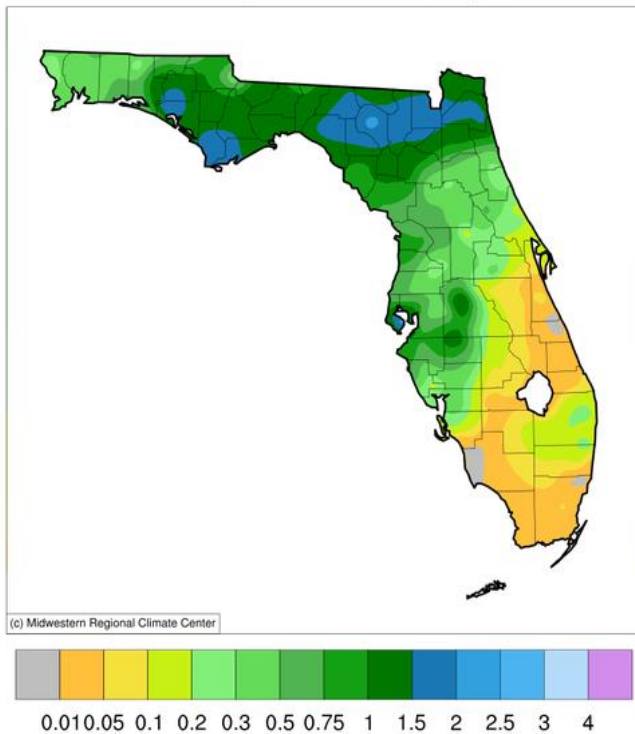
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/20/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	100	87	92	99

### Condition for Week Ending 12/20/20

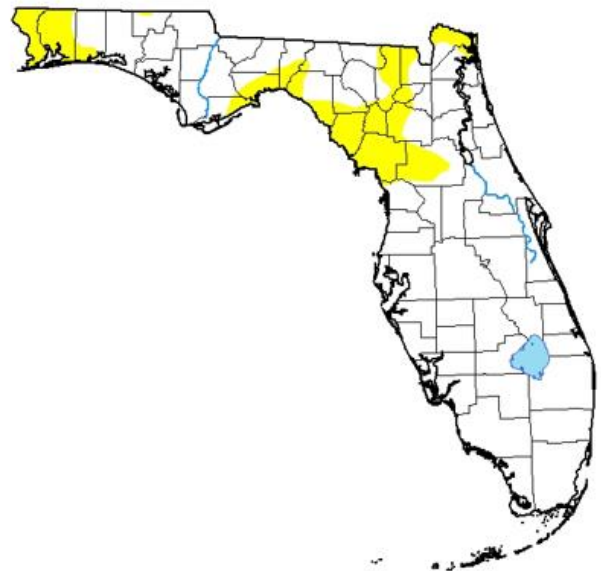
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	2	24	60	13
Pasture & range .....	2	13	33	45	7

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
December 14, 2020 to December 20, 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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