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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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 27, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 3.9 inches in St. Petersburg (Pinellas County). The average mean temperature ranged from 45.3°F in Tallahassee Airport (Leon County) to 71.8°F in John Pennekamp 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 Vero Beach (Indian River County), which reached 84°F. The greatest rainfall was in Lakeland (Polk County), at 2.7 inches. According to the December 24, 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. Most processing plants will be closed December 31 and January 1 and will start receiving fruit on January 2.

Grove activities included mowing, spraying, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run several times in most areas.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Dec 6, 2020 (Preliminary)	Dec 13, 2020 (Preliminary)	Dec 20, 2020 (Preliminary)	Dec 22, 2019 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	1,232	2,136	2,175	2,919
Navel oranges	65	84	43	71
Red grapefruit	155	118	100	109
White grapefruit	9	8	11	39
Tangerines and Tangelos	25	32	23	47
Total	**1,486**	**1,487**	**2,352**	**3,185**

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

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Temperatures dipped close to freezing in the southern part of the peninsula. Vegetable producers reported no damage to crops as most irrigated their crops overnight to avoid frost bite.

Harvesting activities were slowed due to the cold weather and rain over the past week. As the weather permitted, cotton producers continued harvesting and moved closer to completion. 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. Pastures in the Panhandle received some damage after multiple nights of freezing temperatures. Rain helped annual pastures across the state.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/27/20

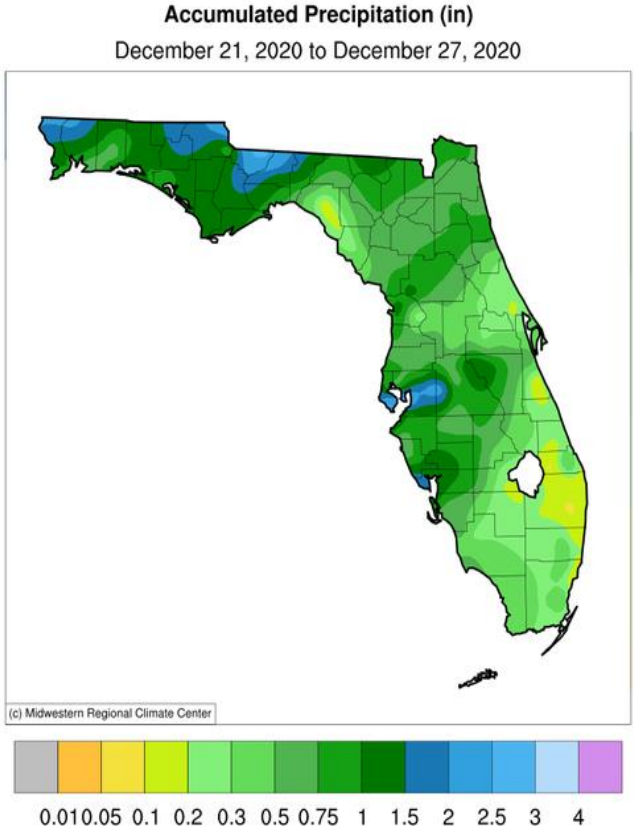
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	7	8
Adequate.....	75	81
Surplus	17	10

Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/27/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested……..	100	92	96	99

Condition for Week Ending 12/27/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	4	22	51	22
Pasture & range	4	9	35	44	8



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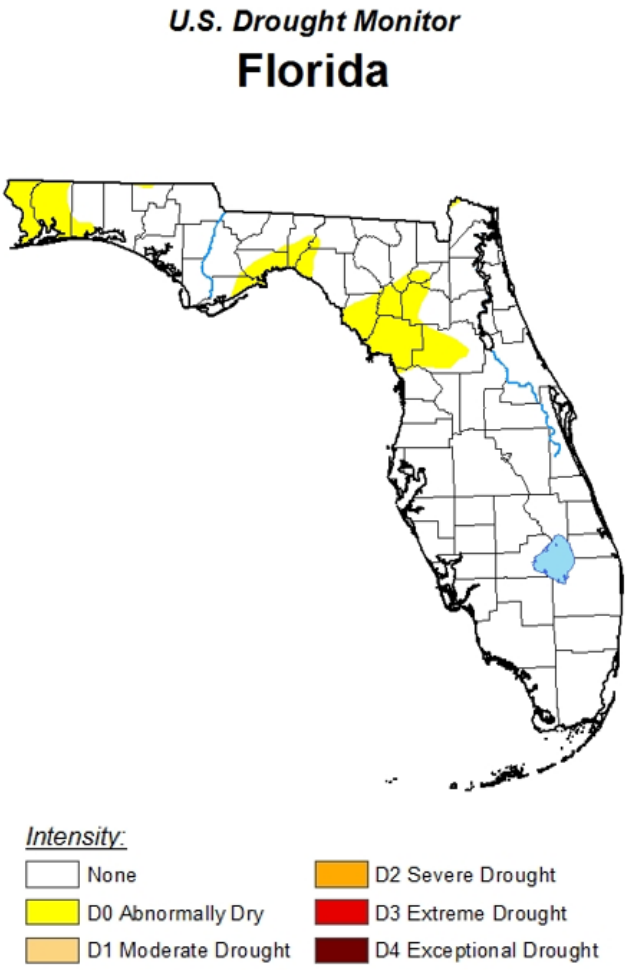

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