



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 24, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 1.4 inches in Chipley (Washington County). The average mean temperature ranged from 51.9°F in Chipley (Washington County) to 69.3°F at Key West International Airport (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were normal for this time of the year in the citrus growing region with lows mostly in the 40s and 50s, and highs ranging from the mid-70s to low 80s. The highest reading was in Sebring (Highlands County), at 81.0°F. The citrus region received only traces of rain for the week. According to the January 21, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions covered Marion County, and parts of Putnam, Lake, and Orange Counties. The rest of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Non-Valencia orange harvest is in full swing, reaching two and a half million boxes weekly, primarily for processing. Grapefruit harvest has been running less than two hundred thousand boxes a week. The majority of red grapefruit is going fresh. White grapefruit harvest is going primarily to the processing plants.

Early non-Valencia fresh orange harvest included Hamlins, mid-season oranges and Navels. Fallglo and Sunburst tangerines are over for the season. Mostly, the newer varieties of mid season tangerines are being harvested for the fresh market. The largest quantities noted were the Orri, Juicy Crunch, and Tango tangerines. Honey tangerines and Royals are just beginning.

Grove activities are picking up at this time of the year. Growers are busy fertilizing, spraying nutritionals before bloom, mowing, and hedging and topping. Irrigation was being run on a regular basis in all areas.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 3, 2021 (Preliminary)	Jan 10, 2021 (Preliminary)	Jan 17, 2021 (Preliminary)	Jan 19, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	2,410	2,544	2,499	3,227
Navel oranges	13	8	8	57
Red grapefruit	120	167	146	200
White grapefruit..	25	21	27	41
Tangerines and Tangelos	17	51	58	79
Total	2,585	2,791	2,738	3,604

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

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Most of the state experienced little rainfall and warmer temperatures during the week. Cover crops were planted and vegetable farmers planted spring crops. Foggy conditions allowed diseases in vegetable crops to persist.

Sugarcane planting started to wrap up and harvesting continued in the southern part of the state. Some farmers noted disease pressure on strawberries.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and ranges remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Pastures showed signs of seasonal decline.

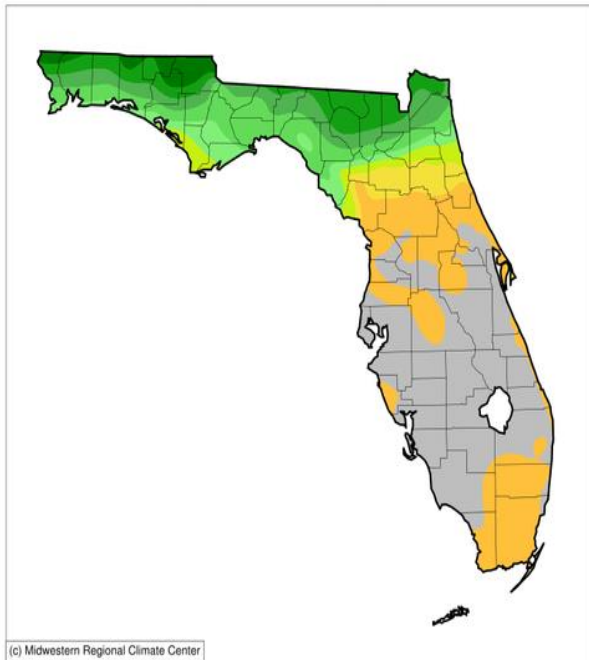
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 01/24/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	2
Short.....	23	34
Adequate.....	71	61
Surplus.....	5	3

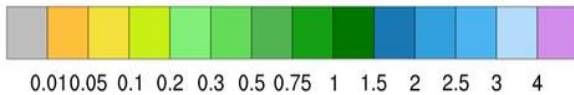
Condition for Week Ending 01/24/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	37	53	6
Pasture & range	4	21	42	29	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 18, 2021 to January 24, 2021

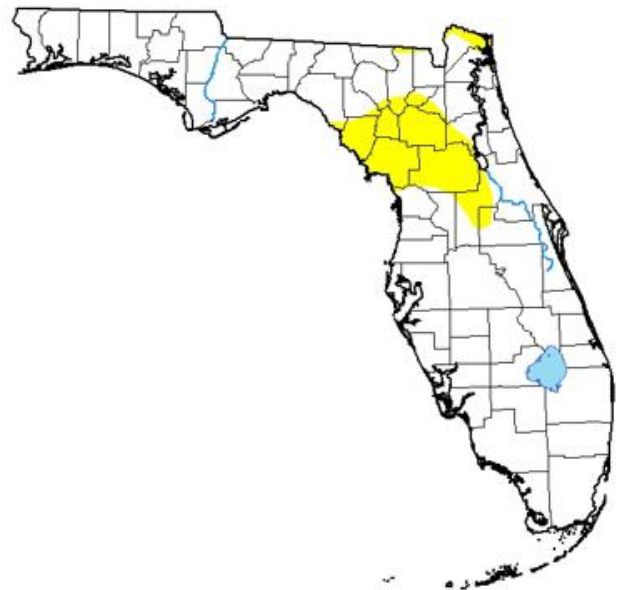


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



January 19, 2021 (Released Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021)
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