



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.

February 8, 2021

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 7, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts in many locations to 4.7 inches at Cross City (Dixie County). The average mean temperature ranged from 46.3°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 68.0°F at Key West International Airport Park (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures in the citrus growing region were colder than average for this time of year. February 4th was one of the coldest days of the season, with lows that ranged from the high 20s to mid-30s. The citrus region received some beneficial rainfall, with several stations reporting at least an inch of rain for the week. The greatest rainfall was in Lakeland (Polk County), at 2.0 inches. According to the February 4, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions expanded throughout the citrus growing region. Only Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, and Collier Counties remained drought free.

Non-Valencia orange harvest is winding down for the season. Some plants plan to finish processing early and midseason non-Valencia oranges the beginning of February. All plants are projected to close before mid-month. Grapefruit harvest is running about three hundred thousand boxes a week, primarily for processing.

The newer varieties of mid-season mandarins are mostly being harvested for the fresh market. The largest quantities noted were the Autumn Honey, Honey, Orri, Juicy Crunch, and Tango tangerines and tangelos.

Grove operations included fertilizing, mowing, hedging, and minimal spraying. Irrigation was being run in most areas.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 17, 2021 (Final)	Jan 24, 2021 (Preliminary)	Jan 24, 2021 (Preliminary)	Jan 26, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	2,516	2,518	2,270	2,774
Navel oranges ....	8	4	2	10
Valencia Oranges	3	20	47	26
Red grapefruit ....	162	153	156	245
White grapefruit..	28	55	23	59
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	70	50	39	58
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,537</b>	<b>3,172</b>

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

**Crops**

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Much of the state experienced cold and wet conditions throughout the week. Some producers noted damage to vegetables as a result of below freezing temperatures that occurred throughout the state. Producers planted cover crops and spring vegetables as weather permitted.

Sugarcane crops were exposed to freezing temperatures, but injury was expected to be minimal. Minor pest pressure was noted in the southern part of the peninsula.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Frosts around the state and wet conditions led to lower pasture and range condition ratings for the week.

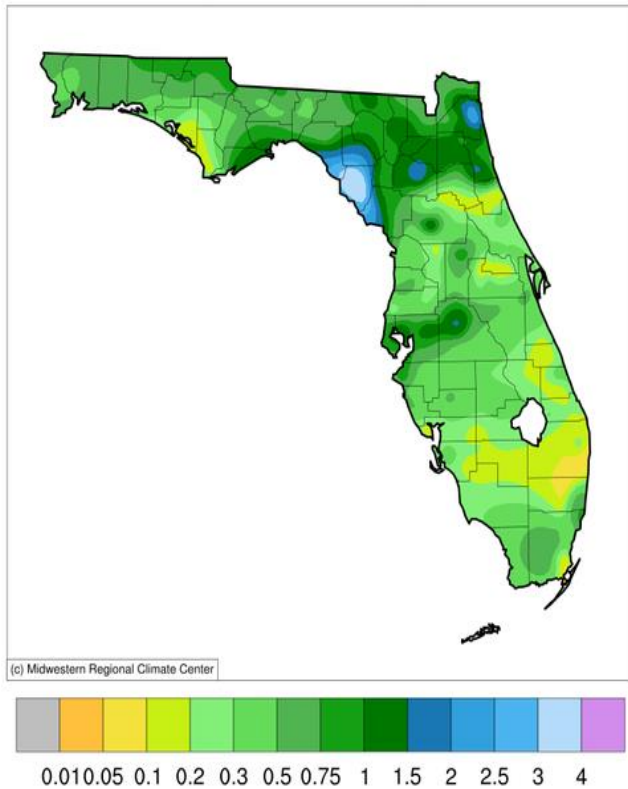
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 02/07/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	1
Short.....	36	22
Adequate.....	57	72
Surplus.....	5	5

### Condition for Week Ending 02/07/21

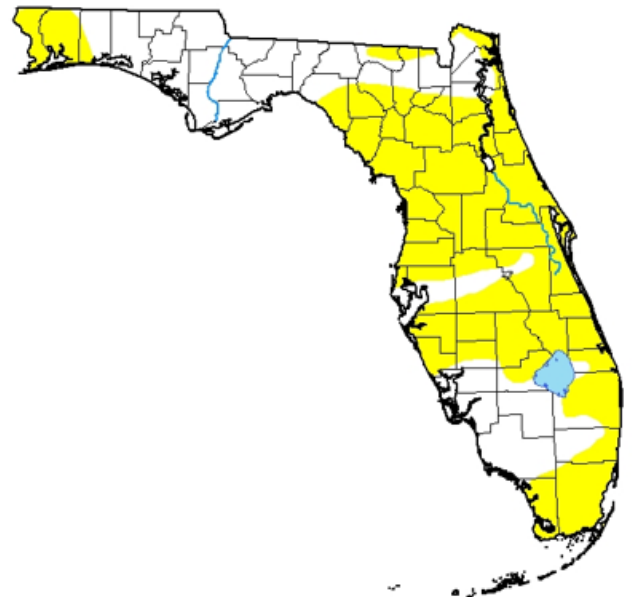
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	5	42	47	5
Pasture & range .....	6	27	44	18	5

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
February 01, 2021 to February 07, 2021



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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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