



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 28, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 2.9 inches at Pompano Beach (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 57.9°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 77.9°F at John Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region reached the low to high 80s in all counties. The highest reading was in Central Florida (Lake County), at 89.0°F. The citrus region received very little rainfall for the week, with only a few stations reporting over a half inch of rain. The greatest rainfall was in Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 0.8 inch for the week. According to the February 25, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions were sporadic across all citrus areas. Most counties in all citrus growing areas had patches of abnormally dry conditions. Only Hillsborough, Osceola, Indian River, Saint Lucie, Citrus, Marion, Lee, and Collier counties are drought free.

Non-Valencia harvest is relatively over for the season. Processing plants are transitioning to the later variety Valencia oranges. Grapefruit harvest is continuing at about two hundred thousand boxes a week, with almost all the white and a majority of the red grapefruit going to processing.

Mandarin harvest is running behind last season. Harvested varieties included Honey (Murcott) tangerines, Tangos, Royals, tangelos and a few other minor tangerine varieties.

Grove operations included fertilizing, mowing, hedging, applying herbicide, minimal spraying, and taking care of young trees. Irrigation was being run in all areas. Bloom is in various stages from trees just beginning to bloom, to those with open flowers.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Feb 7, 2021 (Final)	Feb 14, 2021 (Preliminary)	Feb 21, 2021 (Preliminary)	Feb 23, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	1,491	207	49	436
Navel oranges ....	4	1	0	4
Valencia Oranges	70	99	541	331
Red grapefruit ....	258	166	160	207
White grapefruit..	18	32	65	73
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	31	29	28	54
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>1,105</b>

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

**Crops**

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. A dryer week across the state allowed producers to get back into their fields to continue planting and harvesting activities. Planting of cover crops continued throughout the state. In the southern peninsula, worm pressure was noted on tomatoes. Sugarcane harvest continued in the southern part of the peninsula.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Warmer conditions improved pastures across the state.

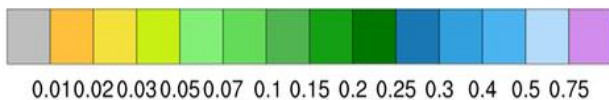
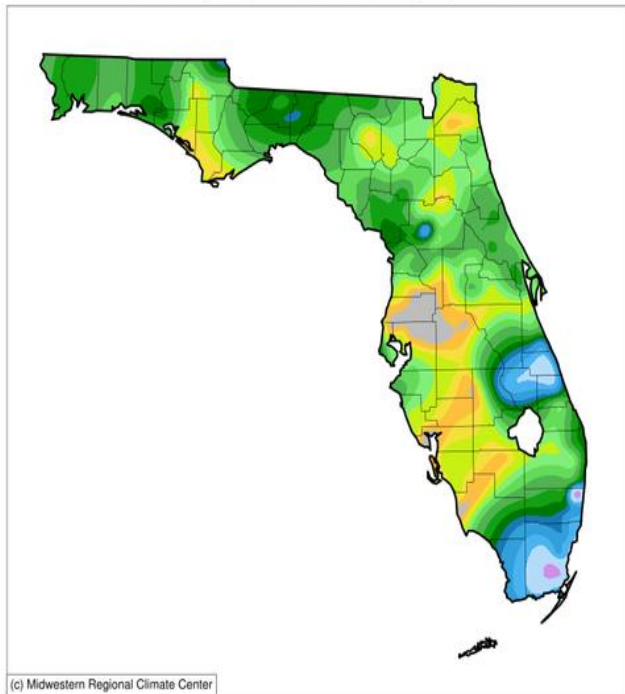
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 02/28/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	2
Short.....	9	17
Adequate.....	77	75
Surplus.....	13	6

### Condition for Week Ending 02/28/21

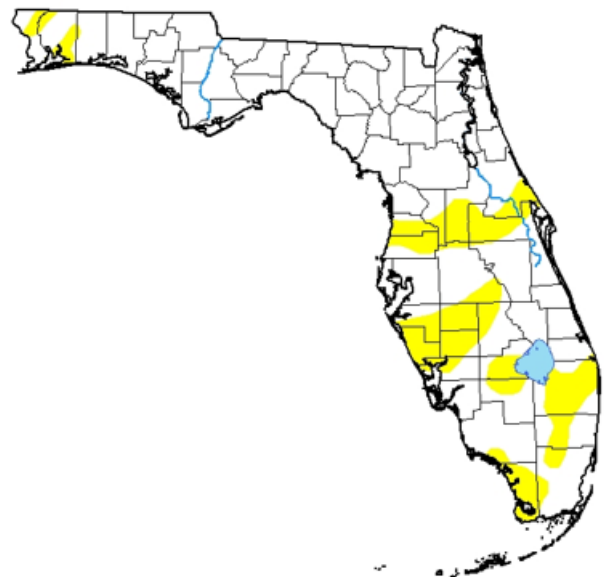
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	7	38	48	6
Pasture & range .....	2	23	46	25	4

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
February 22, 2021 to February 28, 2021



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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Intensity:**



February 23, 2021 (Released Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021)  
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>