



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 11, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 4.8 inches at Pensacola International Airport (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 62.1°F at Tallahassee International Airport (Leon County) to 77.1°F at Key West International Airport (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the low 80s to as high as 90 degrees during the reporting week. The citrus region received beneficial rainfall over the weekend, with several stations reporting more than an inch and a half of precipitation in two days. The greatest rainfall was in Plant City (Hillsborough County) at 2.5 inches. According to the April 8, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the majority of the citrus region experienced abnormally dry conditions, and parts of Collier and Hendry counties experienced moderate drought conditions.

Valencia orange harvest is in full swing. Processing should continue on the late season oranges until the second or third week in May. Grapefruit and mandarin harvest is winding down for the season.

The normal citrus bloom period is over for the season. The trees have formed an abundance of pea size fruit for next season.

Grove operations included mowing, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, spraying nutritionals, taking care of young trees, and performing general grove maintenance. Reports from the field indicated the pushing of old trees and replanting of new ones. Irrigation was being run frequently in all areas.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 21, 2021 (Final)	Mar 28, 2021 (Final)	Apr 4, 2021 (Preliminary)	Apr 5, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	0	2	0	11
Valencia Oranges	2,796	2,817	2,339	3,455
Red grapefruit ....	133	71	24	119
White grapefruit..	27	25	7	21
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	31	10	3	6
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>3,612</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. Much of the state received rainfall after a mostly dry couple of weeks. Thunderstorms and heavier rain in the Panhandle delayed planting and harvesting activities. Corn and peanuts were planted across the state as the weather permitted. Producers continued watermelon harvest across the state, although many remained concerned about the damage from last week's frost. In the southern part of the state, pest pressure via Whiteflies were noted on vegetable crops. Sugarcane harvest continued.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Rain helped green up pastures in the southern part of the peninsula.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/11/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3
Short.....	49	25
Adequate.....	49	67
Surplus.....	0	5

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/11/21

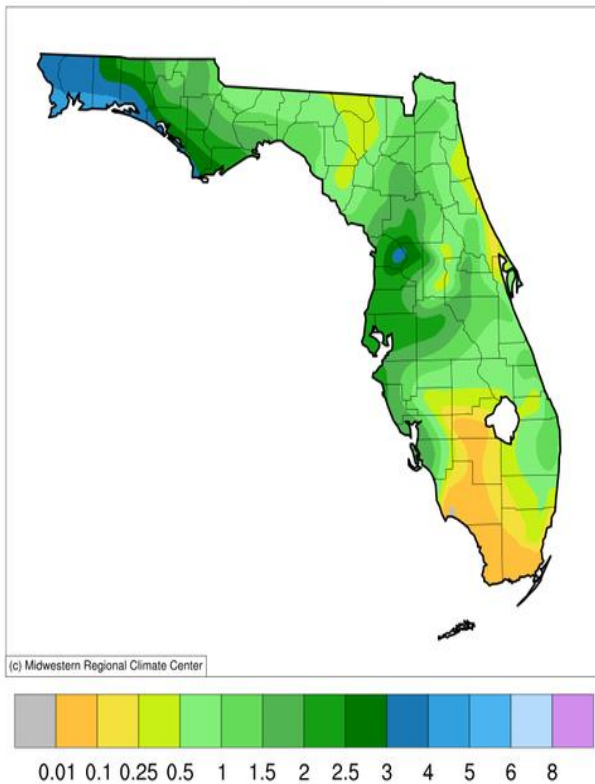
Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	0	NA	0	0
Peanuts - Planted.....	4	NA	8	4

(NA) Not available.

### Condition for Week Ending 04/11/21

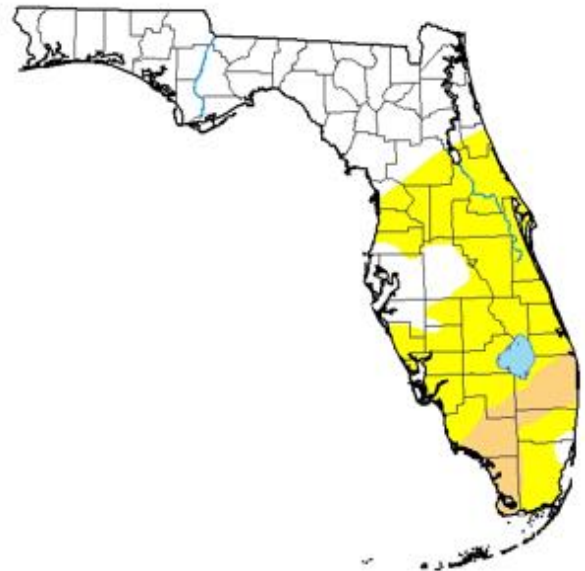
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	8	28	57	6
Pasture & range .....	2	17	44	33	4

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 05, 2021 to April 11, 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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