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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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 2, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in many locations to 1.5 inches in Sanford (Seminole County). The average mean temperature ranged from 69.1°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 81.9°F at Curry Hammock State Park (Miami-Dade County).

**Citrus**

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the high 80s to low 90s during the reporting week. The citrus region received very little rainfall for the week with most stations reporting less than 0.1 inches. The greatest rainfall was in Palmdale (Glades County), at 1.3 inches. According to the April 29, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, parts of the Southern Area and Indian River District experienced abnormally dry conditions, and a portion of Collier County experienced moderate drought conditions. The rest of the citrus growing region was drought free.

Valencia orange harvest is remaining at over two and a half million boxes a week. Harvesting is expected to continue on the late season oranges until the middle or later part of May. Grapefruit, tangerine, and tangelo harvests are mostly complete for the season.

The new fruit on the trees for oranges is marble size and larger. Normal fruit drop is beginning as the trees are setting the crop for the upcoming season.

Grove operations included mowing after harvest, hedging, 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 in all areas.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Apr 11, 2021 (Final)	Apr 18, 2021 (Preliminary)	Apr 25, 2021 (Preliminary)	Apr 26, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	2,606	2,691	2,566	3,256
Red grapefruit .....	2	1	0	14
White grapefruit....	1	0	0	1
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	2	1	0	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>2,693</b>	<b>2,566</b>	<b>3,271</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 little to no rainfall over the course of the week. With the dry conditions, planting picked up across the state. Some farmers had to prepare their fields again after the rains from the previous weeks in the Panhandle. Corn and peanut planting continued with the favorable conditions. In the southern part of the state, whiteflies were noted on vegetable crops. Sugar cane harvest continued.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Wilting was noted in pastures in the southern part of the state. Supplements were fed to livestock as needed.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/02/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	23	36
Adequate.....	63	57
Surplus.....	13	5

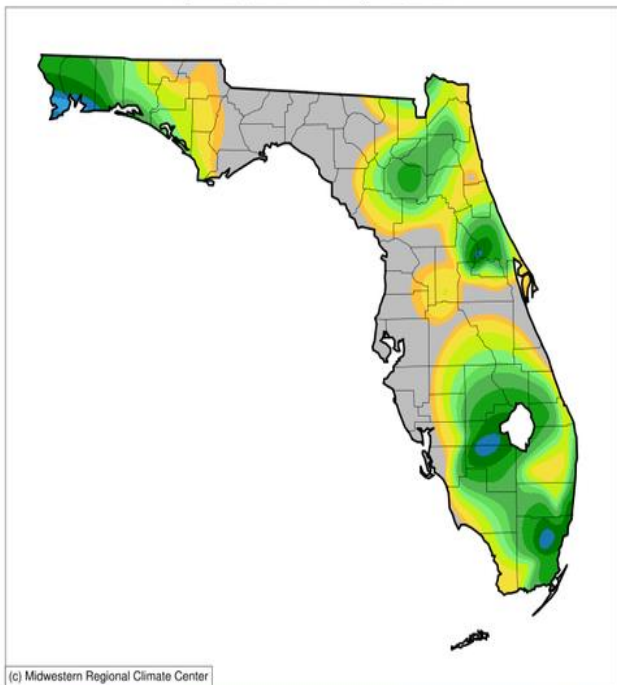
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/02/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	8	5	9	10
Peanuts - Planted.....	26	18	28	27

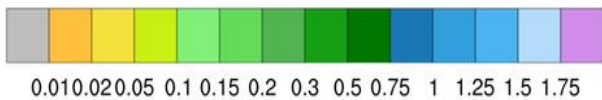
### Condition for Week Ending 05/02/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	7	31	55	6
Pasture & range .....	1	18	39	36	6

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 26, 2021 to May 02, 2021

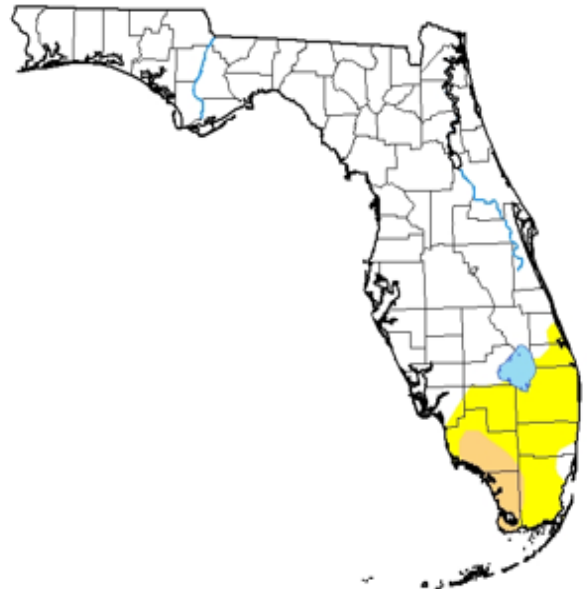


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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Intensity:**



April 27, 2021 (Released Thursday, April 29, 2021)  
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>