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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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 9, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 5.3 inches in Pensacola (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 68.6°F in Glen St. Mary (Baker County) to 83.9°F in Hialeah (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the low to mid 90s during the reporting week. The citrus region received some beneficial rainfall midweek with several stations reporting over an inch during the period. The greatest rainfall was in LaBelle (Hendry County), at 1.8 inches. According to the May 6, 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 just under 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.

The new fruit on the trees for oranges is between a quarter and half dollar in size. Normal fruit drop is beginning as the trees are setting the crop for the upcoming season.

Grove operations included mowing after harvest, 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 18, 2021 (Final)	Apr 25, 2021 (Preliminary)	May 2, 2021 (Preliminary)	May 3, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	2,684	2,597	2,450	3,219
Red grapefruit	1	0	0	12
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	1	0	0	0
Total	2,686	2,597	2,450	3,303

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. Rain was sporadic but heavy across parts of the state. Much of the Panhandle received rainfall that resulted in some delays of field preparation and planting. Cotton planting continued across the state and some farmers noted dry conditions limited the progress of planting peanuts. Corn planting continued closer to completion. Farmers noted flooded fields in the Panhandle and in some southern areas of the peninsula. Sugarcane harvest continued.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/09/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	4
Short.....	36	30
Adequate.....	57	59
Surplus.....	5	7

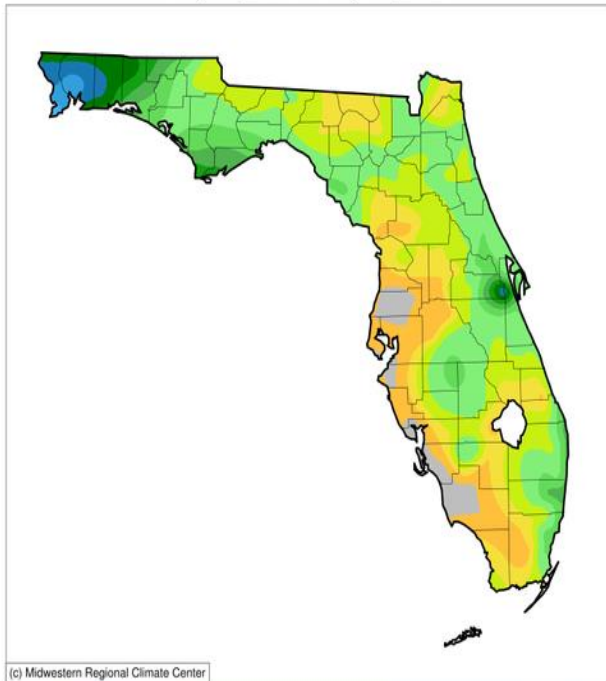
Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/09/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	14	9	16	19
Peanuts - Planted.....	38	28	36	42

Condition for Week Ending 05/09/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	14	35	46	5
Pasture & range	1	20	41	33	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 03, 2021 to May 09, 2021



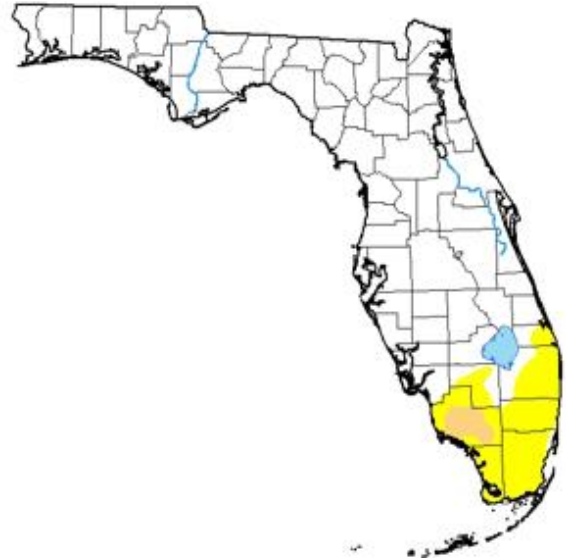
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



May 4, 2021 (Released Thursday, May 6, 2021)
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