



United States Department of Agriculture
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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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 16, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 3.4 inches in Palmetto Bay (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 65.2°F in Glen St. Mary (Baker County) to 82.7°F at Key West International Airport (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s across the citrus growing region. The highest temperatures were reported in the interior, with Clermont (Lake County) and Lakeland (Polk County) stations each hitting 90 degrees. The citrus region continued to receive beneficial rain, with several stations measuring over an inch during the reporting period. The greatest rainfall occurred near Oakland (Lake County), with 1.8 inches of precipitation. According to the May 13, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, parts of the southern citrus growing area and Indian River District experienced abnormally dry conditions, and portions of Collier and Hendry Counties experienced moderate drought. The rest of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Valencia orange harvest was just over two million boxes a week. Harvest of late season oranges was expected to continue until the middle or later part of May.

Next year’s crop grew well, with oranges between a quarter to a half dollar in size, and grapefruit ping-pong ball to half dollar in size. Normal fruit drop began, as trees set the crop for the upcoming season.

Grove operations included mowing, fertilizing, hedging, topping, spraying herbicides, spraying, young tree care, and 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 25, 2021 (Final)	May 2, 2021 (Final)	May 9, 2021 (Preliminary)	May 10, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	2,691	2,524	2,261	2,960
Red grapefruit	0	0	0	8
Total	2,691	2,524	2,261	2,968

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 Panhandle received consistent rainfall and cooler temperatures during the week that delayed planting and harvested activities. Producers have noted slowed progress of crops due to the wet and rain conditions. Cotton and peanut planting continued as the weather permitted. Corn planting started wrapping up in the state. Increased disease damage was reported to watermelons as a result of the rain and cooler temperatures. In the southern part of the Peninsula, scatter rainfall helped alleviate dry conditions. Sugarcane harvest continued closer to completion.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Rainfall helped improve pasture quality in the southern part of the state, although some supplemental feeding continues.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/16/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	3
Short.....	30	31
Adequate.....	59	57
Surplus.....	7	9

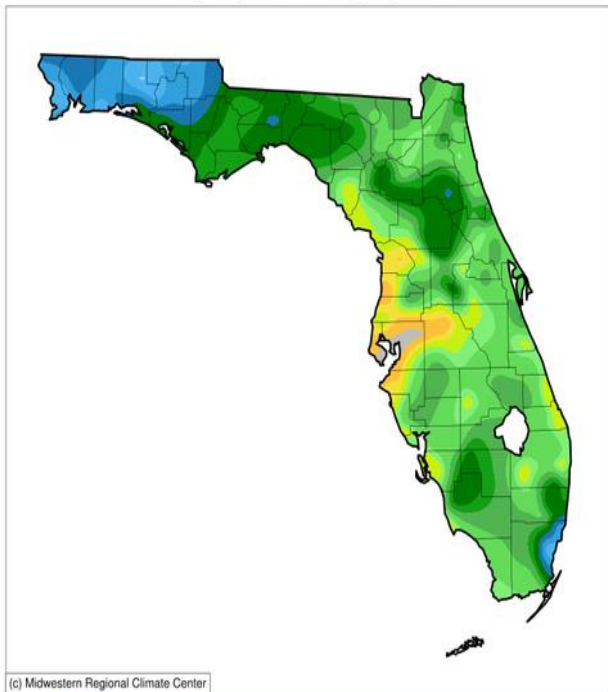
Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/16/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	35	16	25	34
Peanuts - Planted.....	64	36	57	60

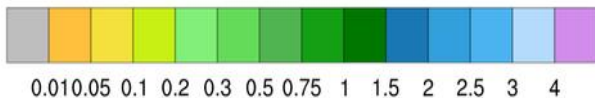
Condition for Week Ending 05/16/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	11	33	48	7
Pasture & range	2	15	42	36	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 10, 2021 to May 16, 2021



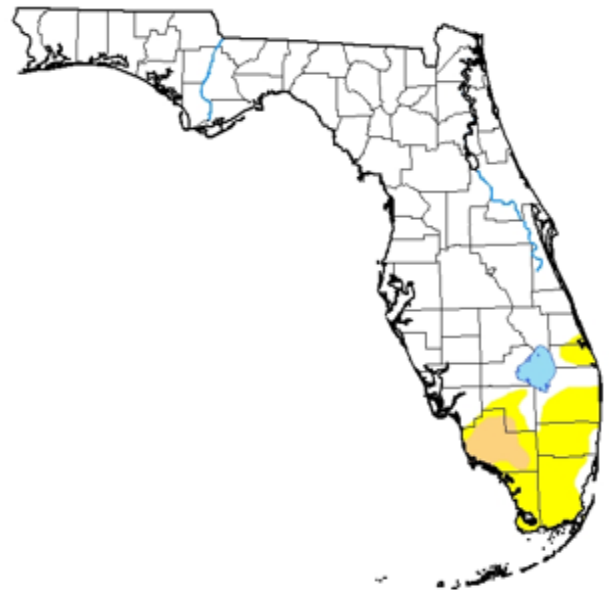
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



May 11, 2021 (Released Thursday, May 13, 2021)
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