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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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 30, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in many locations to 2.2 inches in Bartow (Polk County). The average mean temperature ranged from 70.2°F in Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach County) to 82.2°F at Tampa International Airport (Hillsborough County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures were in the low to mid 90s throughout the citrus growing region. Mt. Plymouth (Lake County) and Kissimmee (Osceola County) had the highest temperatures, both reaching 95.0°F. Traces of rain fell in a few citrus producing counties, but overall, no significant precipitation was observed in the citrus growing region. According to the May 27, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, several counties in all citrus growing areas were experienced abnormally dry conditions. Additionally, portions of Hendry and Collier counties were showing moderate drought.

This season's Valencia orange harvest is winding down and is about over for the season. Next season's crop is progressing as normal, with oranges between a quarter to a half dollar in size, and grapefruit slightly larger. Fruit set appears to be fairly uniform, with consistency in fruit size.

Grove operations included mowing, fertilizing, applying copper and herbicides, and removing dead branches from trees. Ditches and canals were low due to deficit rainfall. Reservoirs were being utilized to refill ditches for irrigation. Irrigation was run several days in all areas.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	F	Previous Year		
	May 9, 2021 (Final)	May 16, 2021 (Final)	May 23, 2021 (Preliminary)	May 24, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges Total	2,295 2,295	1,757 1,757	798 798	624 624

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. Dry conditions persisted this week as much of the state received little to no rainfall throughout the week. Producers in the southern part of the state continued to increase irrigation given the dry conditions. Cotton and peanut planting was delayed as many producers in the Panhandle planned to wait for more rain before continuing planting. Some peanut farmers noted plants were starting to emerge while weeds were also spotted in fields. Sugarcane harvest was completed in the southern part of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Dry conditions have dried out pastures which has negatively impacted quality.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/30/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week	
	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	9 52 37 2	24 46 30 0	

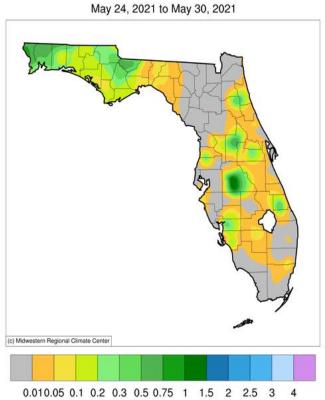
Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/30/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	79	38	51	76
Peanuts - Planted	92	80	89	88

Condition for Week Ending 05/30/21

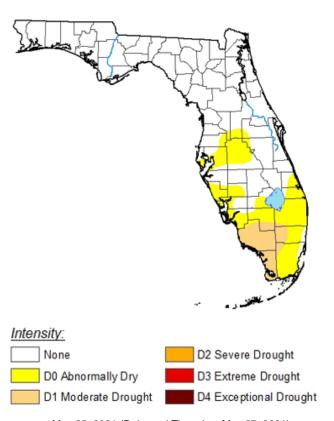
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Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Cattle Pasture & range Peanuts	2 8 3	15 35 3	36 34 46	40 18 48	7 5 0	

Accumulated Precipitation (in)



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