



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 8, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 5.7 inches in West Palm Beach Intl. Airport (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.2°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 88.1°F in Bahai Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced seasonable conditions this week, with maximum temperatures ranging from the high-80's to the low-90's. The hottest readings were recorded at the Vero Beach (Indian River County) station with 91 degrees, followed by the Sebring (Highlands County) station with 90 degrees. There were scattered reports of significant rainfall, with some stations receiving two to three inches of precipitation. The most rain fell in Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 3.92 inches. According to the August 5, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Next season's crop progressed as normal, with oranges golf ball to tennis ball size and grapefruit baseball to softball size.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides, mowing, applying herbicide, fertilizing, dead tree removal, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run in areas that received lesser amounts of rainfall.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Vegetable growers continued to prepare land and lay plastic for fall planting. Rains picked up this week increasing soil moisture and decreasing crop conditions slightly. Cotton setting bolls remained behind historic trends with producers concerned about disease pressure if wet conditions continue. Some reports of flooding in peanut fields were received, however pegging progress remained on track.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture and cattle conditions remained in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/08/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	7	3
Adequate.....	80	76
Surplus.....	13	21

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/08/21

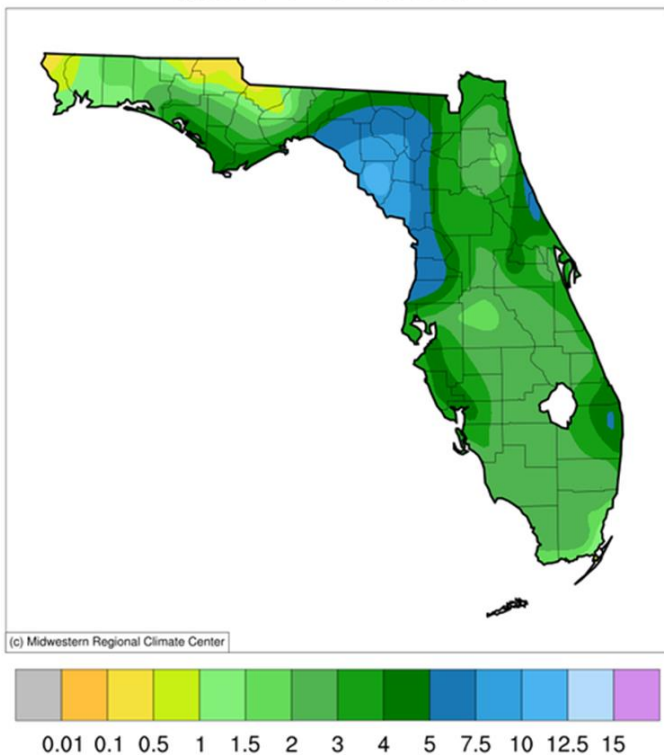
Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	94	93	97	91
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	79	61	64	77
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	3	NA	2	1
Peanuts - Pegging.....	96	94	95	95

(NA) Not available.

Condition for Week Ending 08/08/21

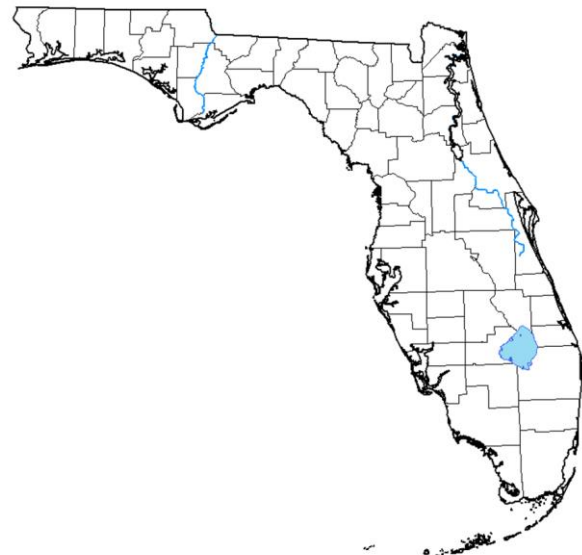
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	7	61	30
Cotton.....	1	4	44	50	1
Pasture & range.....	0	3	10	52	35
Peanuts.....	0	2	28	68	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 02, 2021 to August 08, 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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