



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 15, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 2.88 inches at the Miami International Airport (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.6°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 86.3°F in Cape (Miami-Dade 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 both the Mounty Plymouth (Lake County) and Sebring (Highlands County) stations, with 91 degrees each. Precipitation totals were reduced across the citrus growing region, with most stations reporting rainfall receiving an inch or less. The most rain fell in Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 2.08 inches. According to the August 12, 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, replanting of young trees, 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. Heavy rains from Tropical Storm Fred maintained the already wet conditions which continued to impact crop conditions. Cotton setting bolls surpassed the five-year average. Peanuts have nearly completed pegging.

## Livestock and Pastures

Pastures remained in mostly good and excellent condition thanks to adequate moisture received. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/15/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	3	3
Adequate.....	76	68
Surplus.....	21	29

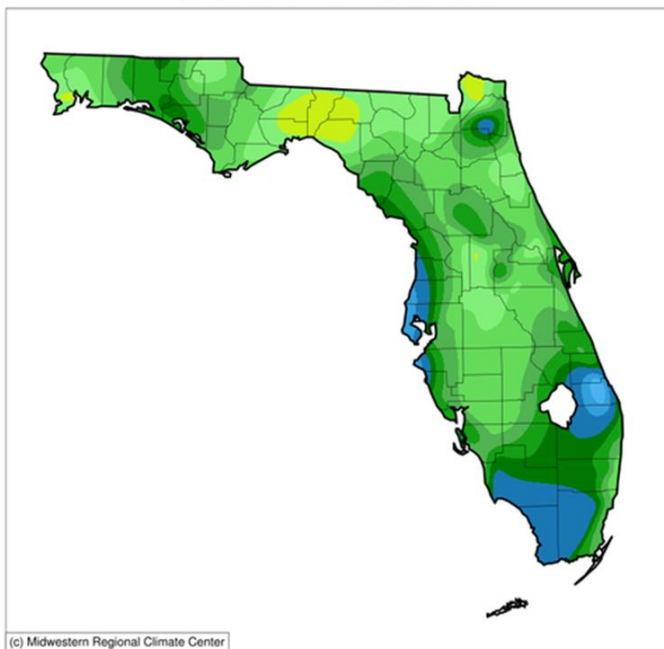
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/15/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	98	97	100	95
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	88	64	86	85
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	11	2	4	7
Peanuts - Pegging.....	97	95	98	98

### Condition for Week Ending 08/15/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	14	55	28
Cotton.....	1	4	58	36	1
Pasture & range.....	0	2	16	45	37
Peanuts.....	1	3	37	57	2

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 09, 2021 to August 15, 2021



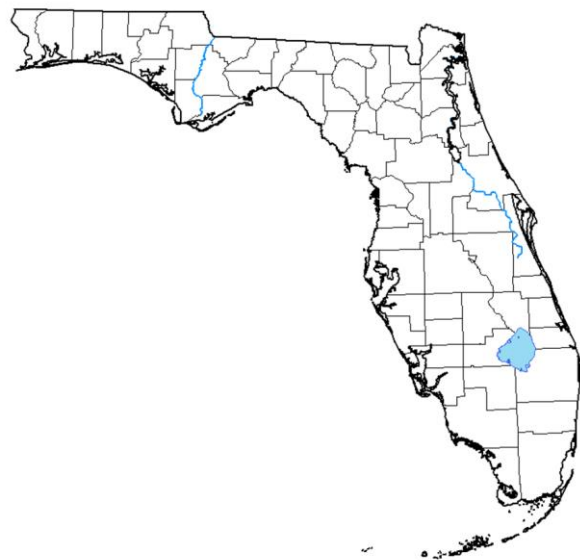
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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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