



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 29, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 5.44 inches at the Pensacola Airport (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.3°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 86.5°F in Miami Beach (Miami-Dade County).

## Citrus

The citrus growing region continued to experience elevated temperatures this week, ranging from the high-80's to the mid-90's. The hottest reading was recorded at the Clermont (Lake County) station with 94 degrees, followed by the Sebring (Highlands County) and Fort Green (Manatee County) stations, both with 90 degrees. Precipitation totals returned to a more seasonable level across the citrus growing region, with most stations reporting an inch or more of rain. The Clermont (Lake County) station was once again the leader in rainfall, logging 2.03 inches. According to the August 26, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

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

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritional formulas, mowing, applying fungicide and herbicide, fertilizing, removal of dead trees, replanting of young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run in several areas.

## Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Wet conditions persisted, causing an increase in reports of stress and disease in field crops. Cotton finished setting bolls but bolls opening remained behind historic levels. Peanuts dug continued slightly ahead of historic levels and some producers began harvesting. Increased pod rot in peanuts was reported due excessive rainfall received in many areas this season.

## 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 08/29/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	8	3
Adequate.....	75	77
Surplus.....	17	20

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/29/21

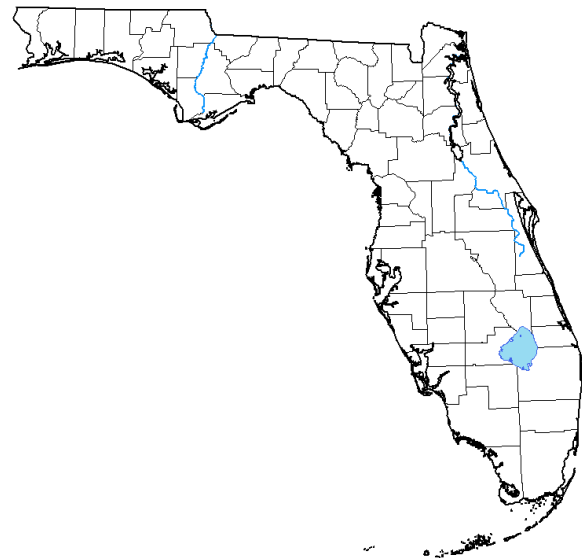
Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton – Setting Bolls.....	97	99	100	93
Cotton – Bolls Opening...	21	10	16	24
Peanuts – Dug.....	12	3	7	5
Peanuts – Harvested.....	5	N/A	2	3

N/A – Not Available

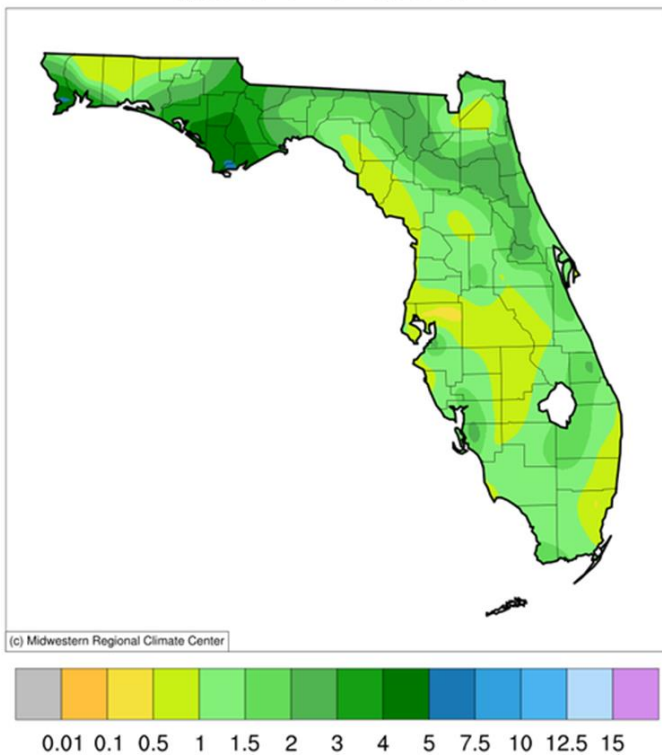
### Condition for Week Ending 08/29/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	1	14	60	24
Cotton.....	2	4	48	45	1
Pasture & range .....	1	2	13	54	30
Peanuts.....	3	4	22	70	1

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 23, 2021 to August 29, 2021



Intensity:

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

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