



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, September 26, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 5.3 inches at the Miami International Airport (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 71.3°F in Whiting Field (Santa Rosa County) to 84.1°F in Bahai Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

High temperatures remained at a seasonable level in the citrus growing region this week, with observations ranging from the high-80's to the low-90's. The hottest reading was recorded at the Clermont (Lake County) station, reporting 91 degrees. The citrus growing region received less precipitation last week, experiencing the first significant mass of drier air associated with a frontal system to begin the Autumn season. Most stations reported less than an inch of rain, though there were scattered pockets of heavier rainfall. The most rain fell in Muse (Glades County) with 3.64 inches and Vero Beach (Indian River County) with 1.45 inches. According to the September 23, 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. Field reports indicated color break beginning in some grapefruit groves as well as few early orange groves.

Trees looked good in well cared-for groves. Farm operations included spraying pesticides, mowing, applying herbicide and fungicide, 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. Cotton continued slow development and remained in mostly good and fair condition. Dry weather allowed for substantial progress digging and harvesting peanuts, making up for weather delays. Peanuts were reported to be dealing with some disease issues.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures and cattle remained in mostly good and excellent condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/26/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	2	5
Adequate.....	64	67
Surplus.....	34	28

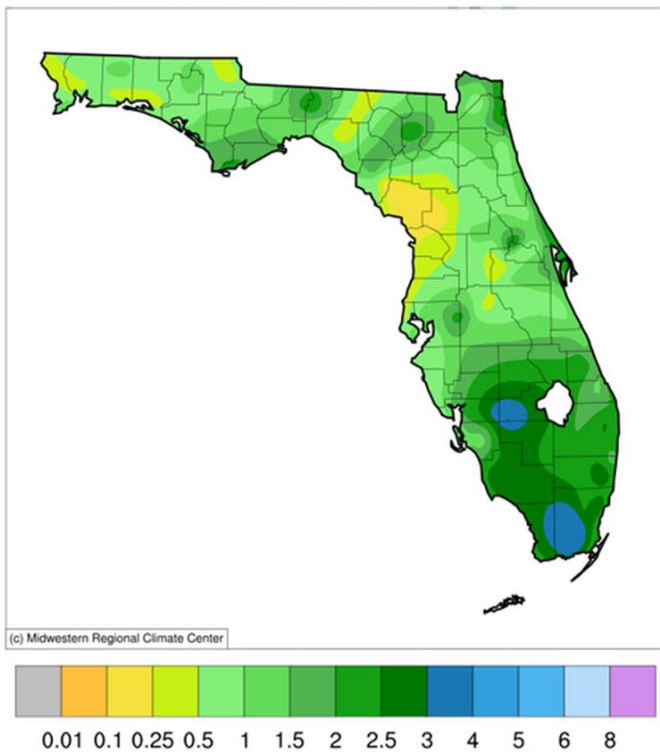
Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/26/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening...	49	31	37	55
Cotton – Harvested.....	0	0	1	2
Peanuts – Dug.....	41	26	37	43
Peanuts – Harvested.....	30	17	28	36

Condition for Week Ending 09/26/21

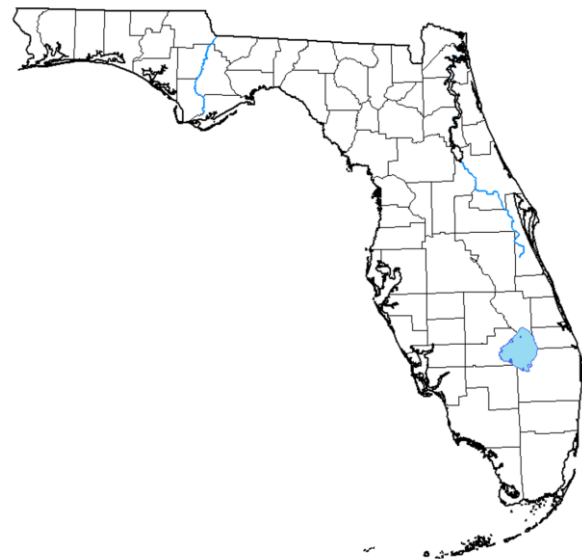
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	11	62	26
Cotton.....	2	13	39	45	1
Pasture & range	1	3	20	52	24
Peanuts.....	1	3	28	66	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 20, 2021 to September 26, 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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