



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, October 10, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 10.1 inches at the Pensacola Regional Airport (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 74.1°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 84.3°F in Cape (Miami-Dade 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 reported at the Clermont (Lake County) station with 93 degrees, followed by Vero Beach (Indian River County) station with 90 degrees, and Kenansville (Osceola County) station with 89 degrees. The citrus growing region experienced some scattered rainfall this week, with reporting stations recording an inch or less of precipitation. The most rain fell in Mount Plymouth (Lake County) with exactly 1 inch of rain, followed by Clermont (Lake County) with 0.99 of an inch and Vero Beach (Indian River County) with 0.79 of an inch. According to the October 7, 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 larger than softball size. Field reports indicated color break beginning in some grapefruit groves as well as in some early orange and early tangerine groves.

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

## Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Substantial rainfall was reported across much of the state with some flooding reported. Cotton and peanut development progressed well, but harvesting activities were slowed because of the continued wet weather and saturated soils experienced in the Panhandle.

## Livestock and Pastures

Pastures and cattle remained in mostly good and excellent condition.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/10/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	11	10
Adequate.....	67	60
Surplus.....	21	29

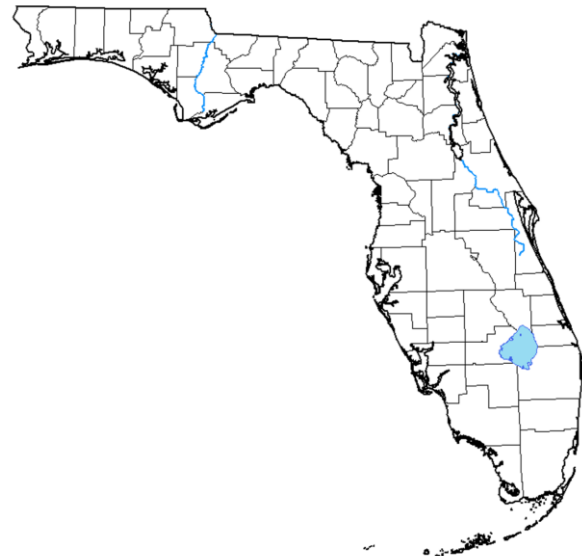
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/10/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening....	72	53	71	77
Cotton – Harvested.....	1	2	4	7
Peanuts – Dug.....	69	50	60	76
Peanuts – Harvested.....	50	36	47	63

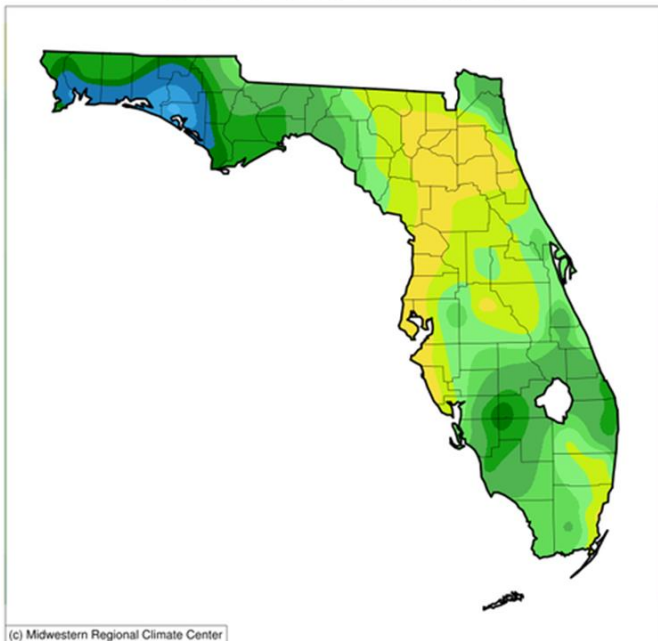
### Condition for Week Ending 10/10/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	10	59	30
Cotton.....	6	24	39	27	4
Pasture & range .....	1	4	21	51	23
Peanuts.....	3	4	27	59	7

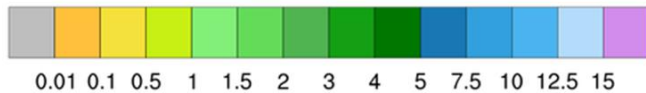
### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 04, 2021 to October 10, 2021



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#### Intensity:



Oct 5, 2021 (Released Thursday, Oct 7, 2021)  
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