



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 17, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 2.6 inches at the West Palm Beach Intl Airport (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 68.4°F in Mayo (Lafayette County) to 83.4°F at the Albert Whitted Airport (Pinellas County).

Citrus

High temperatures continued to decline with Fall weather in the citrus growing region this week. Observations ranged from the mid-80's to the low-90's. The hottest reading was reported at the Clermont (Lake County) station with 91 degrees, followed by Vero Beach (Indian River County) and Sebring (Highlands County) stations, both with 89 degrees. As the citrus growing region moved further into the dry season, only scattered reports of rainfall were received. The most rain fell in Clermont (Lake County) with 0.46 inches of precipitation. According to the October 14, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

The citrus 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.

Growers began limited harvest for the fresh market, with varieties including Hamlin and Navel oranges, along with Fallglo tangerines and red grapefruit.

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

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Drier weather last week allowed field activities to continue unhindered. Cotton bolls continued opening and cotton harvested is ahead of last year. Peanuts dug and harvested progressed slowly and remained behind historic trends.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good and excellent condition. Pastures were slightly affected by the drier weather and were in mostly good and fair condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/17/21

| Topsoil | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 1 | 1 |
| Short..... | 10 | 11 |
| Adequate..... | 60 | 65 |
| Surplus..... | 29 | 23 |

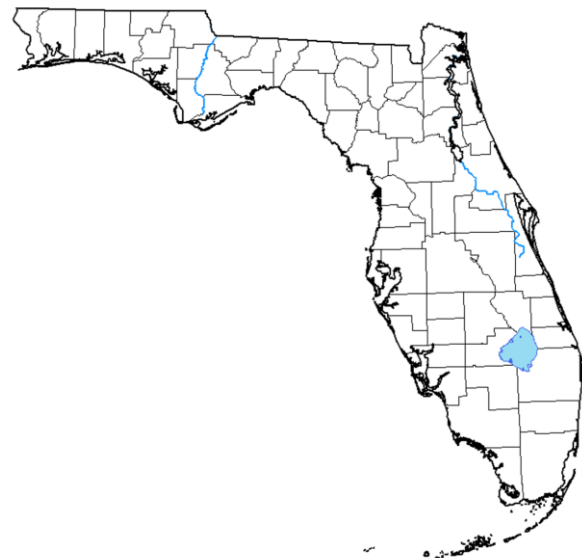
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/17/21

| Crop | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton – Bolls Opening.... | 81 | 71 | 80 | 85 |
| Cotton – Harvested..... | 4 | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| Peanuts – Dug..... | 79 | 60 | 71 | 84 |
| Peanuts – Harvested..... | 65 | 47 | 53 | 74 |

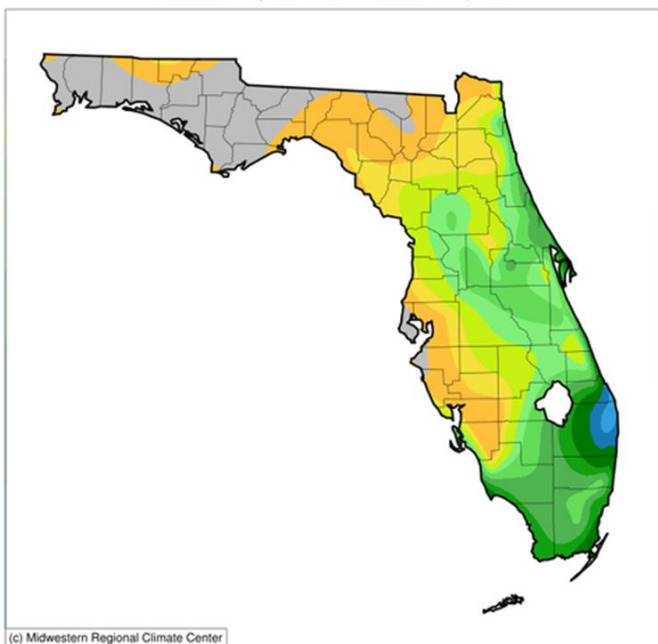
Condition for Week Ending 10/17/21

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle | 1 | 2 | 17 | 51 | 29 |
| Cotton..... | 1 | 30 | 49 | 20 | 0 |
| Pasture & range | 2 | 2 | 32 | 39 | 25 |
| Peanuts..... | 3 | 4 | 30 | 59 | 4 |

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 11, 2021 to October 17, 2021



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Intensity:



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