



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, December 5, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 0.17 inches in West Palm Beach International Airport (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 54.6°F in Chipley (Washington County) to 71.6°F at the Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

## Citrus

Temperatures remained cooler than average across the citrus growing region this week, with observations in the 70's. The warmest readings were reported in Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 78 degrees, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) with 77 degrees. The citrus growing region remained dry during the reporting period, with weather stations receiving negligible to no rainfall. According to the December 2, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region was drought free.

The citrus crop progressed as normal. Oranges were up to baseball size and grapefruit neared softball size.

Harvest for the fresh market included Hamlin and Navel oranges, along with Early Pride, Fallglo, Orri and Tango tangerines, and red and white grapefruit. Processing plants began receiving field run fruit in addition to packinghouse eliminations.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritional formulas, applying fertilizer and herbicide, topping and hedging, pollinating, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting of young trees, ditch clean outs and other general grove maintenance activities. Irrigation was being run in all areas.

## Crops

Dry weather continued throughout the state as harvesting activities begin to wrap up. The progression of cotton harvest surpassed the historic average and some producers started planting cover crops on harvested fields. A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted, harvested, and marketed last week.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Pastures continued their seasonal decline with winter plantings delayed because of limited precipitation.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/5/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	10
Short.....	24	26
Adequate.....	65	60
Surplus.....	9	4

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/5/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton – Harvested.....	80	75	87	84

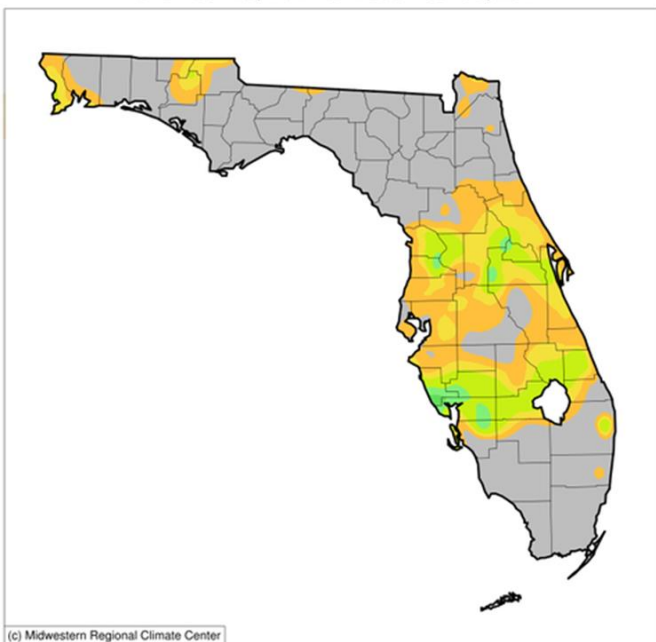
### Conditions for Week Ending 12/5/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	2	27	54	16
Pasture & range .....	2	12	35	45	7

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

#### Accumulated Precipitation (in)

November 29, 2021 to December 05, 2021

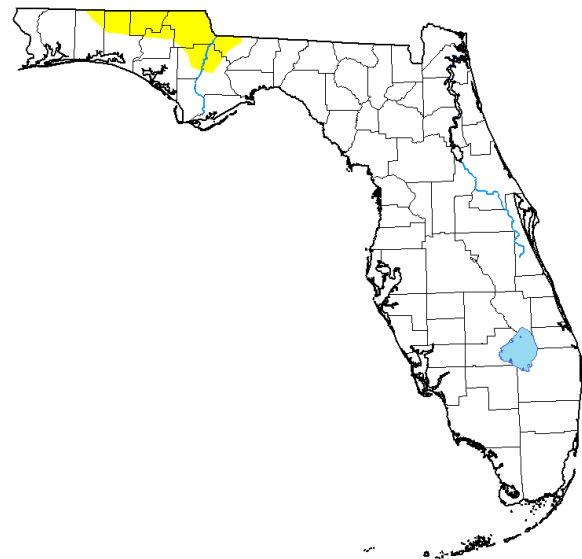


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#### Intensity:



Nov 30, 2021 (Released Thursday, Dec 2, 2021)  
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