



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 12, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 1.9 inches in Hollywood (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 62.3°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 79.0°F at the Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures rose moderately across the citrus growing region this week, with observations in the low to mid-80’s. The warmest readings were reported in Sebring (Highlands County) at 85 degrees, followed by Clermont (Lake County) and Vero Beach (Indian River County), both with 84 degrees. The citrus growing region remained dry during the reporting period, with some weather stations receiving a slight amount of rainfall associated with a weak frontal system. The most rain fell in Muse (Glades County), collecting 0.18 inches of precipitation. According to the December 9, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

The citrus crop progressed as normal, with oranges up to baseball size and grapefruit about softball size.

Harvest for the fresh market included Hamlin, midseason, and Navel oranges, along with Bingo, Early Pride, Fallglo, and Orri tangerines, and red and white grapefruit. Processing plants received field run fruit and packinghouse eliminations.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritional formulas, applying fertilizer and herbicide, hedging, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting of young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run in all areas. The water level in canals and ditches was low in some locations.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Nov 21, 2021 (Final)	Nov 28, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 5, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 6, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	103	N/A	869	1,268
Navel oranges .....	34	N/A	47	69
Red grapefruit.....	86	N/A	93	174
White grapefruit...	3	N/A	3	10
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	6	N/A	15	29
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>1,550</b>

N/A (Not Available)

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

**Crops**

Rainfall across the state slowed harvest activities but was much needed after a few dry weeks. Cotton harvested remained above the historic progression despite the precipitation. A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted, harvested, and marketed last week. Some vegetables are experiencing disease pressure from continued heavy fog.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle remained in mostly good condition while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Early planted winter pasture benefitted from the rain last week.

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

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	7
Short.....	26	23
Adequate.....	60	68
Surplus.....	4	2

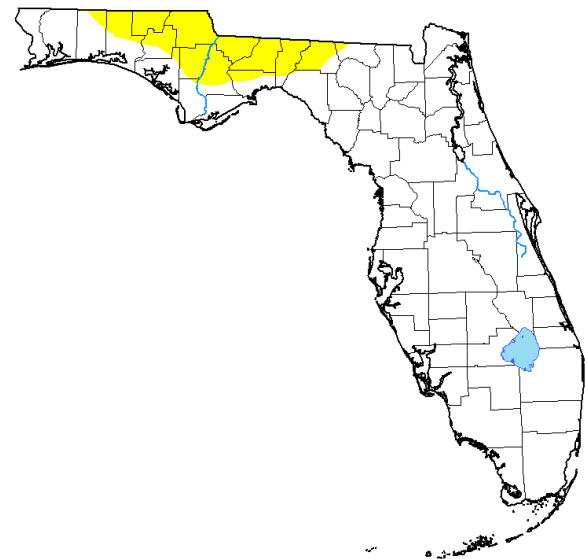
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/12/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton – Harvested.....	86	87	94	91

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

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	25	57	15
Pasture & range .....	1	13	41	39	6

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

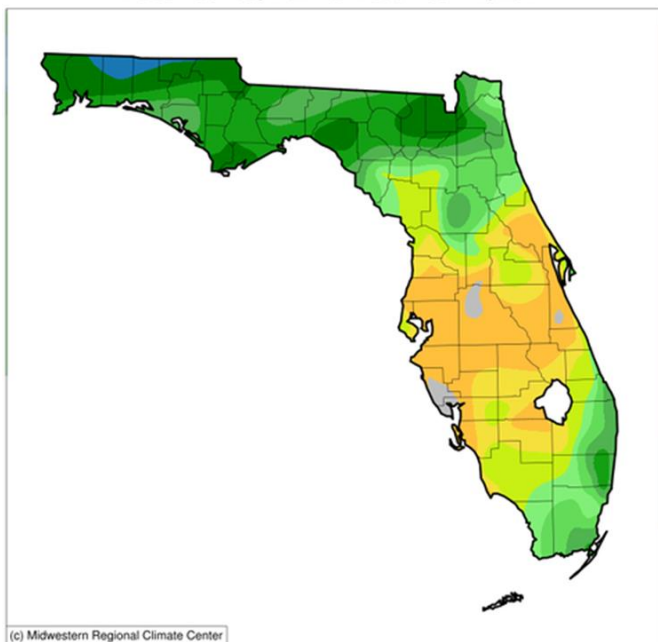


Intensity:

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

### Accumulated Precipitation (in)

December 06, 2021 to December 12, 2021



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