



United States Department of Agriculture
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**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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 19, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 2.8 inches in Scottsmeer (Brevard County). The average mean temperature ranged from 60.3°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 77.9°F at the Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were slightly higher than normal across the citrus growing region this week, with average highs in the low to mid-80's. The citrus growing region largely remained dry during the reporting period, with most stations receiving a quarter of an inch or less of rainfall. Outliers included Lakeland (Polk County) with 0.45 inches of rainfall and Vero Beach South (Indian River County) with 1.97 inches. According to the December 16, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Harvest for the fresh market included early, midseason, and Navel oranges, along with tangelos, Sunburst, Tango, and Orri tangerines, Sugar Belles, and red and white grapefruit. Processing plants were running field run fruit and accepting packinghouse eliminations on both oranges and grapefruit.

Grove operations included some spraying, however mostly mowing and running disc harrows under the trees and in the grove middles prior to harvest. There were also reports of pulling out dead and non-productive trees and putting them in burn piles. Due to the lack of rain over the past several weeks, irrigation was being run frequently in all areas. The water level in canals and ditches is being reported low in several locations.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Nov 28, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 5, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 12, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 13, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	59	891	1,712	2,160
Navel oranges	28	47	60	89
Red grapefruit	85	93	119	139
White grapefruit..	7	3	5	11
Tangerines and Tangelos	8	15	28	40
Total	187	1,049	1,924	2,439

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

Crops

Precipitation continued to relieve dry conditions across the state. Producers nearly finished harvesting cotton and soybeans last week. Cover crops continued to be planted in some fields. A wide variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested last week to help meet the holiday demand. Some vegetables were being treated for disease as foggy mornings have continued to keep diseases active.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/19/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	2
Short.....	23	22
Adequate.....	68	69
Surplus.....	2	7

Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/19/21

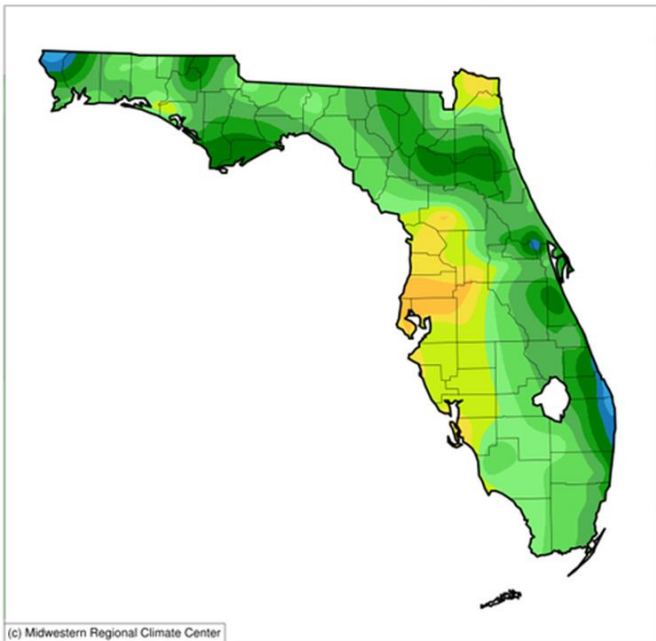
Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton – Harvested.....	91	94	97	94

Conditions for Week Ending 12/19/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	28	52	16
Pasture & range	3	12	36	38	11

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
December 13, 2021 to December 19, 2021

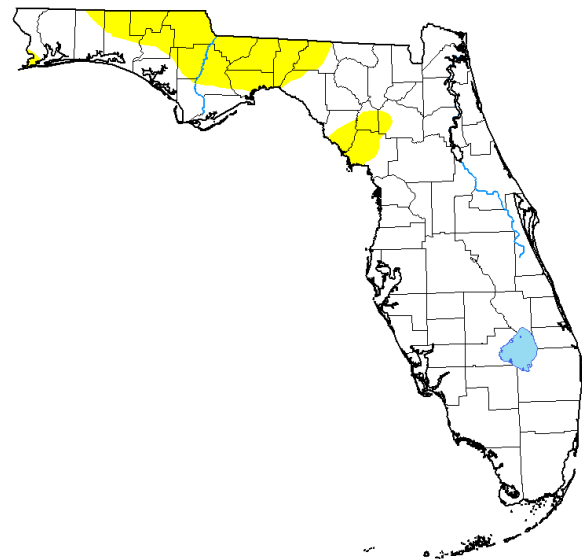


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Intensity:

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

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