



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 23, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 9.0 inches at the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (Polk County). The average mean temperature ranged from 41.8°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 73.3°F Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures cooled across the citrus growing region this week, with average highs in the mid-60’s to the low-70’s. Notably, due to a strong cold front, some locations experienced nightly lows in the mid-30’s, including Sebring (Highlands County) and Mount Plymouth (Lake County) at 35 degrees and Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 37 degrees. No observations of damage to the citrus crop were reported. The citrus belt received some light precipitation during the reporting period associated with the strong frontal system, however overall conditions remained dry in citrus producing areas. The most rain fell in Muse (Glades County) with 1.31 inches of precipitation, followed by Vero Beach (Indian River County) with 0.96 inches of rainfall. According to the January 20, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Harvest for the fresh market included early, midseason, and Valencia oranges; Tango, Orri, W. Murcott, and other minor varieties of tangerines; tangelos; and red and white grapefruit. Processing plants were running field run fruit and accepting packinghouse eliminations on both oranges and grapefruit.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritional formulas, applying fertilizer and herbicide, mowing, tree skirt trimming and canopy thinning, hedging, discing grove middles, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. 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 was being reported as low in several locations.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 2, 2022 (Preliminary)	Jan 9, 2022 (Preliminary)	Jan 16, 2022 (Preliminary)	Jan 17, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	2,039	1,968	1,990	2,516
Navel oranges ....	18	20	14	8
Valencia Oranges	4	8	16	0
Red grapefruit ....	99	107	120	162
White grapefruit..	14	32	40	28
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	25	35	41	70
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>2,784</b>

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

**Crops**

Morning frosts continued throughout the week impacting vegetable and fruit crops. Strawberry yields may be impacted by frost damage. Producers harvested a variety of fruits and vegetables. Some producers are preparing fields for spring planting.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly fair to good condition.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/23/22

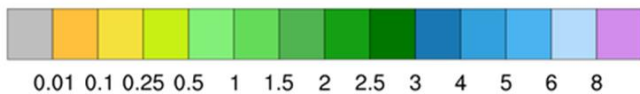
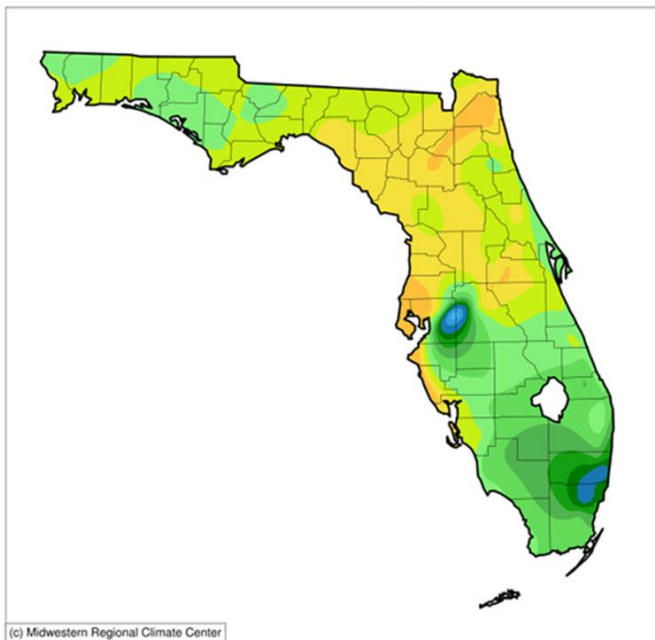
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2
Short.....	20	24
Adequate.....	76	70
Surplus.....	2	4

### Conditions for Week Ending 1/23/22

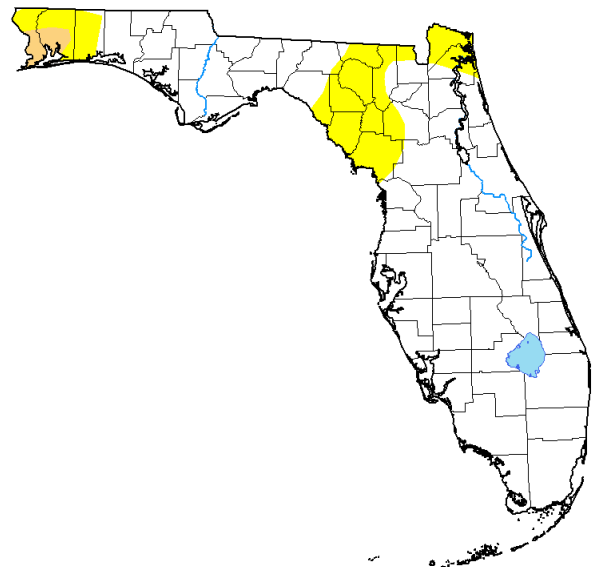
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	5	38	48	8
Pasture & range .....	2	30	43	24	1

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
January 17, 2022 to January 23, 2022



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**Intensity:**

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

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