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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, January 2, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 1.0 inches in Chipley (Washington County). The average mean temperature ranged from 67.8°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 77.2°F at the Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures warmed slightly across the citrus growing region this week, with average highs in the low 80's. The citrus belt remained dry during the reporting period, with weather stations receiving no measurable precipitation. According to the December 30, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Utilization was lower as processing plants and packing houses were closed several days for the holidays. Harvest is expected to resume back to normal this week. Harvest for the fresh market included early, midseason, and Navel oranges, Tango, Orri and a few other minor varieties of tangerines, and red and white grapefruit.

Grove operations included fertilizing, applying herbicide, mowing, tree skirt trimming, 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
	Dec 12, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 19, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 26, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 27, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	1,711	1,963	1,139	1,138
Navel oranges	59	48	21	17
Red grapefruit	119	105	157	83
White grapefruit	6	11	8	7
Tangerines and Tangelos	28	30	18	26
Total	**1,923**	**2,157**	**1,343**	**1,271**

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

Crops

Rainfall in the Panhandle creating good growing conditions for winter vegetables. The southern region of the state received little precipitation, but heavy fog kept disease active in some crops. Producers continued to harvest a variety of fruits and vegetables and planted some spring vegetables.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Unseasonably warm temperatures slowed the decline of warm season pasture.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/2/22

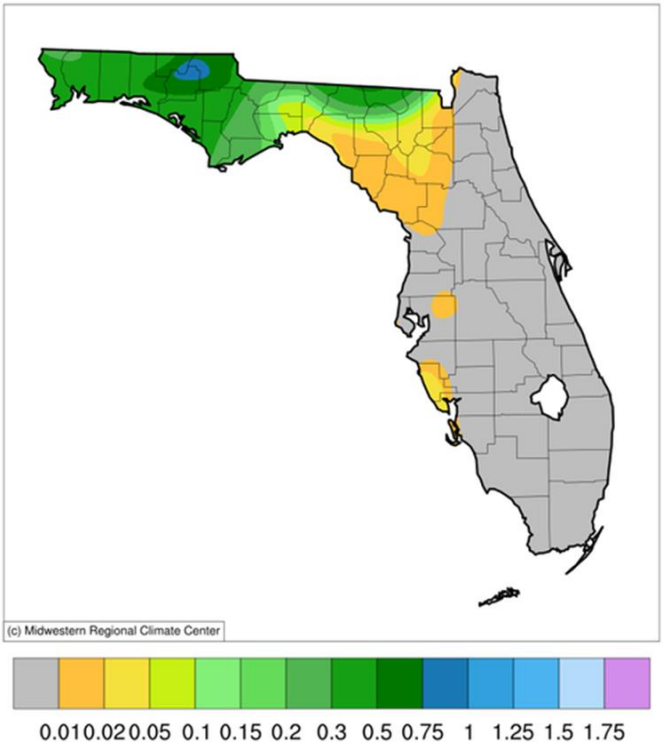
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1
Short	18	15
Adequate	78	80
Surplus	3	4

Conditions for Week Ending 1/2/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	4	28	54	13
Pasture & range	3	14	39	32	12

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

December 27, 2021 to January 02, 2022



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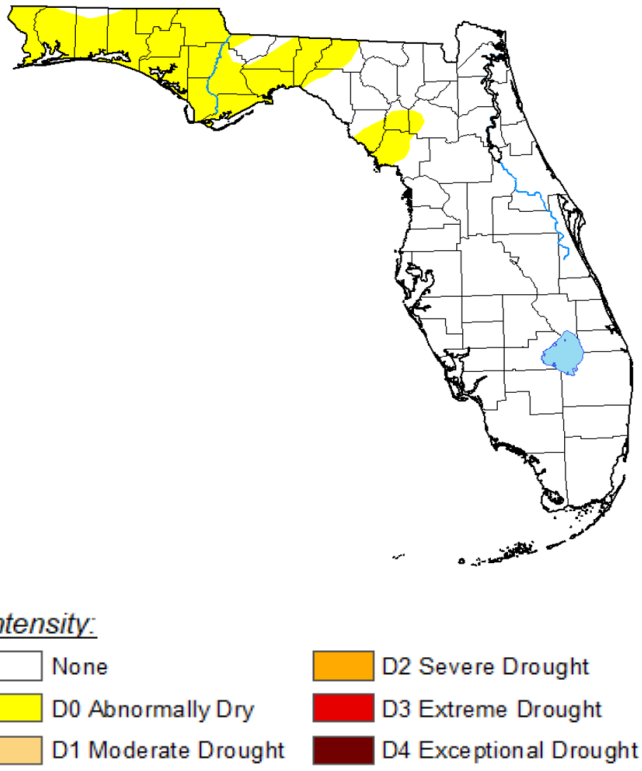

Intensity:

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

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