



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, October 16, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 4.8 inches in Cypress Lake (Lee County). The average mean temperature ranged from 68.6°F in Chipley (Washington County) to 87.4°F at Naval Air Station Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonable in the citrus growing region last week, with highs in the mid to upper-80s. The warmest reading was recorded in Clermont (Lake County), with 89 degrees. The citrus belt received scattered light rainfall during the reporting period as a weak cold front traversed the peninsula. The most rain fell in LaBelle (Hendry County), receiving 1.3 inches of precipitation. According to the October 13, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region was drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, replacement of individual protective tree covers, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run on an as-needed basis statewide. Sizing on next season’s crop was as follows: oranges about tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit larger than softball size. Field personnel reported color break continuing on early fruit varieties and beginning to show on some midseason fruit varieties.

Harvest of Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines, and limited harvest early oranges and Navels has begun for the fresh market. Processed oranges included only cold storage from last season’s crop.

Crops

Areas impacted by Hurricane Ian continued to see improved conditions that allowed for planting and harvest that was delayed due to the storm. Damage was still being assessed across the state, with reporters noting significant citrus and vegetable damage.

Producers continued to dig and harvest peanuts at a good rate due to mostly dry weather in the northern region of the state. Cotton bolls were nearly all open, and harvest continued to ramp up. Hay continued to be cut in areas that had minimal precipitation.

Reporters noted that the hurricane heavily damaged vegetable fields, with as much as 25 percent loss in some areas. Vegetable planting activity increased this week in areas where crops were not planted before the hurricane. Green beans, tomatoes, eggplant, and peppers were seen growing in the southern region of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions were reported mostly good to excellent while pasture conditions remained mostly fair and good. Some pastures were still reported to be under water, which led to producers selling their cattle. The lack of rain in the northern region of the state continued to negatively impact pasture development.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/16/22

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening.	79	86	94	83
Cotton – Harvested.....	8	10	14	11
Peanuts – Dug.....	69	80	88	81
Peanuts – Harvested....	52	61	73	67

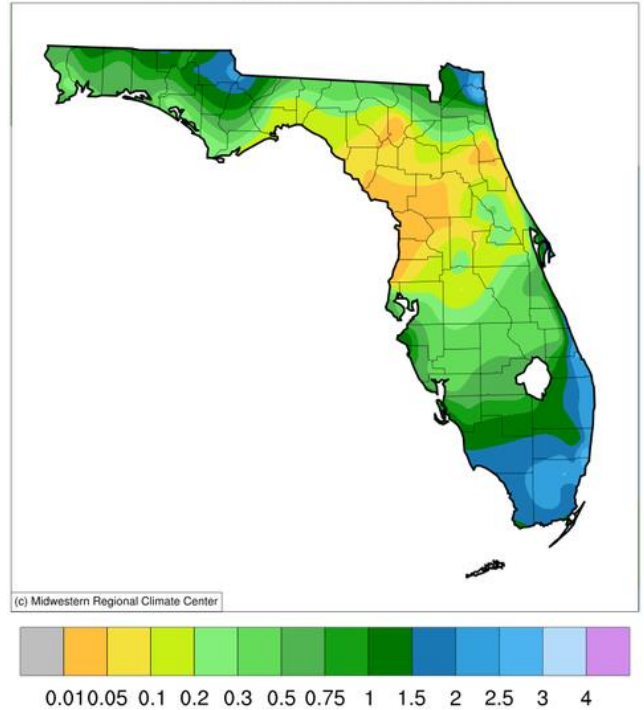
Conditions for Week Ending 10/16/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	2	8	20	47	23
Cotton.....	4	3	55	36	2
Pasture & range...	4	15	26	35	20

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/16/22

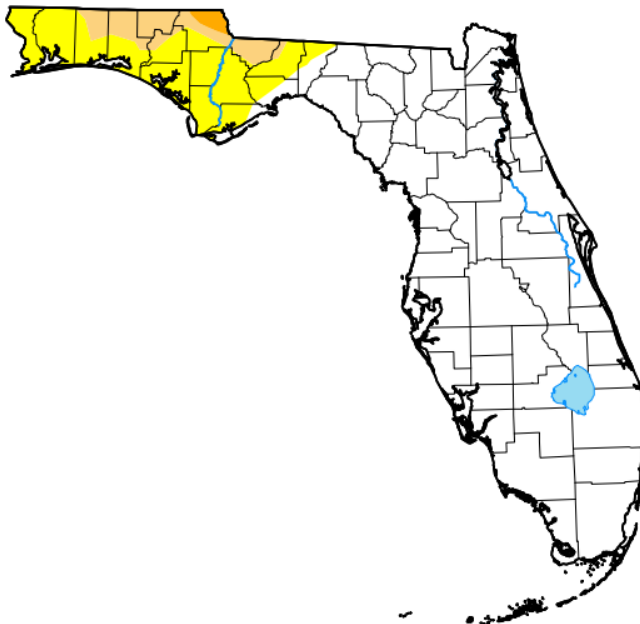
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	17	12
Short.....	10	15
Adequate.....	42	51
Surplus.....	31	22

Accumulated Precipitation (in) October 10, 2022 to October 16, 2022



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



October 11, 2022
(Released Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	80.98	19.02	4.90	0.57	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-04-2022	88.44	11.56	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-12-2022	89.63	10.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	76.97	23.03	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	91.16	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-12-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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