



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.

November 7, 2022

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 6, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 4.5 inches at Punta Gorda Airport (Charlotte County). The average mean temperature ranged from 67.8°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 86.7°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures stayed warmer than average in the citrus growing region last week, with highs in the mid to upper 80s. The warmest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) and Sebring (Highlands County), both with 89 degrees, followed by Kenansville (Osceola County) with 88 degrees. Portions of the citrus belt received scattered light rainfall during the reporting period as a dry airmass settled over the state. The most rain fell in Clermont (Lake County), which received 1.7 inches of precipitation. According to the November 3, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, replacement of individual protective tree covers, construction of screenhouses, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run on an as-needed basis statewide. Sizing on this 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, red grapefruit, and limited harvest of early oranges and Navels has begun for the fresh market. Processed oranges included only cold storage fruit from last season’s crop.

**Crops**

Southern Florida received at least some amount of rain in the last week while the northern region of the state remained mostly dry with very little precipitation. Peanut digging was completed across the state while peanut harvest neared completion. Cotton operators continued to take advantage of the dry weather making good harvest progress. Small grain and cover crop plantings have been delayed due to the lack of moisture. Reporters in some areas monitored the progress of Tropical Storm Nicole.

Fruit and vegetable planting and harvest continued to make strong progress. Crops that were harvested the past week included green beans, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, and eggplant.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle conditions were reported mostly fair to good at this time. Some reporters in the northern region of the state noted that, due to the lack of rain, water sourcing for cattle began to be a major issue. Pasture conditions were reported mostly fair to good, with reporters in some areas noting that the fall growth decline began. Pasture conditions in the northern region of the state continued to deteriorate due to the lack of rain.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/6/22**

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton – Harvested.....	28	32	46	34
Peanuts – Harvested....	92	92	94	94

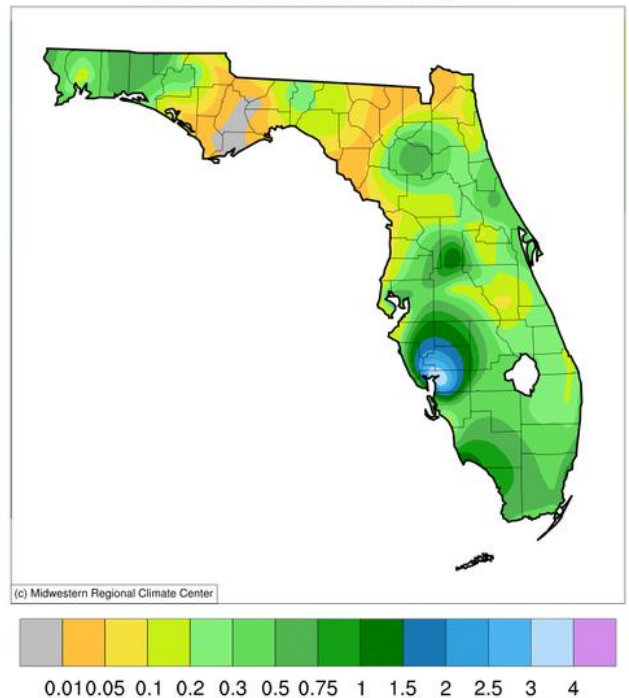
### Conditions for Week Ending 11/6/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	27	52	17
Cotton.....	4	3	44	46	3
Pasture & range...	2	12	34	40	12

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/6/22

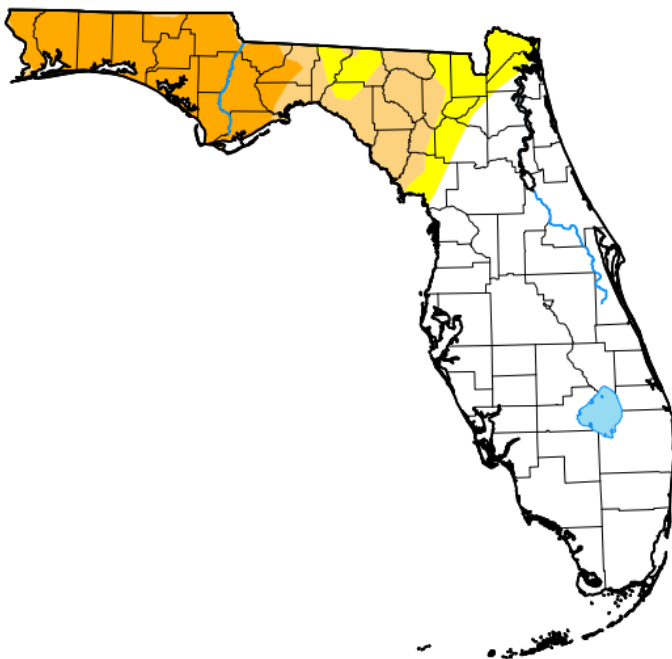
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	10	7
Short.....	22	27
Adequate.....	61	60
Surplus.....	7	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
October 31, 2022 to November 06, 2022



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**November 1, 2022**

(Released Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	64.27	35.73	27.80	17.53	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-25-2022	67.44	32.56	21.98	9.75	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 08-02-2022	93.33	6.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-04-2022	76.97	23.03	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	91.16	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11-02-2021	93.42	6.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

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