



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.

December 12, 2022

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 11, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 0.5 inches at Jim Woodruff Dam (Gasden County). The average mean temperature ranged from 65.2°F at Whiting Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 82.7°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were slightly above average in the citrus growing region last week, with highs remaining in the low-80s. The warmest readings were recorded at the Sebring (Highlands County), Wauchula (Hardee County), and Central Florida (Lake County) weather monitoring stations, all registering 82 degrees. The citrus belt was dry during the reporting period, with negligible rainfall amounts reported at a handful of locations. According to the December 8, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, topping, hedging, skirting tree canopies, discing, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run statewide. Sizing on this season’s crop was as follows: oranges about tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit about softball size. Field personnel reported grapefruit coloring well, with hints of coloration beginning on Valencia oranges also.

Harvested varieties for the fresh market included: Early variety tangerines; early and Navel oranges; and red and

white grapefruit. Processed fruit included field-run early oranges, navels, and red grapefruit, along with packinghouse eliminations of all fruit types.

Crops

The entire state received very little rain last week, with no location in the state reporting more than 0.5 inches of precipitation. With the lack of rain, cotton harvest continued to make strong progress across the state and neared completion.

Vegetable crops that were planted and harvested last week included green beans, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, sweet corn, and avocado. Sunflowers were also reported to be harvested and marketed last week.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture conditions were reported mostly fair to good. Due to the lack of rain, the northern region of the state continued to experience drought conditions. Reporters noted that winter season pastures were declining in quality due to the lack of rain and cooler temperatures at night.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/11/22

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton – Harvested.....	93	88	93	90

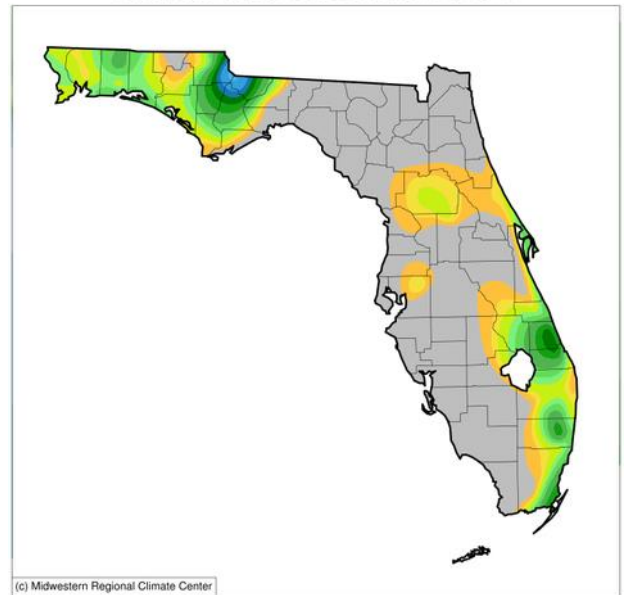
Conditions for Week Ending 12/11/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	33	49	13
Pasture & range...	3	16	42	31	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/11/22

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	19	35
Adequate.....	79	62
Surplus.....	1	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
December 05, 2022 to December 11, 2022



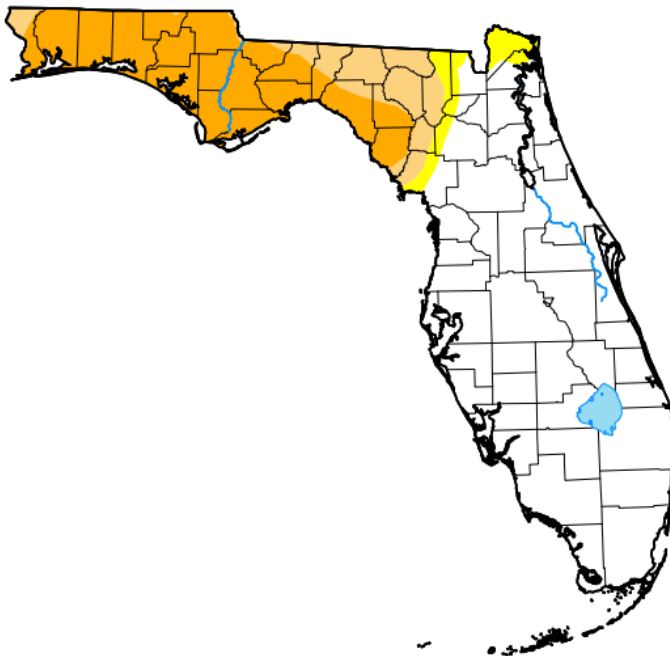
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



December 6, 2022

(Released Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.72	33.28	29.86	21.88	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11-29-2022	68.17	31.83	29.86	21.82	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-06-2022	79.50	20.50	2.55	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 12-07-2021	88.80	11.20	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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