



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, February 20, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 4.1 inches in Hollywood (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 50.6°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 76.9°F Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures warmed appreciably across the citrus growing region this week, with average highs in the mid-70s to the low-80s. The citrus belt received very little precipitation during the reporting period, with the most rain falling in Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 0.16 inches. According to the February 17, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions had spread widely to include about half of the citrus growing region, including portions of the northern, central, and southern areas, and all of the western area.

Varieties harvested for the fresh market included early, midseason and late oranges; Honey, Royal, Tango, and Orri tangerines; Minneola tangelos; and red and white grapefruit. Processing plants continue to take freeze affected Valencia oranges, and were running field run fruit and accepting packinghouse eliminations for grapefruit.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritional formulas, fertilizing, herbiciding, mowing, hedging, topping, 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 30, 2022 (Preliminary)	Feb 6, 2022 (Preliminary)	Feb 13, 2022 (Preliminary)	Feb 14, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	1,719	961	184	207
Navel oranges ....	1	1	0	1
Valencia Oranges	82	301	925	99
Red grapefruit ...	104	168	136	166
White grapefruit..	37	28	55	32
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	16	21	20	29
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>534</b>

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

**Crops**

A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested last week. Some strawberry producers started double crop planting after harvesting their strawberries. Sugarcane affected by leaf burn was harvested early to limit yield loss from plant death. Rice planting began last week. Corn fields were prepared for planting.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Grazing days and quality continued to decline with pasture in mostly poor condition and cattle in mostly fair condition.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/20/22

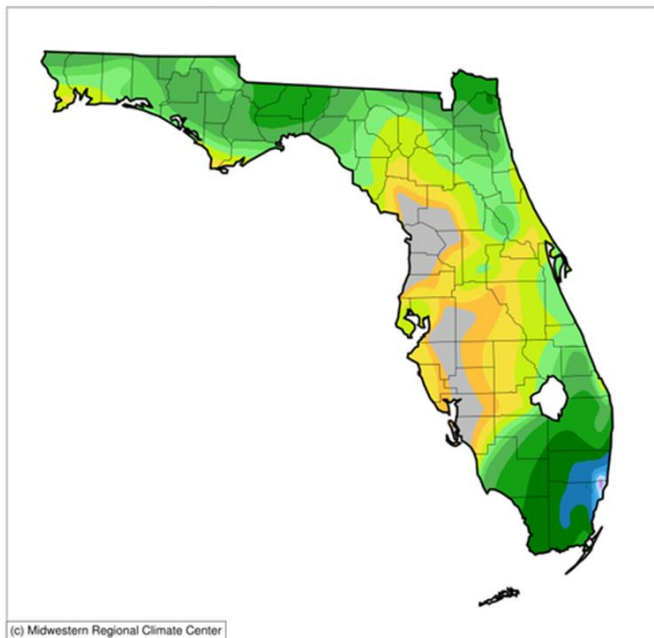
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	4
Short.....	20	33
Adequate.....	68	59
Surplus.....	7	4

### Conditions for Week Ending 2/20/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	2	11	45	33	9
Pasture & range .....	14	56	12	8	10

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
February 14, 2022 to February 20, 2022

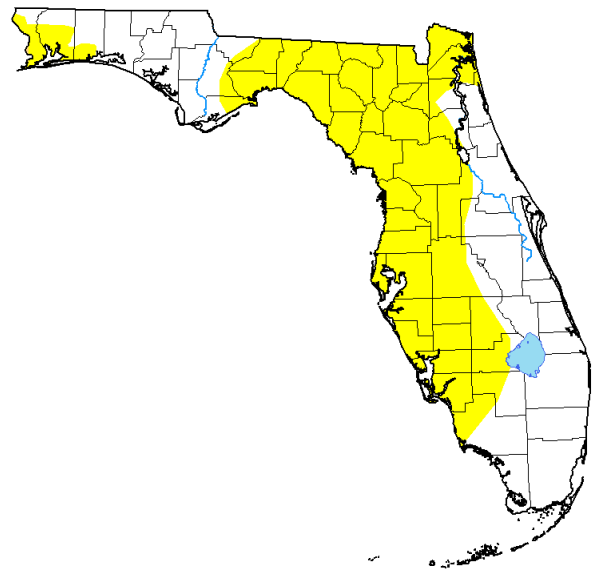


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**Intensity:**

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

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