



United States Department of Agriculture
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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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 27, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 0.8 inches at the Miami-Opa Locka Airport (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 62.5°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 80.5°F Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures continued to warm across the citrus growing region this week, with average highs in the high-70s to the mid-80s. No weather monitoring station in the citrus belt received any measurable precipitation during the reporting period. According to the February 24, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions remained across about half of the citrus growing region, including portions of the northern, central, and southern areas, and all of the western area. Furthermore, moderate drought conditions had formed in part of the northern area due to deteriorating moisture profiles there.

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 were transitioning to regular field run Valencias while continuing to take freeze affected fruit; processing of early and midseason oranges was winding down. Processing plants were also running field run fruit and accepting packinghouse eliminations for grapefruit.

Reports from field personnel indicated continued bloom and flush in orange groves, along with Valencia oranges beginning to break color. 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 remained low across the state.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Feb 6, 2022 (Preliminary)	Feb 13, 2022 (Preliminary)	Feb 20, 2022 (Preliminary)	Feb 21, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	1,039	184	63	142
Navel oranges	1	0	0	0
Valencia Oranges	301	925	1,189	483
Red grapefruit	168	136	161	180
White grapefruit..	28	55	36	67
Tangerines and Tangelos	21	20	24	31
Total	1,558	1,320	1,473	903

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

Crops

Corn fields were prepared, and some producers started planting. Dry conditions continued through the week, contributing to some wind erosion. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested last week. Producers nearly finished harvesting January’s frost damaged sugarcane. Rice planting continued and some boniato potatoes were replanted.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture remained in mostly poor and fair condition which may impact the spring green up, causing livestock producers to supplement feed a little longer. Cattle conditions remained mostly fair and good.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/27/22

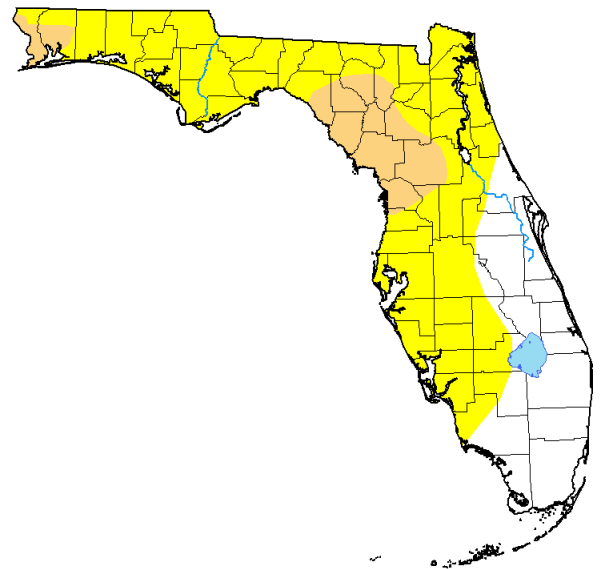
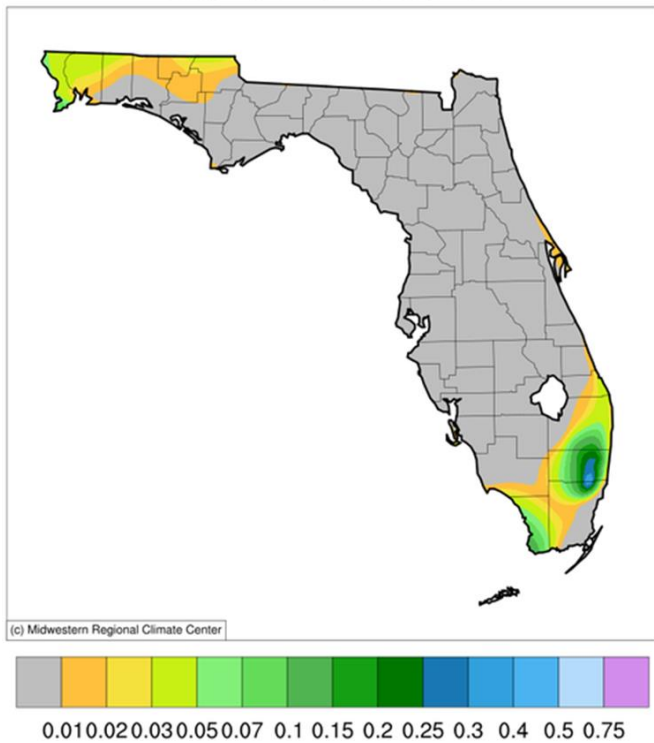
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	6
Short.....	33	38
Adequate.....	59	55
Surplus.....	4	1

Conditions for Week Ending 2/27/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	10	42	41	6
Pasture & range	11	46	25	12	6

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
February 21, 2022 to February 27, 2022



Intensity:

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

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