



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 6, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 2.7 inches in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 51.9°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 75.8°F Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures warmed slightly across the citrus growing region this week, with average highs in the 70s. However, due a passing cold front, several locations once again experienced nightly lows at or below freezing, including: Mount Plymouth (Lake County) at 25 degrees; Sebring (Highlands County) at 26 degrees; and Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 28 degrees. As a result, there were widespread reports of freeze damage to leaves, twigs, and bloom in many groves. The citrus belt received some scattered light precipitation during the reporting period as multiple frontal systems traversed the peninsula, however overall conditions remained dry in citrus producing areas. The most rain fell in Mount Plymouth (Lake County), measuring 0.26 inches of precipitation. According to the February 3, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Harvest for the fresh market included early, midseason, and Valencia oranges; Tango, Orri, W. Murcott, and other minor varieties of tangerines; tangelos; and red and white grapefruit. Processing plants were running field run fruit and accepting packinghouse eliminations on both oranges and 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 16, 2022 (Preliminary)	Jan 23, 2022 (Preliminary)	Jan 30, 2022 (Preliminary)	Jan 31, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	1,990	1,967	1,829	2,312
Navel oranges	14	6	1	2
Valencia Oranges	16	39	82	24
Red grapefruit	120	145	105	164
White grapefruit..	39	34	36	23
Tangerines and Tangelos	41	30	16	41
Total	2,220	2,221	2,069	2,566

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

Crops

Given another week of cold weather, producers continued utilizing preventative measures to limit frost damage from impacting fruit and vegetable crops. Some leaf burn was reported on the sugarcane crop. Potato planting continued. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested this week.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter pastures continued to degrade from freezes and lack of rainfall causing conditions to drop to mostly poor. Supplemental feedings allowed cattle to remain in mostly good and fair condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/6/22

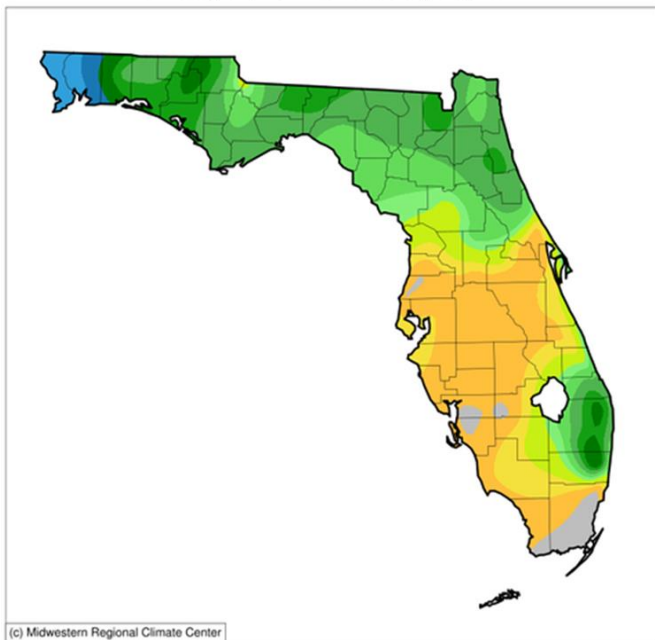
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	5
Short.....	20	19
Adequate.....	75	71
Surplus.....	3	5

Conditions for Week Ending 2/6/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	2	5	40	45	8
Pasture & range	12	51	18	15	4

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 31, 2022 to February 06, 2022

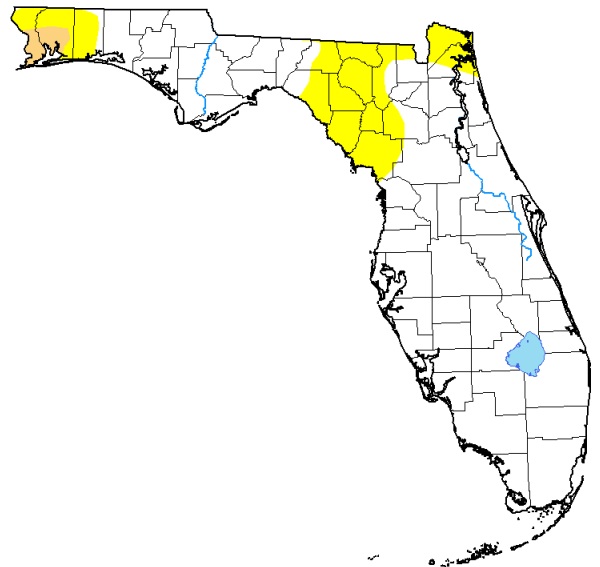


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Intensity:

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

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