



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, April 24, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 3.1 inches in Chipley (Washington County). The average mean temperature ranged from 58.7°F in Glen Saint Mary (Baker County) to 83.1°F in Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures moderated a bit in the citrus growing region this week, with highs in the low to mid-80s. With a high-pressure system dominating the skies over the state during the reporting period, negligible to no precipitation was recorded at monitoring stations across the citrus belt. According to the April 21, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, dryness and drought continued to impact south Florida. Severe drought remained in the southwestern portion of the citrus growing region, while moderate drought stretched across half of the central area and nearly all of the southern area.

Varieties harvested for the fresh market included Valencia oranges, later variety tangerines, and red and white grapefruit. Grapefruit and tangerine harvest was winding down, while processing plants plan to finish processing oranges the beginning of May.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Due to the lack of adequate rain over the past several weeks, irrigation was being run 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
	Apr 3, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 10, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 17, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 18, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	2,193	2,259	2,065	2,684
Red grapefruit ....	81	36	6	1
White grapefruit..	22	14	3	0
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	5	2	1	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>2,686</b>

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

**Crops**

Warm and dry conditions persisted throughout the state with sporadic to no rain in most locations. With favorable planting conditions, many producers continued planting field corn in the Panhandle. Producers also continued planting peanuts while some producers in the northern part of the state began planting cotton. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week. Non-irrigated watermelons suffered under dry conditions. Some virus pressure was noted on the watermelon crop in southern parts of the state. Sugarcane harvest continued closer to completion in the southern part of the peninsula.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture and range conditions remained in mostly fair and good condition. Winter pastures continued to suffer due to lack of rainfall causing dry conditions to persist.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/24/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	6
Short.....	23	32
Adequate.....	64	59
Surplus.....	8	3

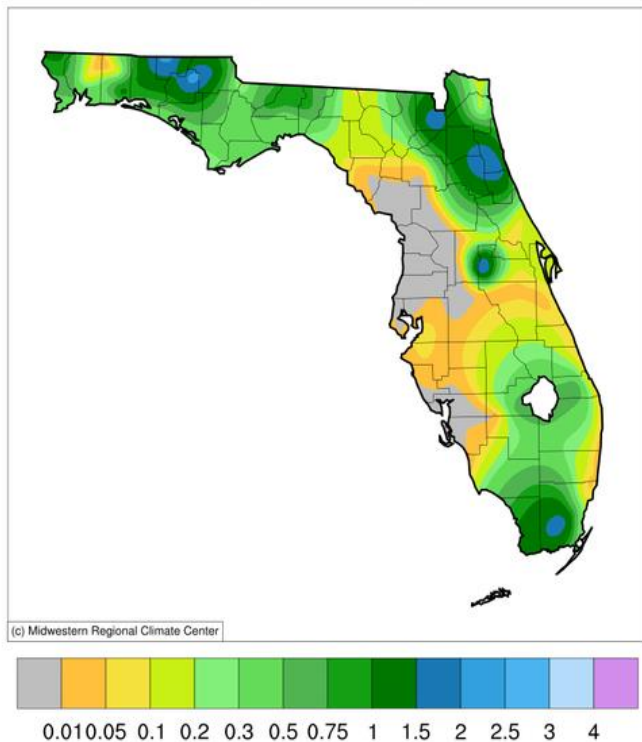
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/24/22

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	4	0	2	3
Peanuts - Planted.....	17	10	14	15

### Conditions for Week Ending 04/24/22

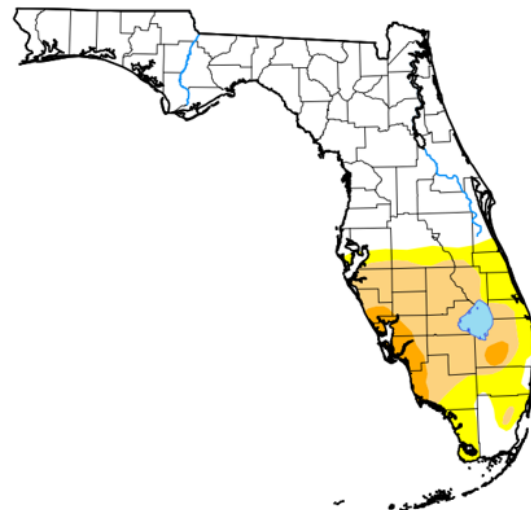
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	7	31	54	7
Pasture & range .....	8	14	29	44	5

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 18, 2022 to April 24, 2022



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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Intensity:**

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

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<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>