



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 2.8 inches in Pensacola (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 68.7°F in Jacksonville (Duval County) to 84.5°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures continued to be warmer than average in the citrus growing region this week, with highs in the mid to upper 80s. The citrus belt received light rainfall accumulations during the reporting period. The most rain fell in Mount Plymouth (Lake County) with 0.2 inches. Deficit rainfall over the last 90-day period remains constant in citrus producing counties. According to the May 12, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, dryness and drought continued to impact south Florida. Severe drought receded across the southern portion of the citrus growing region, while moderate drought remained across about half of the central area and large stretches of the southern and western areas.

Harvest of all varieties for fresh and processed use is winding down as the season is coming to a close.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead 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 24, 2022 (Preliminary)	May 1, 2022 (Preliminary)	May 8, 2022 (Preliminary)	May 9, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	2,307	1,565	1,411	2,295
Red grapefruit	1	0	0	0
White grapefruit..	4	3	0	0
Tangerines and Tangelos	1	0	0	0
Total	2,313	1,568	1,411	2,295

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

Crops

Limited to spotty rainfall during the week along with dry conditions and warm weather persisted throughout much of the state. Some much needed rainfall was received over the weekend. Many producers powered through the dry conditions to plant cotton and peanuts in the northern part of the state. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week. Sugarcane harvest in the southern part of the peninsula continued closer to completion and should conclude by the end of the month.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range remained in mostly fair and good condition. Pastures started to show some browning due to increasing heat and dry conditions. Supplemental hay was fed to cattle.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/15/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	10
Short.....	31	32
Adequate.....	61	55
Surplus.....	2	3

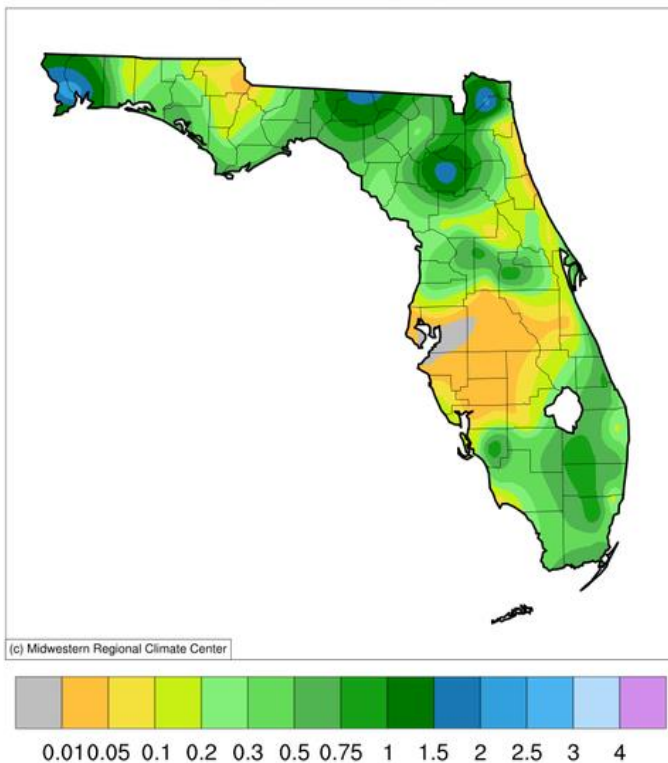
Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/15/22

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	24	10	29	30
Peanuts - Planted.....	54	35	60	56

Conditions for Week Ending 05/15/22

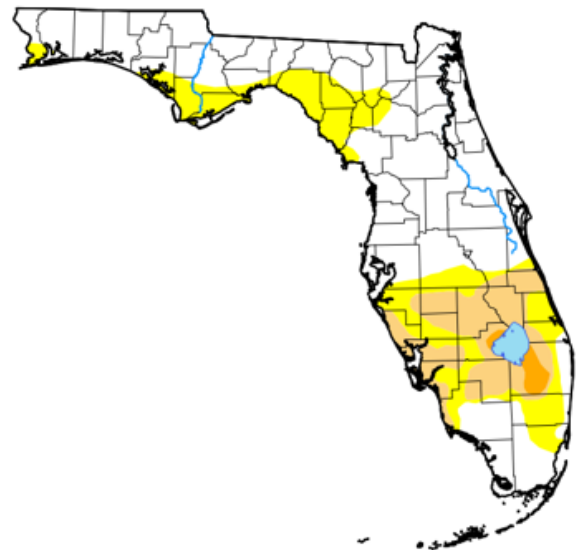
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	7	28	57	7
Pasture & range	6	18	38	30	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 09, 2022 to May 15, 2022



<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE>

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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