



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, May 1, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 4.2 inches in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 69.6°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 83.7°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures remained moderate in the citrus growing region this week, with highs in the 80s. Precipitation was scattered across the citrus belt during the reporting period. Some areas received much-needed rainfall, while in others dry conditions persisted, fueling intensified drought readings. The most rain fell in Bartow (Polk County) with 2.4 inches, followed by Muse (Glades County) with 1.7 inches. According to the April 28, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, dryness and drought continued to impact south Florida. Severe drought expanded into more locations in the southern portion of the citrus growing region, while moderate drought stretched across half of the central area and nearly all of the southern and western areas.

Varieties harvested for the fresh market included Valencia oranges, and red and white grapefruit. Grapefruit harvest was winding down, while processing plants plan to finish running oranges imminently.

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 10, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 17, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 24, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 25, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	2,230	2,065	2,152	2,691
Red grapefruit	33	5	1	0
White grapefruit..	14	3	4	0
Tangerines and Tangelos	0	1	0	0
Total	2,277	2,074	2,157	2,691

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

Crops

Much of the state experienced another week of warm and dry conditions. The southern part of the peninsula received sporadic rain showers while much of the other parts of the state received little rainfall. Many producers continued or finished up planting corn. Cotton planting picked up while progress on peanuts continued to be on a normal pace for this year. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week. Sugarcane harvest was nearly completed in the southern part of the peninsula.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range conditions remained in mostly fair and good condition. Some much needed rain helped some pastures which allowed producers to rely less on feeding hay to livestock.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/01/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	5
Short.....	32	32
Adequate.....	59	60
Surplus.....	3	3

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/01/22

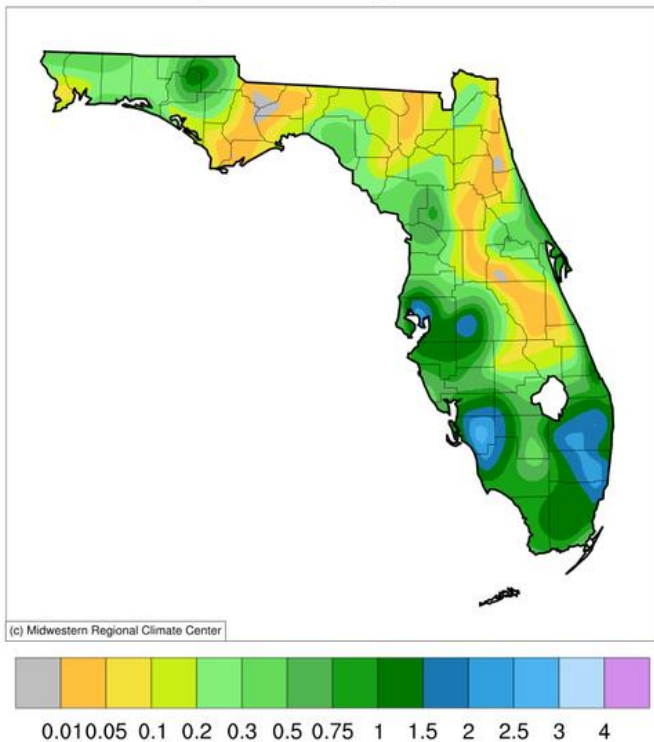
Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	8	2	4	9
Peanuts - Planted.....	27	14	27	25

Conditions for Week Ending 05/01/22

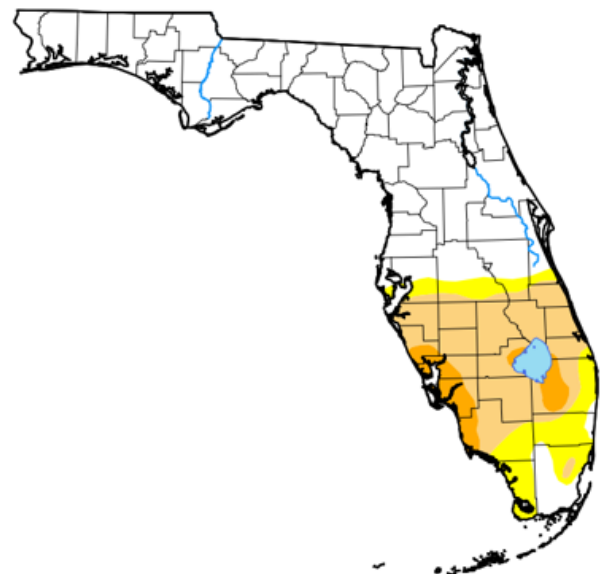
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	1	5	35	55	4
Pasture & range	6	16	41	36	1

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 25, 2022 to May 01, 2022



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



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/>