



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, July 24th, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rainfall to 5.4 inches at Tallahassee Regional Airport (Leon County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 91.1°F at Naval Air Station Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonably warm in the citrus growing region last week, with highs in the low to mid-90s. The hottest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) with 96 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) with 95 degrees, and Wauchula (Hardee County) with 94 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread light to moderate rainfall during the reporting period, as the wet-season pattern of afternoon thunderstorms formed by the collision of sea breezes continued. The most rain fell in Mount Plymouth (Lake County), receiving 3.83 inches, followed by LaBelle (Hendry County) reporting 1.98 inches and Muse (Glades County) reading 1.78 inches. According to the July 21, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, except for a couple small patches in the northeastern part of the citrus growing area experiencing transitory abnormal dryness, the entire citrus producing region was drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run as needed in all areas. Next season's crop progressed as normal, with oranges about golf ball to tennis ball size and grapefruit approximately baseball size. Field personnel observed color break on grapefruit in some areas of the state.

Crops

Moderate rainfall was received throughout the state last week which helped relieve the dry conditions and improve crops. Soil moisture in both the northern and southern portions of the state continued to improve with the rainfall. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week including okra, mangos and avocados. Rice harvest continued throughout the week, and sugar cane was in the grand growth stage. Planting of tomatoes had begun.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions as well as pasture and range conditions remained mostly good to excellent. Pasture grass continues to progress and catch up with cattle needs.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/24/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	6	13
Adequate.....	84	79
Surplus.....	9	7

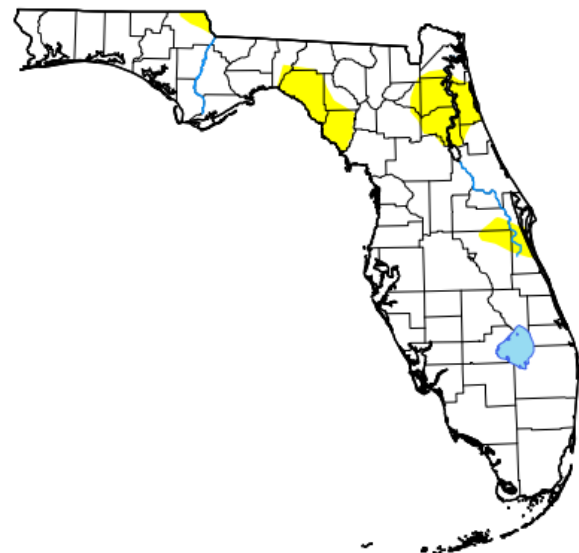
Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/24/22

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	87	70	88	83
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	37	29	43	51
Peanuts - Pegging.....	91	84	94	85

Conditions for Week Ending 07/24/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	23	56	16
Cotton.....	1	4	30	64	1
Pasture & range.....	1	2	19	43	35
Peanuts.....	0	0	15	83	2

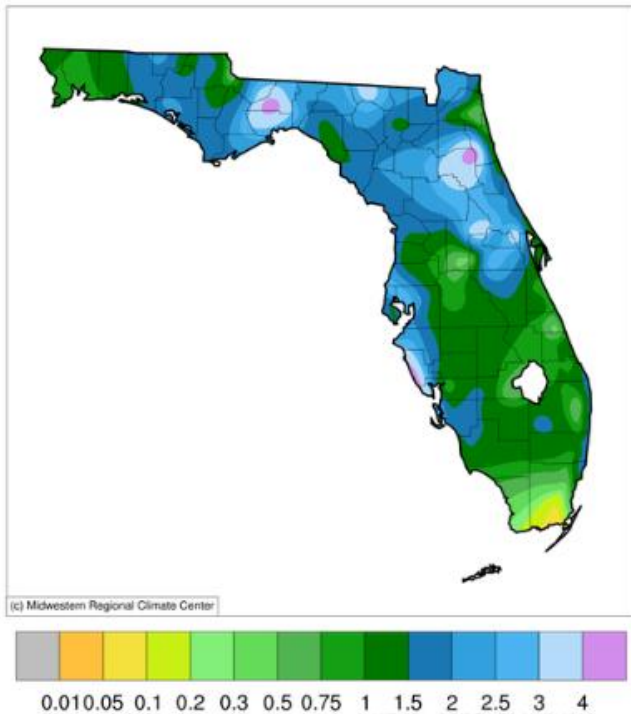
U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 18, 2022 to July 24, 2022



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