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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, July 31, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rainfall to 4.2 inches at Homestead General Aviation Airport (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 81°F in South Bay (Palm Beach County) to 89.2°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 90s. The hottest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) with 97 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) with 95 degrees, and Bartow (Polk 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 Wauchula (Hardee County), receiving 2.15 inches, followed by Mount Plymouth (Lake County) reporting 2.01 inches. According to the July 28, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, except for an area of abnormal dryness centered in northeastern Osceola County which also affected portions of Brevard and Orange Counties, the entire citrus producing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, removal of dead 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 baseball size and grapefruit approximately baseball to softball size. Field personnel observed color break on grapefruit in some areas of the state.

Crops

Moderate rainfall was received throughout most of the state last week which helped relieve the dry conditions and improve crops. The southern and northern parts of the state received more significant amounts of rain. Soil moisture in both the northern and southern portions of the state continued to improve with the rainfall. Reporters noted that the rain made hay harvest more difficult. Field corn was beginning to dry down. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week including okra, bitter melons, and avocados. Rice harvest continued throughout the week, and sugarcane planting will begin in the next few weeks.

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 07/31/22

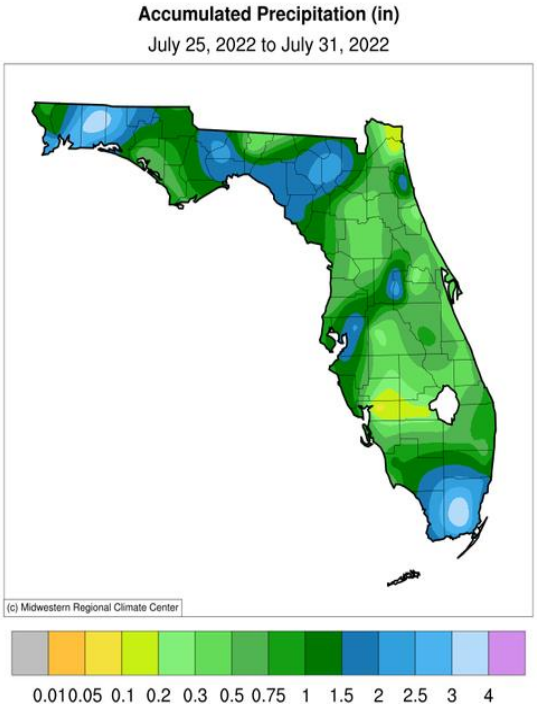
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	13	12
Adequate.....	79	84
Surplus.....	7	3

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/31/22

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	92	88	94	91
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	58	43	63	69
Peanuts - Pegging.....	94	94	97	91

Conditions for Week Ending 07/31/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	20	54	22
Cotton.....	2	3	30	63	2
Pasture & range	0	2	16	47	35
Peanuts.....	1	2	15	80	2



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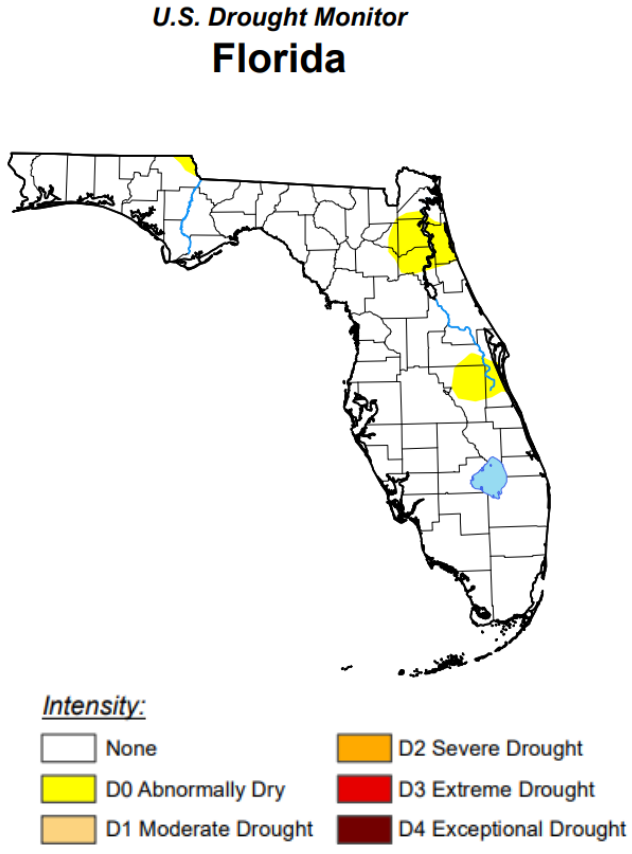

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