



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 21, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rainfall to 3.7 inches in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.1°F in Naples (Collier County) to 90.1°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) and Winter Haven (Polk County), both with 95 degrees, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) registering 93 degrees. The citrus belt received scattered light rainfall during the reporting period, as the normal wet-season pattern of afternoon thunderstorms formed by the collision of sea breezes formed more isolated storms. The most rain fell in Mount Plymouth (Lake County), receiving 0.87 inches of precipitation, followed by Kenansville (Osceola County) reporting 0.78 inches, and Clermont (Lake County) and Muse (Glades County) each collecting 0.75 inches. According to the August 18, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the area of abnormal dryness emanating from Osceola County along the Atlantic Coast continued to expand, now southward into Okeechobee and Glades Counties. Conditions within the area of abnormal dryness also deteriorated, with a pocket of moderate drought appearing in southern Brevard County and northern Indian River County. The remainder of the citrus producing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, limited mowing, skirting tree canopies, 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 baseball size and grapefruit baseball to larger than softball size. Field personnel observed color break on

grapefruit in multiple areas of the state and reported some color forming on early oranges in the south of the state.

Crops

Much of the state received a significant amount of rainfall the past week. Soil moisture in both the northern and southwestern portions of the state continued to improve with the rainfall. Reporters noted in some areas that the rainfall has negatively impacted soybean and peanut fields. Cotton squaring was completed while more locations saw bolls starting to open. Peanut pegging was completed, and some areas have begun digging. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week including okra, bitter melons, and avocados. Tomato and watermelon planting began in the west central part of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions as well as pasture and range conditions remained mostly good to excellent. Some reporters noted that there were instances of cattle disease due to the rainfall. Pasture grass continued to progress and catch up with cattle needs.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/21/22

| Topsoil | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 3 | 4 |
| Short..... | 13 | 14 |
| Adequate..... | 79 | 73 |
| Surplus..... | 5 | 9 |

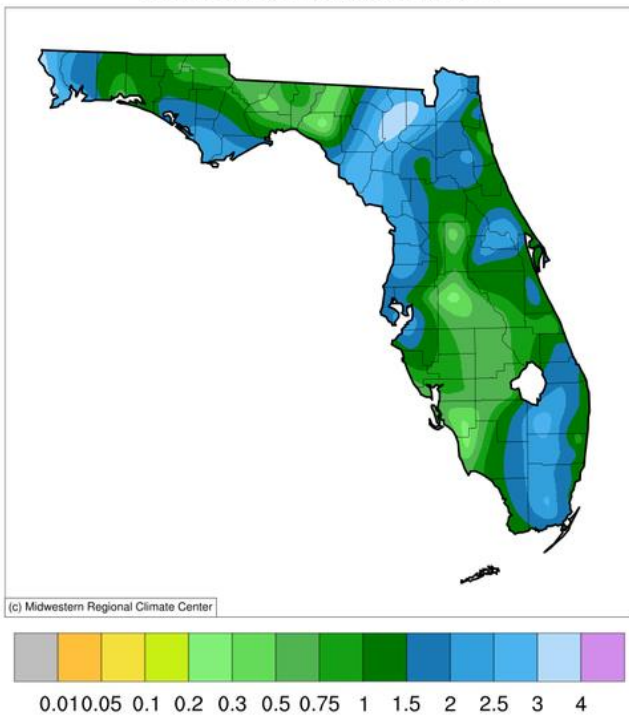
Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/21/22

| Crop | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls..... | 97 | 90 | 96 | 94 |
| Cotton – Bolls Opening... | 9 | 6 | 11 | 15 |
| Peanuts – Dug..... | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |

Conditions for Week Ending 08/21/22

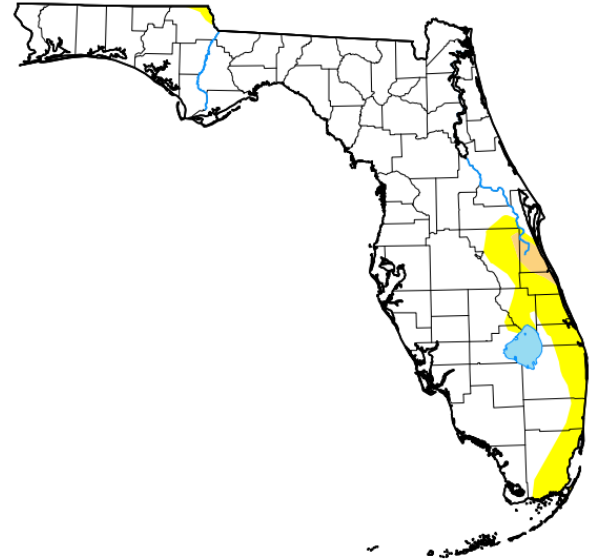
| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle | 1 | 2 | 19 | 59 | 19 |
| Cotton..... | 2 | 3 | 24 | 62 | 9 |
| Pasture & range | 1 | 2 | 24 | 48 | 25 |
| Peanuts..... | 1 | 2 | 21 | 70 | 6 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 15, 2022 to August 21, 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

August 16, 2022 (Released Thursday, August 18, 2022)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>