



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.

August 8, 2022

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 7, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rainfall to 4.4 inches in Venice (Sarasota County). The average mean temperature ranged from 81.1°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 89.9°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 96 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands 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 Polk County, with the Bartow and Winter Haven stations receiving 3.01 and 2.72 inches of precipitation, respectively. According to the August 4, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, except for a persistent 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, limited 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 baseball size and grapefruit approximately baseball to softball size. Field personnel observed color break on grapefruit in multiple areas of the state.

Crops

Much of the state received a significant amount of rainfall the past week; the southeastern part of the state being the exception as it received very little precipitation. Soil moisture in both the northern and southwestern portions of the state continued to improve with the rainfall. Reporters noted that the rain made hay harvest more difficult. Cotton squaring neared completion while some locations saw bolls starting to open. Peanut pegging neared completion and some reporters noted that peanut digging began in the past week. 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. Some reporters noted that there were instances of increased cattle stress due to the high temperatures. Pasture grass continued to progress and catch up with cattle needs.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/07/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3
Short.....	12	12
Adequate.....	84	83
Surplus.....	3	2

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/07/22

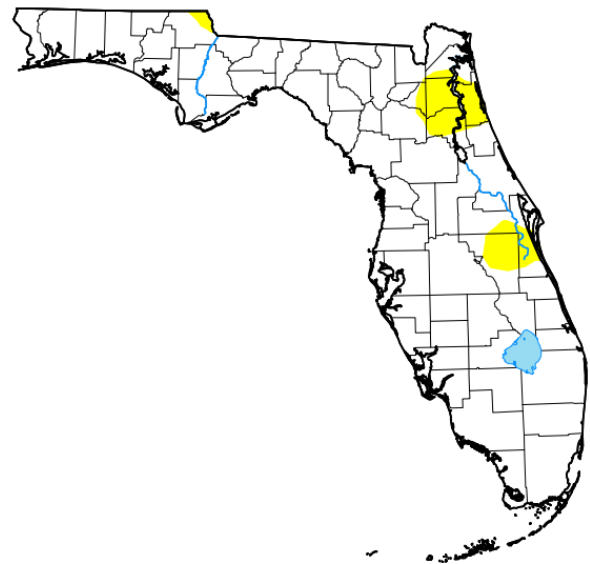
Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	96	94	98	95
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	64	63	77	77
Cotton - Bolls Opening....	2	NA	2	1
Peanuts - Pegging.....	95	97	98	94

NA – Not Available

Conditions for Week Ending 08/07/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	2	5	29	49	15
Cotton.....	1	2	28	67	2
Pasture & range	1	2	19	44	34
Peanuts.....	1	2	8	88	1

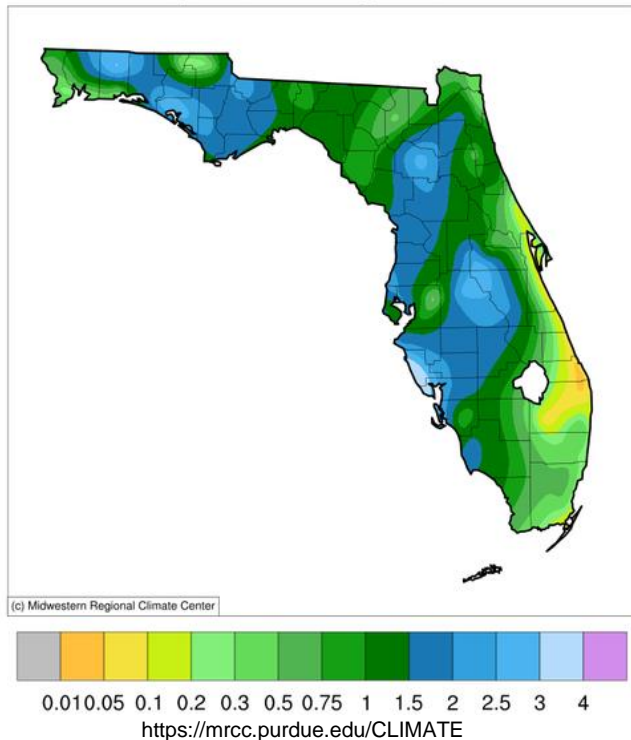
U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 01, 2022 to August 07, 2022



August 2, 2022 (Released Thursday, August 4, 2022)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>