



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 11, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rainfall to 6.3 inches in Apalachicola (Franklin County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.6°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 88.6°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 Kenansville (Osceola County), with 96 degrees, followed by Clermont (Lake County) and Wauchula (Hardee County), both registering 94 degrees. The citrus belt received scattered light to moderate rainfall during the reporting period, as the normal wet-season pattern of afternoon thunderstorms formed by the collision of sea breezes continued. The most rain fell in Winter Haven (Polk County), receiving 4.57 inches of precipitation, followed by Kenansville (Osceola County) reporting 3.33 inches. According to the September 6, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions persisted broadly, covering all of the citrus producing counties surrounding the Indian River, Lake Okeechobee, and roughly half of the central interior citrus growing counties. The pocket of moderate drought along the Indian River expanded to cover more citrus acreage in Saint Lucie County. The rest of the 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 tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit larger than softball size. Field personnel reported color break on most early fruit varieties.

Crops

The northern and southwestern regions of the state received a significant amount of rain while the rest of the state experienced mostly dry weather. Soil conditions along with crop conditions remained about the same as the previous week, although some reporters noted that excess rain delayed peanut digging, corn harvest, and cutting of hay.

Cotton bolls continued to open across the state, while cotton harvest is expected to begin in the next few weeks. Peanut digging gained momentum with some producers beginning harvest activities. Sugarcane producers were optimistic that wet conditions would allow planting activities to get off to a strong start in the next couple of weeks.

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 and southern parts of the state. Farmers mowed down remaining cover crops and started preparations for fall strawberry and vegetable production.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions as well as pasture and range conditions remained mostly good to excellent.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/11/22

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening	23	20	24	38
Peanuts – Dug.....	20	11	20	21
Peanuts – Harvested...	13	5	9	12

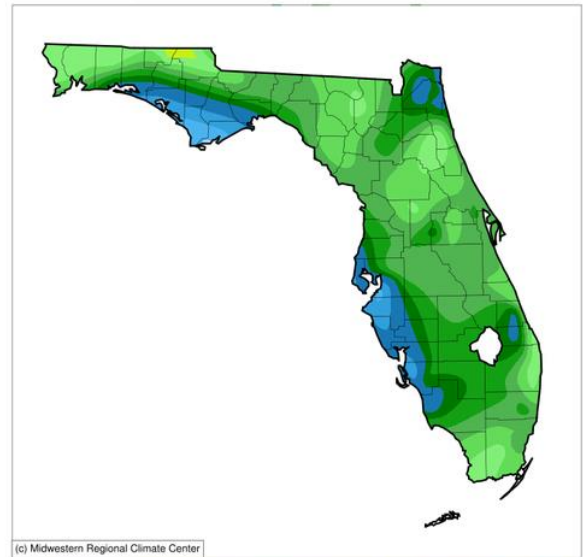
Conditions for Week Ending 09/11/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	13	54	30
Cotton.....	2	4	32	59	3
Pasture & range...	1	4	14	52	29
Peanuts.....	1	2	26	69	2

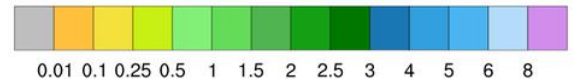
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/11/22

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	8	9
Adequate.....	81	80
Surplus.....	11	11

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 05, 2022 to September 11, 2022

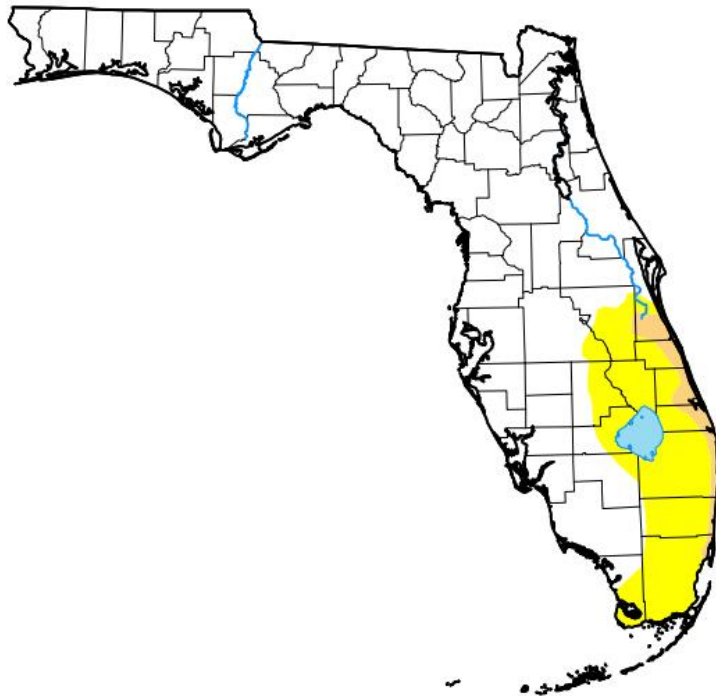


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



September 6, 2022

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	79.50	20.50	2.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-30-2022	79.50	20.50	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-07-2022	81.81	18.19	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	76.97	23.03	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 09-07-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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