



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.

January 23, 2023

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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, January 22, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 3.2 inches at Tallahassee Regional Airport (Leon County). The average mean temperature ranged from 54.6°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 75.0°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

After a cold snap on Saturday and Sunday, temperatures warmed daily in the citrus growing region. By the end of the week, all areas had reached the low to mid-80s. No significant rainfall was reported in the citrus growing region for the week. According to the January 19, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions remained limited to the northern reaches of the citrus area. Packinghouses were shipping red and white grapefruit, early, mid-season and late oranges, and tangerines. Processing on non-Valencia oranges was on the steep decline, indicating a near ending to the early and midseason orange harvest. Processed Valencia orange harvest is off to a typical beginning and consist of a small amount of packinghouse eliminations. It is anticipated field run for processing of Valencia’s will begin in early February.

Field personnel reported scattered bloom in some groves, and continued color improvement on Valencia oranges. Grove operations included spraying pesticides, fertilizing, mowing prior to harvest, topping, hedging, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run statewide.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 1, 2023 (Preliminary)	Jan 8, 2023 (Preliminary)	Jan 15, 2023 (Preliminary)	Jan 16, 2022 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	797	763	424	2,024
Navel oranges ....	2	3	1	21
Valencia Oranges	0	12	5	11
Red grapefruit ....	67	99	78	136
White grapefruit..	1	8	9	41
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	21	29	21	41
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>2,274</b>

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

**Crops**

The southern half of the state received little to no rain for the fourth consecutive week, while much of the northern half of the state saw a significant amount of precipitation. Cooler than normal temperatures persisted across much of the state. Vegetables that were planted and harvested last week include green beans, yellow squash, potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, pepper, eggplants, zucchini, sweet corn, and avocados. Some operators began field preparation for the new rice crop.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle were reported to be in mostly good condition, while pastures were fair to good condition. Cold weather continued to negatively impact many pastures, with some reports of light bleaching.

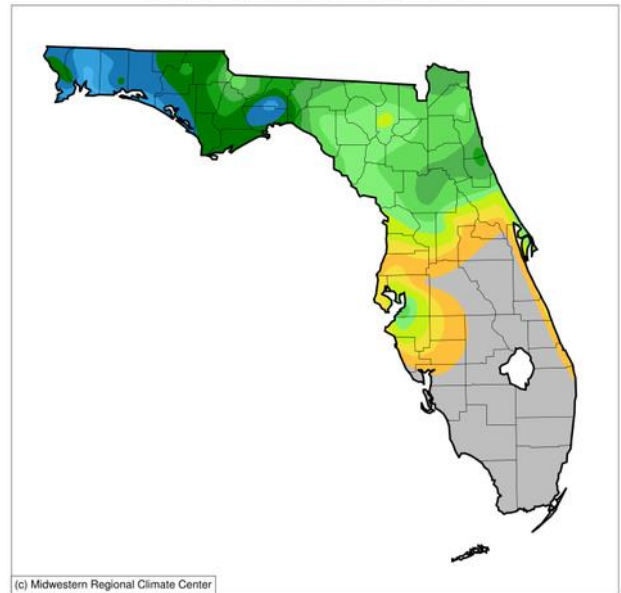
### Conditions for Week Ending 1/22/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	33	50	10
Pasture & range...	6	28	36	25	5

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/22/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	9	3
Short.....	23	27
Adequate.....	67	68
Surplus.....	1	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
January 16, 2023 to January 22, 2023



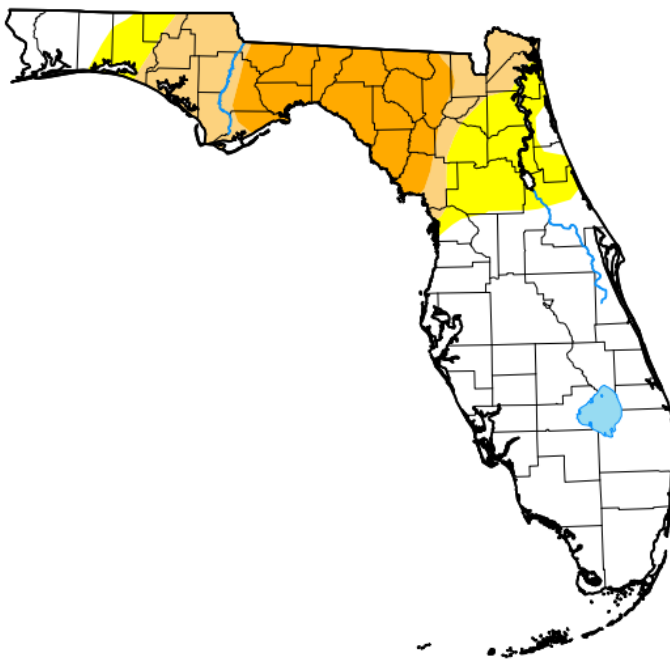
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



January 17, 2023

(Released Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	57.86	42.14	29.17	16.18	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 01-10-2023	57.85	42.15	29.17	16.50	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 10-18-2022	69.77	30.23	18.19	0.34	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	56.61	43.39	30.80	19.77	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	91.16	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 01-18-2022	84.18	15.82	1.34	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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