



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 29, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to over 4 inches in Tallahassee (Leon County). The average mean temperature ranged from 49.0°F at Marianna Municipal Airport (Jackson County) to 77.8°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures cooled but remained a bit above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the 70's. The warmest readings were recorded in Kenansville (Osceola County) at 77 degrees, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) at 76 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread light rainfall during the reporting period associated with the passage of a cold front. The most rain fell in LaBelle (Hendry County), reading 1.03 inches of precipitation, followed by Sebring (Highlands County), logging 0.95 inches. According to the January 26, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions remained limited to the northern reaches of the citrus area.

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

Packinghouses were shipping red and white grapefruit, early, mid-season and late oranges, and tangerines. Processing on non-Valencia oranges was steeply declining into the conclusion of 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.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 8, 2023 (Preliminary)	Jan 15, 2023 (Preliminary)	Jan 22, 2023 (Preliminary)	Jan 23, 2022 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	763	424	106	1,967
Navel oranges	3	1	2	7
Valencia Oranges	12	5	22	73
Red grapefruit	99	78	83	153
White grapefruit..	8	9	2	34
Tangerines and Tangelos	29	23	29	29
Total	914	540	244	2,263

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

Crops

Much of the northern half of the state received a significant amount of rain the past week, while the southern half received little to no precipitation for the fifth week in a row. Many parts of the state experienced significant temperature fluctuations and experienced frost conditions. Vegetables that were planted and harvested last week include green beans, yellow squash, tomatoes, pepper, eggplants, zucchini, sweet corn, and avocados. Younger sugarcane plants were still exhibiting injury from prior freeze damage. Rice planting is expected to be within the next few weeks.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were both reported to be in poor to fair condition. Due to cold temperatures, reporters noted bleaching and frost in some pastures. Some pastures in the northern half of the state were improved due to precipitation in the last week.

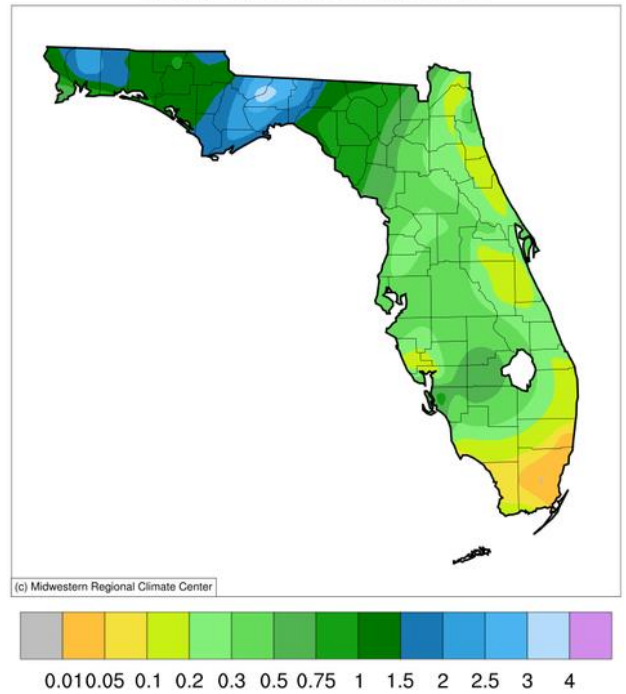
Conditions for Week Ending 1/29/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	7	38	49	5
Pasture & range...	6	35	39	19	1

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/29/23

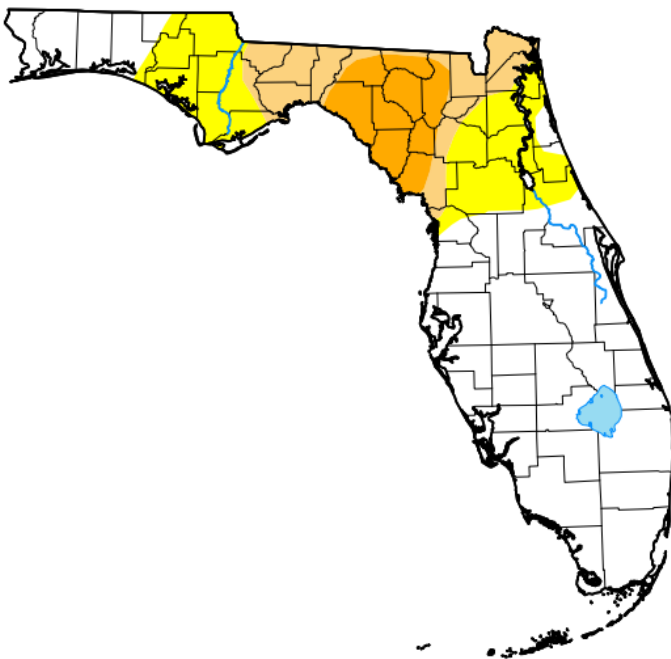
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	3
Short.....	27	28
Adequate.....	68	68
Surplus.....	2	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 23, 2023 to January 29, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



January 24, 2023
(Released Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.28	39.72	20.46	9.54	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>01-17-2023</i>	57.86	42.14	29.17	16.18	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-25-2022</i>	67.44	32.56	21.98	9.75	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	56.61	43.39	30.80	19.77	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	91.16	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>01-25-2022</i>	82.72	17.28	1.36	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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