



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 8, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 1.8 inches in Chipley (Washington County). The average mean temperature ranged from 59.7°F in Chipley (Washington County) to 82.3°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures continued to be above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs ranging from the high 70's to the low 80's. The warmest readings were recorded in Kenansville (Osceola County) and Sebring (Highlands County), both at 81 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 Mount Plymouth (Lake County), reading 0.88 inches of precipitation. According to the January 5, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free, apart from some parts of the northwestern citrus area where abnormally dry conditions had arrived.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, mowing, topping, hedging, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run statewide. Sizing on this season's crop was as follows: oranges about tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit about softball size. Field personnel reported continued color improvement on Valencia oranges.

Harvested varieties for the fresh market included: early and midseason tangerines; early, midseason, and Navel oranges; and red and white grapefruit. Processed fruit included field-run early and midseason oranges, red grapefruit, and packinghouse eliminations of all fruit types.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Dec 18, 2022 (Preliminary)	Dec 25, 2022 (Preliminary)	Jan 1, 2023 (Preliminary)	Jan 2, 2022 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	1,069	862	706	1,844
Navel oranges	14	6	2	18
Valencia Oranges	0	0	0	4
Red grapefruit	75	66	66	102
White grapefruit..	7	2	1	14
Tangerines and Tangelos	15	15	21	26
Total	1,180	951	796	2,008

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

Crops

The northern portions of the state saw scattered showers throughout the week while the southern part saw little to none for a second consecutive week. Fields were being prepared for plantings with rice fields anticipated to be planted at the start of February. Vegetables that were planted and harvested last week include green beans, potatoes, cabbage, spinach, yellow squash, tomatoes, zucchini, sweet corn, and avocados. Some vegetables were damaged from frost.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were reported to be in mostly good condition, while pastures were fair to good condition. Some forages were able to bounce back from the Christmas freeze, however many were not able to. Fields that were able to recover still lost a considerable number of grazing days.

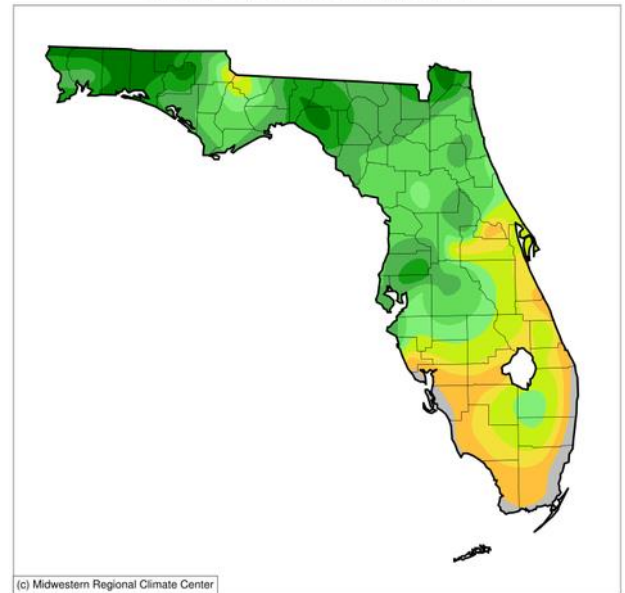
Conditions for Week Ending 1/8/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	2	5	30	49	14
Pasture & range...	4	21	31	32	12

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/8/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	2
Short.....	21	26
Adequate.....	74	70
Surplus.....	2	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 02, 2023 to January 08, 2023



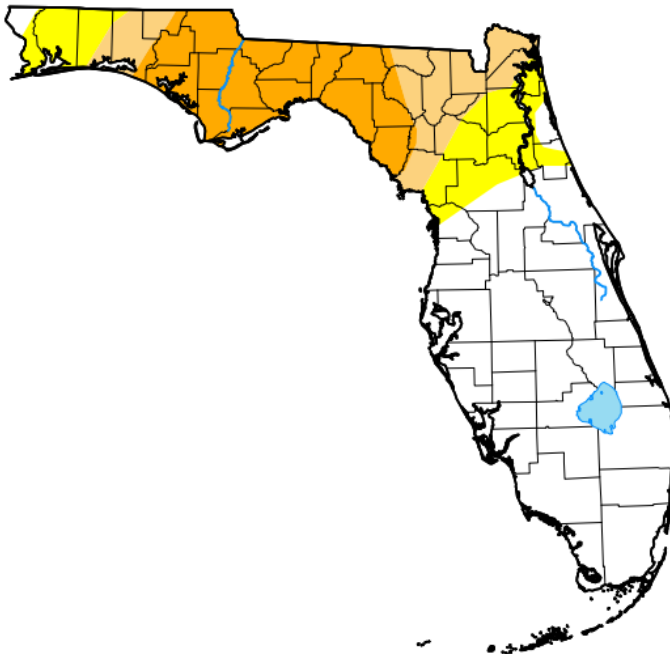
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



January 3, 2023

(Released Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.61	43.39	30.80	19.77	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-27-2022	59.38	40.62	32.33	21.92	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-04-2022	88.44	11.56	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	56.61	43.39	30.80	19.77	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	91.16	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 01-04-2022	76.97	23.03	0.10	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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