



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.

November 13, 2023

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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, November 12, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 2.2 inches at Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (Okaloosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 64.6°F at Marianna Airport (Jackson County) to 81.1°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

## Citrus

Temperatures remained above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the mid to high 80's. The warmest readings were recorded in Sebring (Highlands County), reaching 87 degrees, followed by Clermont (Lake County) and Winter Haven (Polk County), both reading 86 degrees. The citrus belt received scattered light rainfall during the reporting period, as a weak cold front swept across the state. The most rain fell in Clermont (Lake County), reading 0.8 inches of precipitation, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) registering 0.2 inches, and Sebring (Highlands County) measuring 0.2 inches. According to the November 9, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormal dryness expanded in the citrus counties along the Gulf coast further into the interior, as other various levels of drought maintained previous coverage. The rest of the citrus growing region continued to be drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting young

trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run statewide. Field personnel reported this season's fruit sizing well, with oranges approximately tennis ball to larger than baseball size, while grapefruit were softball size or larger. Color break on early season tangerines; Navel, early and midseason oranges; and red and white grapefruit was observed in groves across the state. Field personnel reported trees looked good in well cared-for groves.

Harvest of Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines; Navel and early oranges; and red and white grapefruit for the fresh market continued to ramp up. Nine packinghouses were active last week, and two processing plants were open to accept packinghouse eliminations.

## Crops

It was another extremely dry week for the entire state, with only some areas receiving a limited amount of precipitation. Winter crop planting was further delayed by the dry weather across the state. Crops that were harvested last week include rice, sugarcane, bell peppers, and chili peppers, with rice harvest reaching conclusion. Reporters noted that earlier planted peanuts were of a higher condition than later planted peanuts.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were reported to be in mostly fair to good condition. Reporters noted cattle water supplies continued to shrink due to the dry weather.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/12/23

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	53	49	61	43
Peanuts - Harvested.....	98	92	96	96

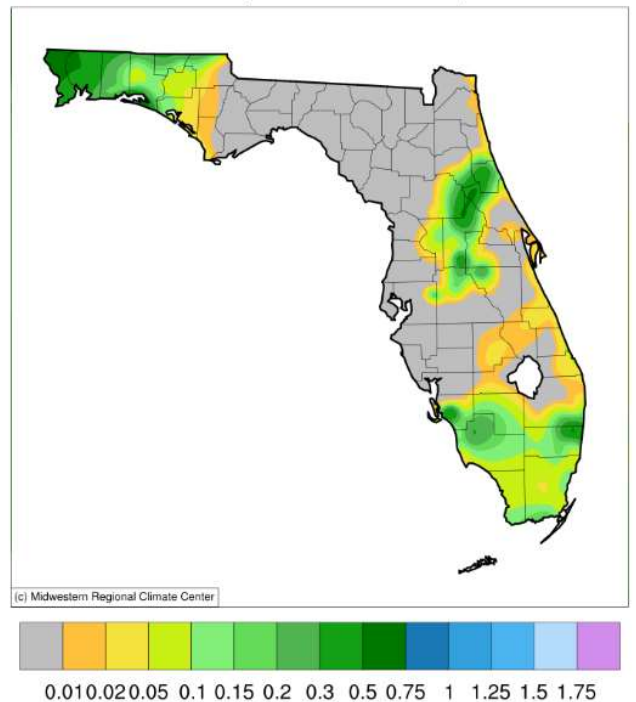
### Conditions for Week Ending 11/12/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	26	59	13
Cotton.....	12	35	40	13	0
Pasture & range....	3	11	41	29	16

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/12/23

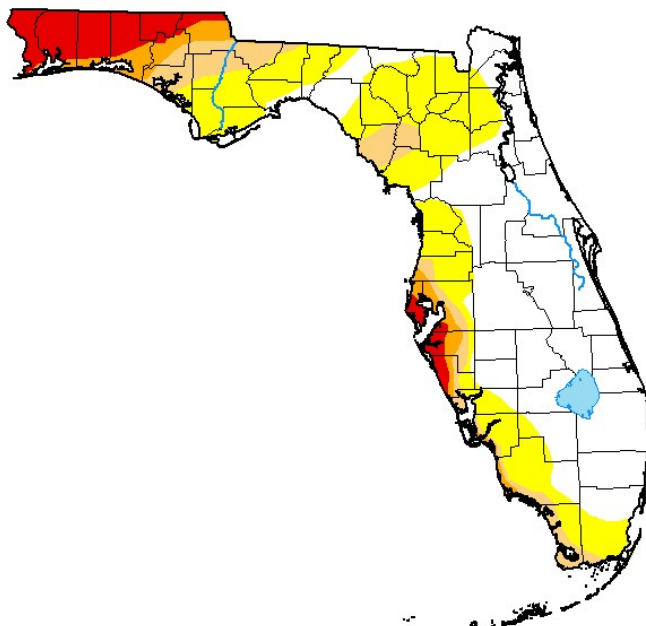
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	18
Short.....	32	31
Adequate.....	52	51
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
November 06, 2023 to November 12, 2023



<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



November 7, 2023

(Released Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.81	51.19	21.21	12.45	8.10	0.00
Last Week 10-31-2023	66.40	33.60	17.58	12.17	7.75	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-08-2023	89.86	10.14	6.14	3.60	0.92	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 09-26-2023	69.09	30.91	17.59	9.00	0.81	0.00
One Year Ago 11-08-2022	64.27	35.73	31.58	26.82	0.00	0.00

#### Intensity

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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