



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 20, 2023

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## General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 19, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from 0.1 inches at Bonifay Tri County Airport (Holmes County) to 12.5 inches at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 60.9°F at Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County) to 79.0°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

## Citrus

Temperatures were reasonable in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs from the mid 70's to the low 80's. The warmest readings were recorded in Sebring (Highlands County) hitting 80 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reaching 78 degrees, and Clermont (Lake County) reading 77 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread moderate to heavy rainfall during the reporting period, with excessive cumulative totals in some areas leading to localized flooding, as two active weather systems combined above the state over several days. Some notable totals came from Mount Plymouth (Lake County), reporting 6.53 inches of precipitation, followed by Groveland (Lake County) registering 4.89 inches, and Apopka (Orange County) measuring 4.19 inches. According to the November 16, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, various levels of drought and abnormal dryness maintained previous coverage in the citrus counties along the Gulf coast. The rest of the citrus growing region continued to be drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, laying herbicide, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead trees, replanting

young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run as needed in areas that received lesser amounts of rainfall. 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, Early Pride, and SugarBelle tangerines; Navel and early oranges; and red and white grapefruit for the fresh market continued to hum along. Ten packinghouses were active last week, and two processing plants were open to accept packinghouse eliminations.

## Crops

It was a very rainy week throughout Florida, with heavy amounts rain near the southern part of the state. Many farmers reported the heavy rain and wind disrupted farming operations with flooding and wind scarring on younger crops like squash and green beans. Crops that were planted last week include cabbage and broccoli. Crops that were harvested last week include strawberries, okra, green beans, boniato, bitter melon, other Asian vegetables, avocado, and other tropical fruits. Potato farms were prepping land for the incoming potato crop.

## 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. Some pastures experienced flooding due to the heavy rain.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/19/23

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	66	61	75	56
Peanuts - Harvested.....	100	96	97	98

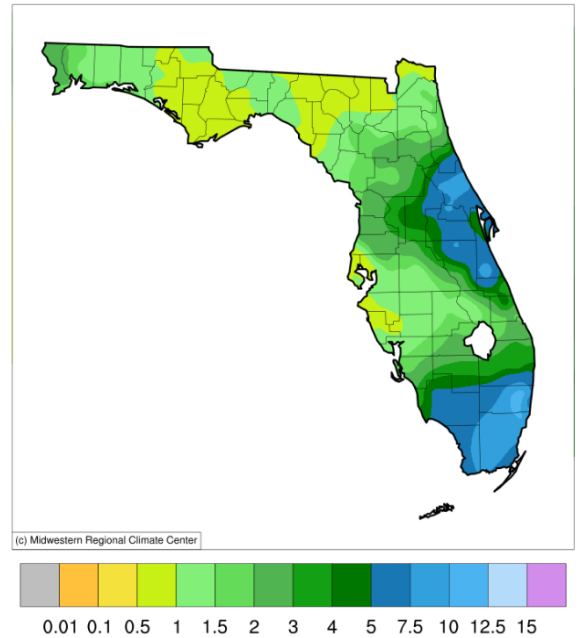
### Conditions for Week Ending 11/19/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	30	52	15
Pasture & range....	3	12	37	26	22

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/19/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	18	10
Short.....	31	24
Adequate.....	51	54
Surplus.....	0	12

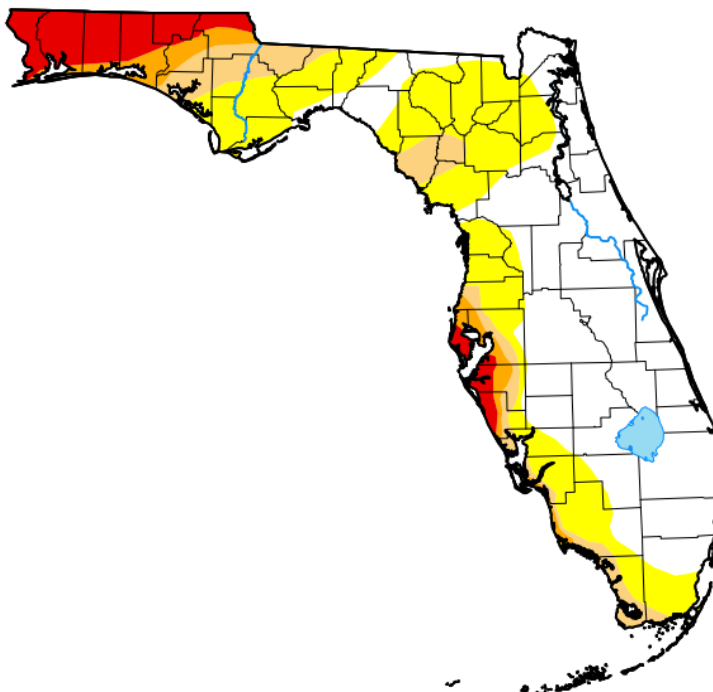
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
November 13, 2023 to November 19, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

November 14, 2023  
(Released Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



**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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