



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 26, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 2.9 inches at Live Oak (Suwannee County). The average mean temperature ranged from 55.4°F at Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 80.4°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures remained seasonable 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 Kenansville (Osceola County) hitting 82 degrees, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) reaching 81 degrees, and Wauchula (Hardee County) reading 79 degrees. The citrus belt received little to no rainfall during the reporting period. Of the few stations that did have readings, the locations with the most rain were Winter Haven (Polk County), reporting 0.36 inches of precipitation, followed by Muse (Glades County) registering 0.13 inches, and Kenansville (Osceola County) measuring 0.09 inches. According to the November 23, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, moderate drought and abnormal dryness receded toward the west coast, while other drought categories maintained previous coverage in the citrus counties along the Gulf of Mexico. The rest of the citrus growing region continued to be drought free.

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

general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run on an as-needed basis 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, Early Pride, Autumn Honey, 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

Most of the state experienced light showers throughout the week, allowing conditions to dry from the previous week's heavy rain. The optimal weather and temperatures allowed most farmers to make progress with planting and harvesting. Crops that were planted last week include potatoes and peppers. Crops that were harvested last week include strawberries, bell peppers, squashes, tomatoes, leafy greens, and sugarcane. Some farmers reported the harvesting of greens beans and okra was limited due to wet fields from the previous week's heavy rain.

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.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/26/23

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	77	75	80	68
Peanuts - Harvested.....	100	97	98	99

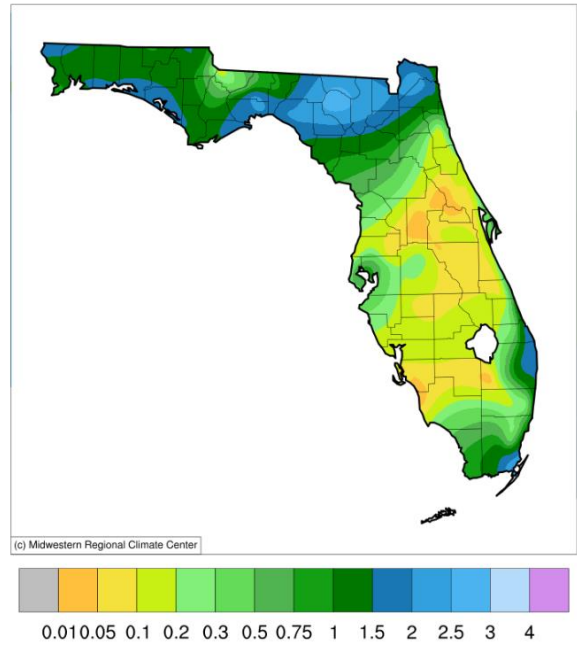
Conditions for Week Ending 11/26/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	27	56	16
Pasture & range....	1	9	36	30	24

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/26/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	1
Short.....	24	15
Adequate.....	54	73
Surplus.....	12	11

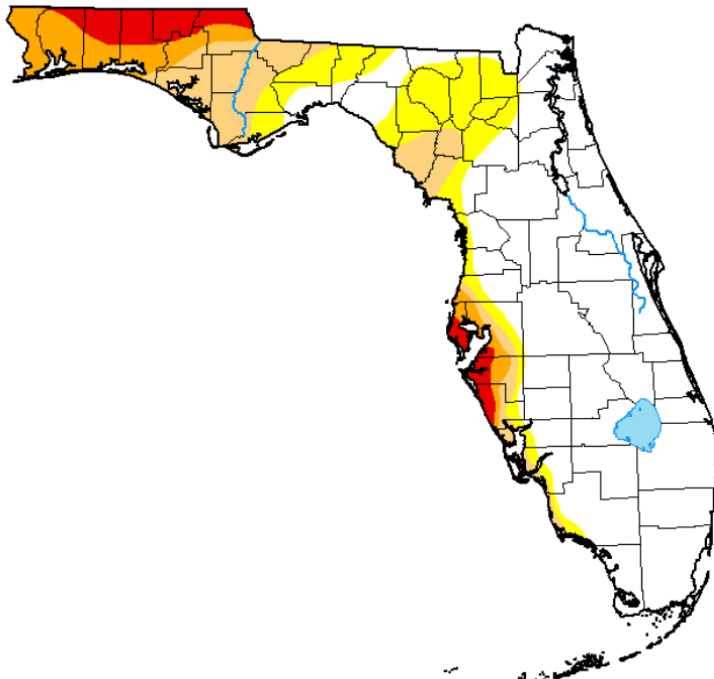
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 20, 2023 to November 26, 2023



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

November 21, 2023
(Released Wednesday, Nov. 22, 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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