



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 6, 2023

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## General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 5, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 0.8 inches in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 57.4°F at Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County) to 80.1°F at Miami International Airport (Miami-Dade County).

## Citrus

Temperatures were above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the low to mid 80's. The warmest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) and Sebring (Highlands County), both reaching 83 degrees, followed by Kenansville (Osceola County) and Winter Haven (Polk County), tied at 81 degrees. The citrus belt received negligible to no rainfall during the reporting period, as a dry airmass maintained coverage over the state. According to the November 2, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, various levels of drought and abnormal dryness all expanded slightly 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, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead 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 most 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 grapefruit for the fresh market continued to intensify. Six packinghouses were active last week, and one processing plant was open to accept packinghouse eliminations.

## Crops

It was another extremely dry week for the entire state, with only areas along the Atlantic coast receiving measurable precipitation. Reporters noted that another week of dry weather further deteriorated crop conditions. Many operators continued to delay planting of winter crops due to the dry weather. Fall vegetable and strawberry planting reached completion, while potato and broccoli planting continued. Rice and sugarcane harvest continued, with sugarcane harvest expected to reach competition shortly. Reporters noted some instances of whitefly and mildew on crops.

## 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. Pasture conditions continued to decline due cooler temperatures and depleted soil moisture. Reporters in the northwestern portion of the state noted water sources drying up in some areas.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/5/23

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	44	33	49	32
Peanuts - Dug.....	99	94	96	97
Peanuts - Harvested.....	94	84	92	92

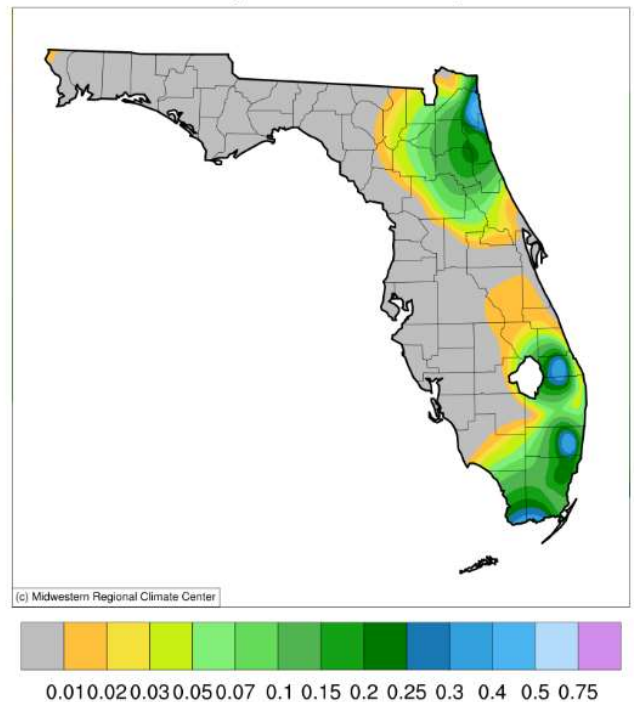
### Conditions for Week Ending 11/5/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	29	59	9
Cotton.....	10	31	49	10	0
Pasture & range....	3	8	39	34	16

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/5/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	16
Short.....	23	32
Adequate.....	60	52
Surplus.....	1	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
October 30, 2023 to November 05, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

October 31, 2023

(Released Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	66.40	33.60	17.58	12.17	7.75	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-24-2023</i>	72.64	27.36	15.35	11.03	0.89	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>08-01-2023</i>	91.15	8.85	5.87	2.97	0.92	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2023</i>	56.61	43.39	30.80	19.77	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2023</i>	69.09	30.91	17.59	9.00	0.81	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>11-01-2022</i>	64.27	35.73	27.80	17.53	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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