



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 28, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 9.4 inches in Fernandina Beach (Nassau County). The average mean temperature ranged from 71.7°F at Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County) to 83.3°F at Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures cooled a bit in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the mid to high 80's. The hottest readings were recorded in Sebring (Highlands County) reaching 89 degrees, followed by Kenansville (Osceola County) and Winter Haven (Polk County), both hitting 87 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread moderate to heavy rainfall during the reporting period, due to a large area of tropical moisture that passed over the state. The most rain fell in Frostproof (Polk County), measuring 6.1 inches of precipitation, followed by the Devil's Garden area (Hendry County) reading 5.2 inches, and Bartow (Polk County) registering 4.7 inches. According to the May 25, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, severe drought conditions remained entrenched near the area of extreme drought stretching from just north of Charlotte Harbor into the Big Bend region of the state, leaving an area of moderate drought and abnormally dry conditions covering the majority of the citrus growing area.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, topping, hedging, removal of dead trees, bactericide trunk injection, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run statewide, while water levels in canals and ditches were very low. Field personnel reported next year's fruit sizing well.

Harvest of fruit for fresh and processed use had concluded for the season.

Crops

Much of the state received a significant amount of rain last week, with the central and southeastern regions receiving the most precipitation. The precipitation delayed field work in some areas, but operators were still able to make strong planting progress. Both the cotton and peanut crops made great strides in catching up to the previous year's planting progress for the same time of year. Crops that were harvested last week included watermelon, sugarcane, sunflowers, tomatoes, melons, potatoes, cucumbers, and okra. There were some reports of flooded fields due to recent rains. Sugarcane harvest was expected to be complete within the next two weeks.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were reported to be in mostly fair to good condition, while pastures were reported to be in mostly fair to good condition. Reporters noted that the recent rains improved pasture conditions in areas affected by drought conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 5/28/23

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	75	53	76	67
Peanuts - Planted.....	89	63	81	87

Conditions for Week Ending 5/28/23

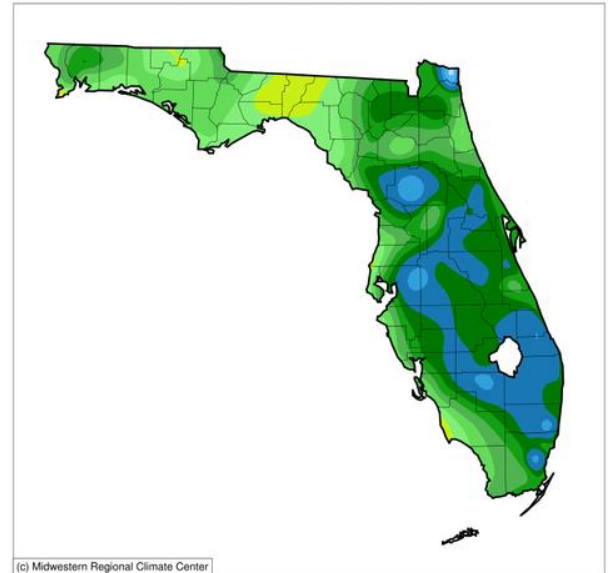
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	7	37	46	9
Cotton.....	0	0	18	82	0
Pasture & range....	1	19	40	30	10
Peanuts.....	0	1	21	78	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 5/28/23

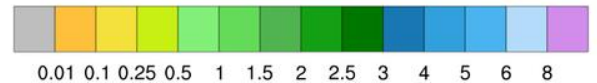
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	3
Short.....	26	20
Adequate.....	60	69
Surplus.....	7	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

May 22, 2023 to May 28, 2023

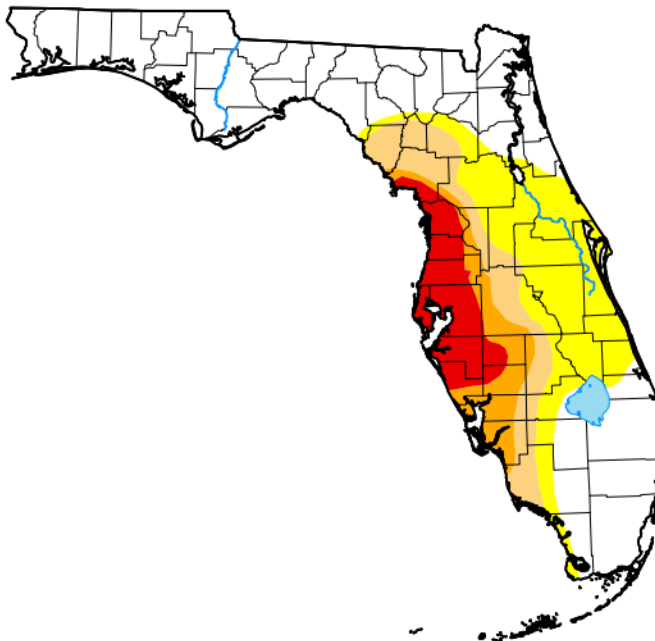


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



May 23, 2023

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.84	48.16	25.57	15.19	8.47	0.00
Last Week 05-16-2023	42.01	57.99	44.36	14.28	8.93	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-21-2023	19.72	80.28	29.51	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 05-24-2022	65.71	34.29	7.96	1.07	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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