



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, July 30, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 7.1 inches in Hollywood (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 82.9°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 88.7°F in Dry Tortugas (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures remained above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the low to mid 90's. The hottest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) reaching 95 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reading 93 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands County) hitting 92 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread light to locally moderate rainfall during the reporting period associated with both the passage of a low-pressure system and daily afternoon convective-heating-generated storm activity. The most rain fell in Apopka (Orange County), measuring 2.5 inches of precipitation, followed by Ocklawaha (Marion County) reading 2.4 inches, and Kenansville (Osceola County) registering 2.2 inches. According to the July 27, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, continued lack of rainfall along the west coast of the peninsula led to the introduction of extreme drought conditions in a strip along the coast between Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor, while the other drought and dryness affected areas of the citrus belt were unchanged from the previous

week. The remainder of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, topping, skirting tree canopies, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run as needed. Field personnel reported next year's fruit sizing well, with oranges approximately golf ball to larger than tennis ball size, while grapefruit were about tennis ball to baseball size.

Crops

Much of the state received a moderate amount of rain last week, while areas along the Atlantic coast received more significant amounts of precipitation. The rain prevented some operators from conducting the desired amount of field work in certain regions of the state. Cotton squaring neared completion, while boll setting had another strong week. Peanut pegging also neared completion by the end of the week. Crops that were harvested last week included okra, mango, avocado, bitter melon, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reportedly in mostly fair to good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/30/23

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	93	93	95	90
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	60	51	71	63
Peanuts - Pegging.....	97	94	98	92

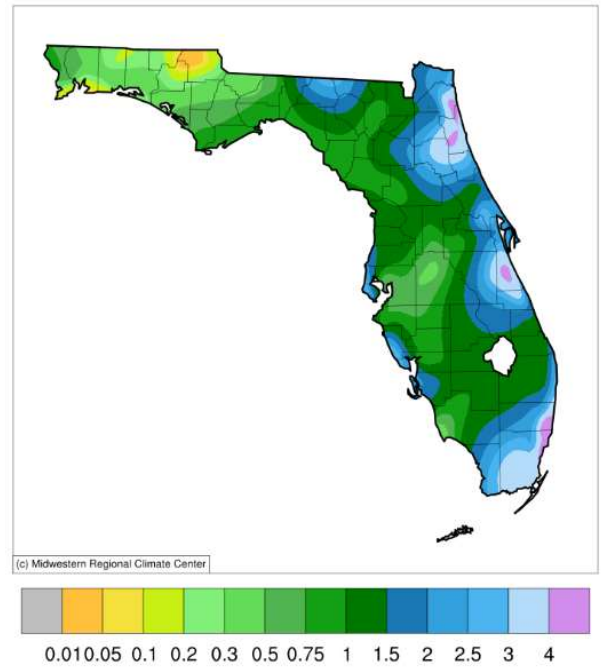
Conditions for Week Ending 7/30/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	2	4	28	56	10
Cotton.....	0	1	16	69	14
Pasture & range....	3	5	26	40	26
Peanuts.....	0	1	12	78	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/30/23

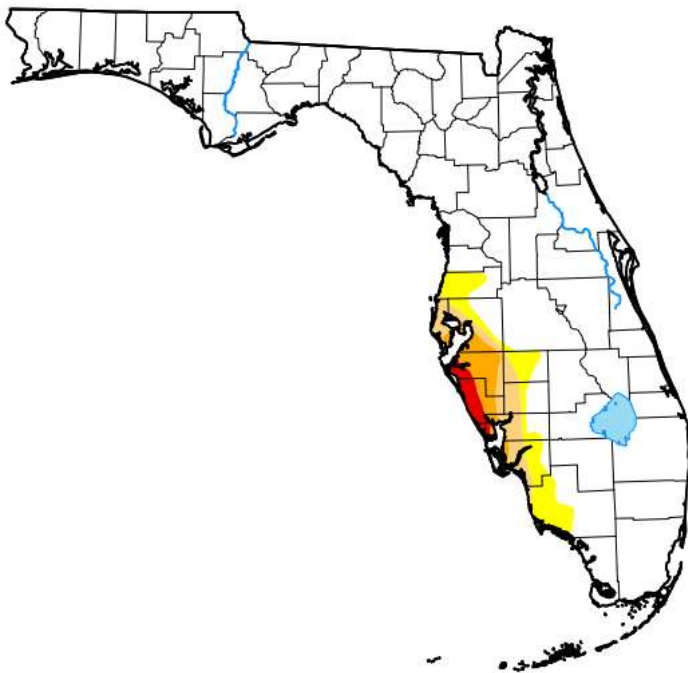
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	5
Short.....	12	16
Adequate.....	73	73
Surplus.....	12	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in) July 24, 2023 to July 30, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



July 25, 2023

(Released Thursday, Jul. 27, 2023)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	90.08	9.92	5.69	2.97	0.92	0.00
Last Week 07-18-2023	90.08	9.92	5.43	2.97	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-25-2023	20.74	79.26	65.34	45.05	5.90	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 07-26-2022	93.33	6.67	0.00	0.00	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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