



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 13, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 3.9 inches in Niceville (Okaloosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 85.1°F in Live Oak (Suwannee County) to 91.3°F in Plant City (Hillsborough County).

Citrus

Temperatures remained above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the mid to upper 90's. The hottest readings were recorded at the Central Florida weather station (Lake County) reaching 99 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reading 98 degrees, and Kenansville (Osceola County) hitting 96 degrees. The citrus belt received scattered light to locally moderate rainfall during the reporting period associated with daily afternoon thunderstorm activity. The most rain fell in Fellsmere (Indian River County), measuring 3.7 inches of precipitation, followed by Muse (Glades County) reading 1.1 inches, and Sebring (Highlands County) registering 1.1 inches. According to the August 10, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, continued elevated temperatures combined with a further lack of adequate rainfall resulted in additional limited deterioration of drought conditions along the west coast of the peninsula, with severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormal dryness all expanding coverage slightly from the core drought-affected area. The rest of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, 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 baseball size, while grapefruit were about tennis ball to softball size.

Crops

It was a dry week for most of the state, with only the southeastern region of the state receiving a significant amount of precipitation. Temperatures were also extremely high for much of the state throughout the week. Cotton boll setting had a strong week of progress and neared completion. Peanut pegging reached completion by the end of the week, while some operators began digging their peanuts. Crops that were harvested last week included rice, okra, mango, avocado, bitter melon, and other tropical fruits. Reporters noted that the high heat began to impact some rice fields and lead to an increase in blank kernels.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were reportedly in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were reportedly in good to excellent condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/13/23

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	100	97	99	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	88	82	94	86
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	5	1	5	5
Peanuts - Pegging.....	99	99	100	97
Peanuts - Dug.....	2	NA	4	1

NA – Not Available

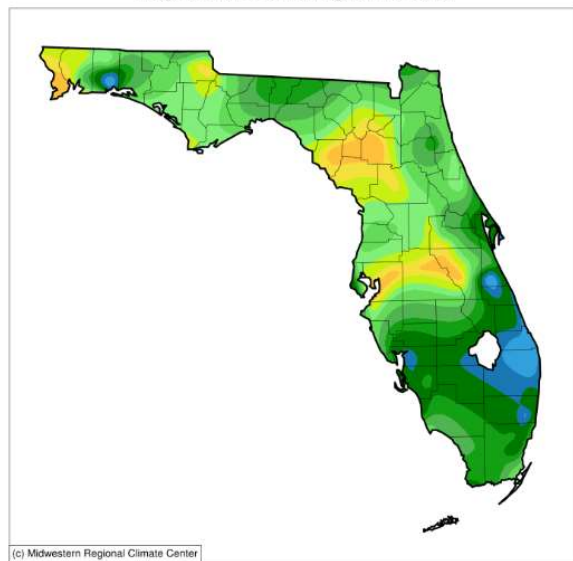
Conditions for Week Ending 8/13/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	18	63	16
Cotton.....	0	10	33	57	0
Pasture & range....	2	4	18	44	32
Peanuts.....	0	4	25	70	1

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/13/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....		7
Short.....		8
Adequate.....		74
Surplus.....		11

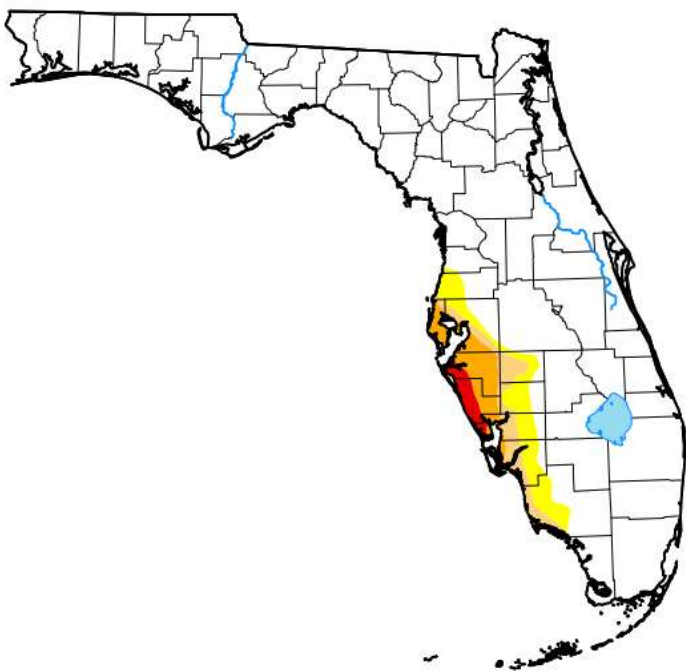
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 07, 2023 to August 13, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



August 8, 2023

(Released Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	89.86	10.14	6.14	3.60	0.92	0.00
Last Week 08-01-2023	91.15	8.85	5.87	2.97	0.92	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-09-2023	38.38	61.62	45.09	14.13	6.46	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 08-09-2022	91.95	8.05	0.00	0.00	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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