



United States Department of Agriculture
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**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 6, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts to 4.9 inches at Fort Lauderdale International Airport (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 81.7°F at Cross City Airport (Dixie County) to 89.5°F in Dry Tortugas (Monroe 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 in Bartow (Polk County) reaching 98 degrees, followed by Clermont (Lake County) reading 96 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands County) hitting 94 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread light to locally moderate rainfall during the reporting period associated with daily afternoon convective-heating-generated storm activity. The most rain fell in Muse (Glades County), measuring 4.3 inches of precipitation, followed by Groveland (Lake County) reading 3.8 inches, and Ruskin (Hillsborough County) registering 3.0 inches. According to the August 3, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, continued elevated temperatures combined with a further lack of adequate rainfall resulted in minimal changes to drought conditions along the west coast of the peninsula, with abnormal dryness receding a bit at the northern end of the affected area while moderate drought expanded to the south. The rest of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, removal of dead trees, bactericide trunk injection, 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

Most of the state received a moderate amount of rain last week, with the southern half of the state receiving a more significant amount of precipitation. Reporters noted some instances of flooded fields due to heavy precipitation in some areas of the state. Cotton squaring neared completion, while boll setting had a week of modest progress. Peanut pegging also neared completion by the end of the week, although there were reports of wilting due to high heat and dry conditions in some areas. Crops that were harvested last week included rice, okra, mango, avocado, bitter melon, and other tropical fruits. Reporters noted good conditions for sugarcane production.

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 8/6/23

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	97	95	97	94
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	75	71	82	74
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	2	NA	1	1
Peanuts - Pegging.....	98	98	99	94

NA – Not Available

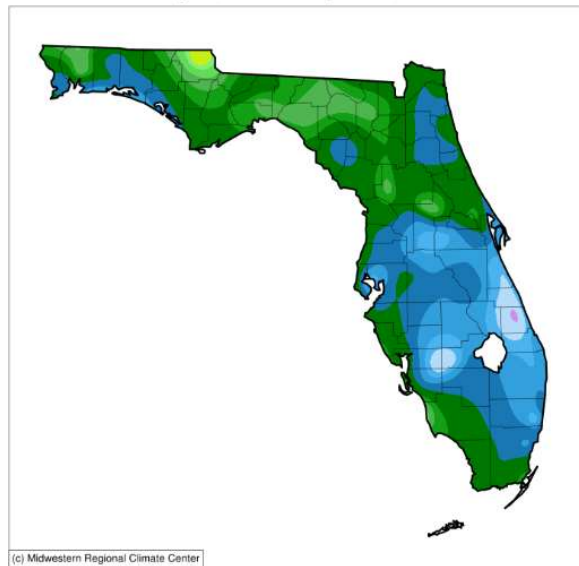
Conditions for Week Ending 8/6/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	19	61	18
Cotton.....	1	5	24	65	5
Pasture & range....	1	2	17	47	33
Peanuts.....	0	1	22	75	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/6/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	7
Short.....	16	8
Adequate.....	73	74
Surplus.....	6	11

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 31, 2023 to August 06, 2023

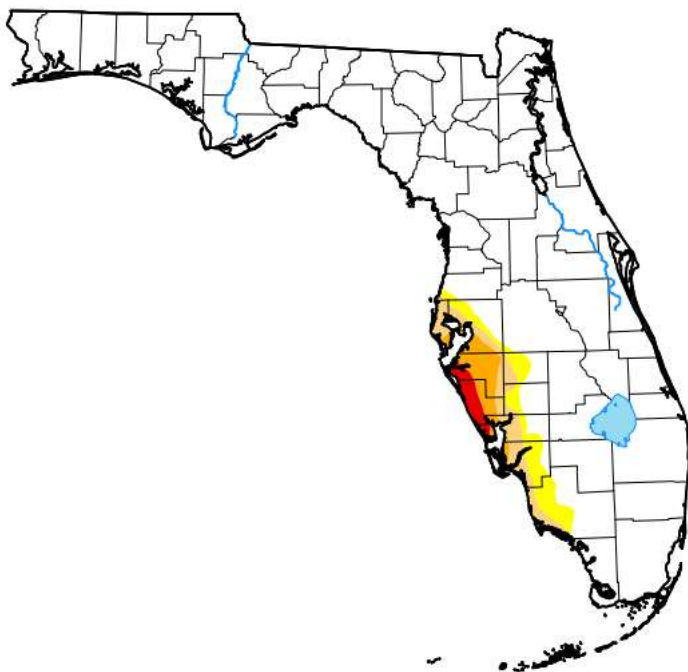


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



August 1, 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	91.15	8.85	5.87	2.97	0.92	0.00
Last Week 07-25-2023	90.08	9.92	5.69	2.97	0.92	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-02-2023	35.87	64.13	47.39	14.13	5.29	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 08-02-2022	93.33	6.67	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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