



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 28, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 1.9 inches in Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 56.8°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 76.5°F at Pompano Beach Airpark (Broward County).

Citrus

Temperatures were well above average in the citrus growing region last week, with highs from the mid-70s to the low-80s. The hottest readings were recorded in Sebring (Highlands County), hitting 82 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reaching 79 degrees, and Clermont (Lake County) reading 77 degrees. The citrus belt received negligible to no rainfall during the reporting period as a weak frontal system transited the peninsula. According to the January 25, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, an area of moderate drought and abnormal dryness remained generally centered around Tampa Bay. The rest of the citrus growing region continued to be drought free. Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, applying herbicide, fertilizing, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, bactericide trunk injection, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run across the state. Field personnel reported color break progressing well in Valencia orange groves. Early-stage bloom was observed in many groves in all areas of the state. Harvest of Honeybell tangelos; Orri, Tango, and Juicy Crunch tangerines; Navel, midseason, and Valencia oranges; and red and white grapefruit for the fresh market continued steadily. Twelve packinghouses were active last week. Processing plants were finishing early and midseason oranges while preparing to begin juicing Valencia oranges.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 7, 2024 (Preliminary)	Jan 14, 2024 (Preliminary)	Jan 21, 2024 (Preliminary)	Jan 22, 2023 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	705	556	238	215
Navel oranges	3	2	3	2
Valencia oranges.....	12	47	43	15
Red grapefruit.....	63	76	62	82
White grapefruit...	13	21	13	2
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	10	29	20	42
Total	806	731	379	358

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

Crops

The upper part of the state experienced moderate rainfall with the southern region having very little to no rainfall. Field conditions were reported to have improved in the southeastern part of the state with no delays for farmers. The temperatures dropped during the middle of the week, but there were no adverse effects on crops reported. Crops planted and harvested include sugarcane, cabbage, green beans, yellow squash, zucchini, sweet corn, bonito, bitter melon, other Asian vegetables, avocado, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported in mostly fair to good condition. Cattle were supplemented by hay in pastures where rye seeding or other small grains were not available.

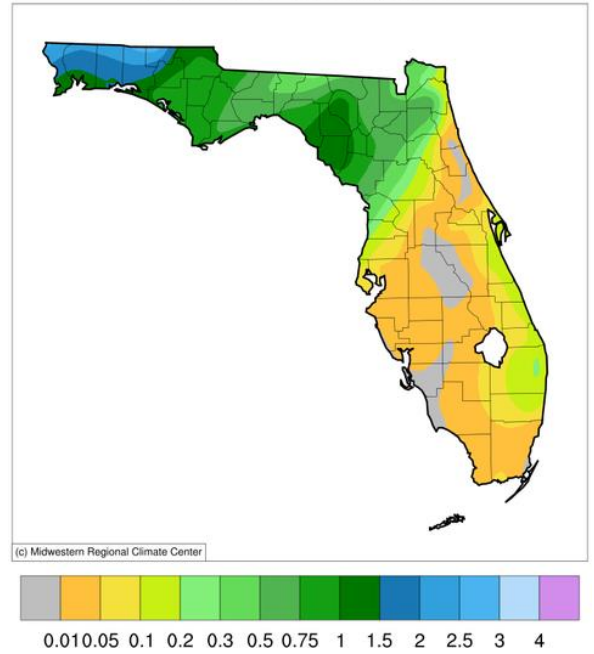
Conditions for Week Ending 1/28/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	44	42	7
Pasture & range...	4	13	46	36	1

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/28/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	7	6
Adequate.....	73	77
Surplus.....	19	17

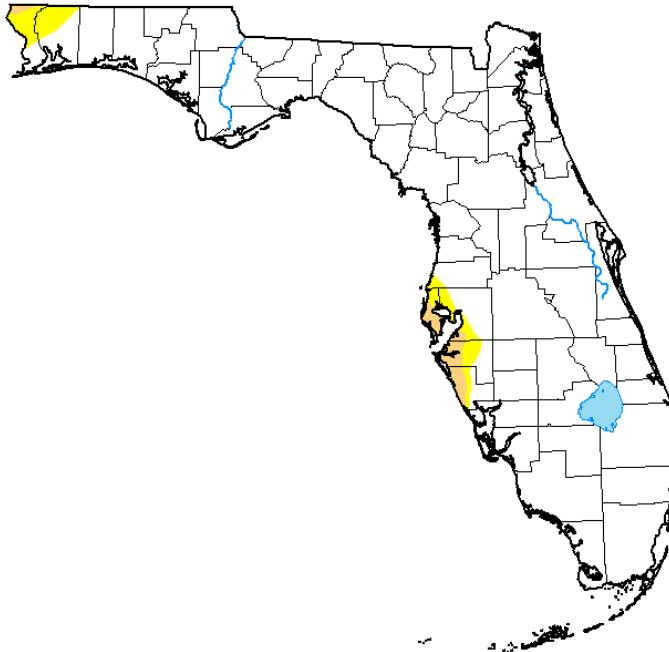
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 22, 2024 to January 28, 2024



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**U.S. Drought Monitor
Florida**

January 23, 2024
(Released Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



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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