



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 10, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 4.6 inches in Tallahassee (Leon County). The average mean temperature ranged from 75.4°F at Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County) to 83.5°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

## Citrus

Temperatures were well above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the mid to upper 80s. The warmest average readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County), hitting 89 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reaching 88 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands County) reading 85 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread light to locally moderate rainfall during the reporting period associated with residual tropical moisture drifting eastward from Hurricane Rafael as the storm churned in the Gulf of Mexico. The most rain fell in Apopka (Orange County), reporting 1.97 inches of precipitation, followed by Mount Plymouth (Lake County) registering 1.44 inches, and Fellsmere (Indian River County) measuring 1.09 inches. According to the November 7, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus belt remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, herbiciding, fertilizing, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, road grading, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run on an as-needed basis statewide. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from tennis ball to softball size. Color break was observed in groves across the state for the following varieties: Navel, early, midseason, and late oranges, and red and white grapefruit.

Harvest for the fresh market continued, comprising small amounts of Early Pride and Sugarbelle tangerines; Navel and early oranges; and red and white grapefruit. One processing plant was accepting packinghouse eliminations.

## Crops

The state was mostly dry last week with some localized rainfall in the Panhandle. In Okaloosa County, the much-needed rain delayed soybean harvest. Cotton harvest continued and was halfway complete last week. Peanut harvest was wrapping up and nearly complete. In Bradford County, strawberry planting continued. In Columbia County, producers began planting preparations for winter cover crops. Other crops planted and harvested included green beans, squash, tomato, sweet corn, ethnic vegetables and tropical fruits.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. Many pastures have stopped growing and some producers were busy planting winter forage crops for grazing.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/10/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested .....	58	41	50	46
Peanuts - Harvested .....	95	90	97	96

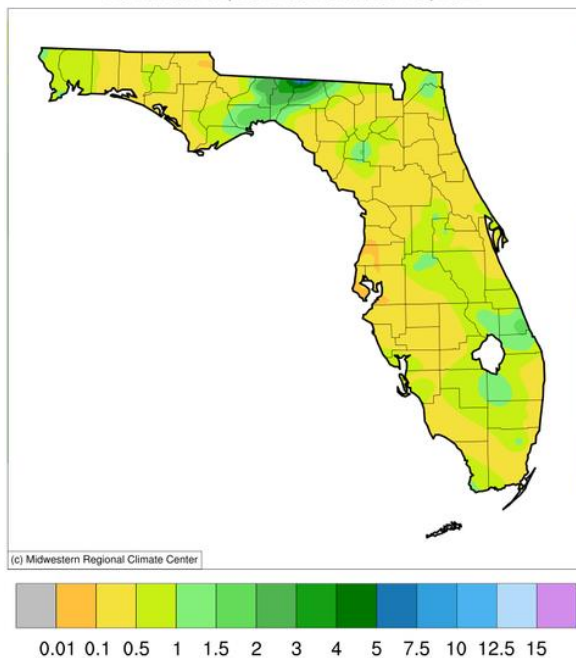
### Conditions for Week Ending 11/10/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	24	56	18
Cotton.....	1	11	56	32	0
Pasture and range.....	2	7	39	41	11

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/10/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	11	7
Short.....	23	22
Adequate.....	62	66
Surplus.....	4	5

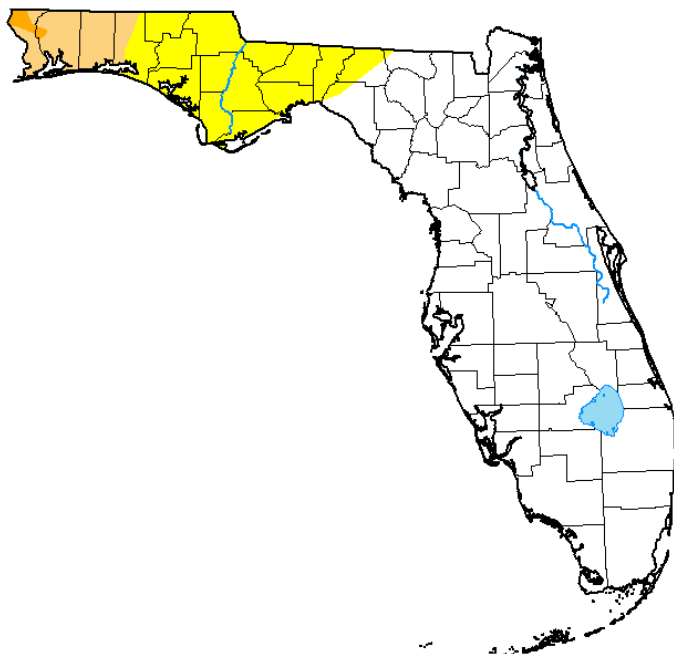
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
November 04, 2024 to November 10, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

November 5, 2024  
(Released Thursday, Nov. 7, 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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