



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, November 17, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 4.9 inches in Pace (Santa Rosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 66.2°F at Whitting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 82.4°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

## Citrus

Temperatures remained well above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the low to mid 80s. The warmest average readings were recorded in Winter Haven (Polk County), hitting 86 degrees, followed by Clermont (Lake County) and Wauchula (Hardee County), both reaching 85 degrees. The citrus belt received negligible to no rainfall during the reporting period. The most measurable rain fell in Lake Placid (Highlands County), reporting 0.19 inches of precipitation, followed by Wauchula (Hardee County) registering 0.10 inches, and Fellsmere (Indian River County) measuring 0.08 inches. According to the November 14, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions had crept into the northernmost citrus growing counties. The rest of the citrus belt remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, laying herbicide, fertilizing, mowing, hedging, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run statewide. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from tennis ball to softball size. Fruit coloration was proceeding nicely across all citrus varieties.

Harvest for the fresh market included 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 heavier localized rainfall in the Panhandle. For the areas that received rain, it did not impact harvesting activities. Cotton harvest continued and was the focus for many producers last week. Other than some late planted peanuts left to be harvested in Jackson County, peanut harvest was nearly completed. In Palm Beach County, rice harvest was completed while sugarcane planting and harvest continued. Some producers started planting cover crops. Other crops planted and harvested included beans, squash, eggplant, strawberries, tomatoes, peppers, boniato, sweet corn, ethnic vegetables and tropical fruits.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. In Jackson County, some producers started planting winter grazing crops.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/17/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested .....	71	50	58	59
Peanuts - Harvested .....	97	97	99	98

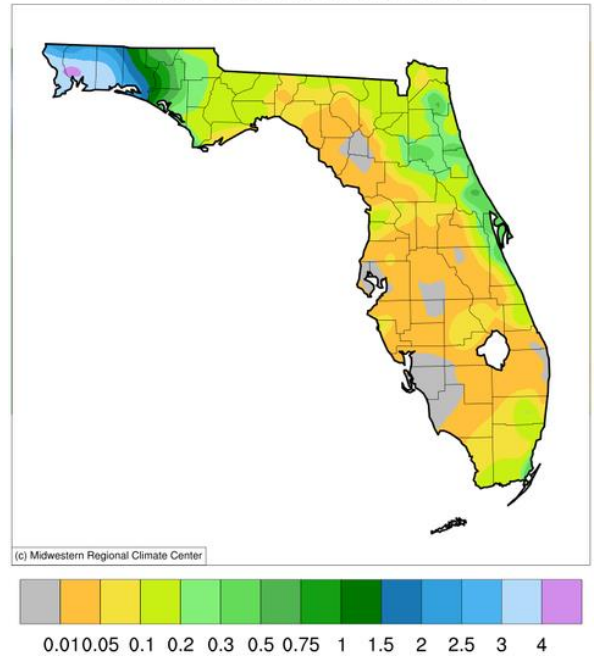
### Conditions for Week Ending 11/17/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	30	53	15
Pasture and range.....	2	6	41	39	12

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/17/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	7	10
Short.....	22	25
Adequate.....	66	62
Surplus.....	5	3

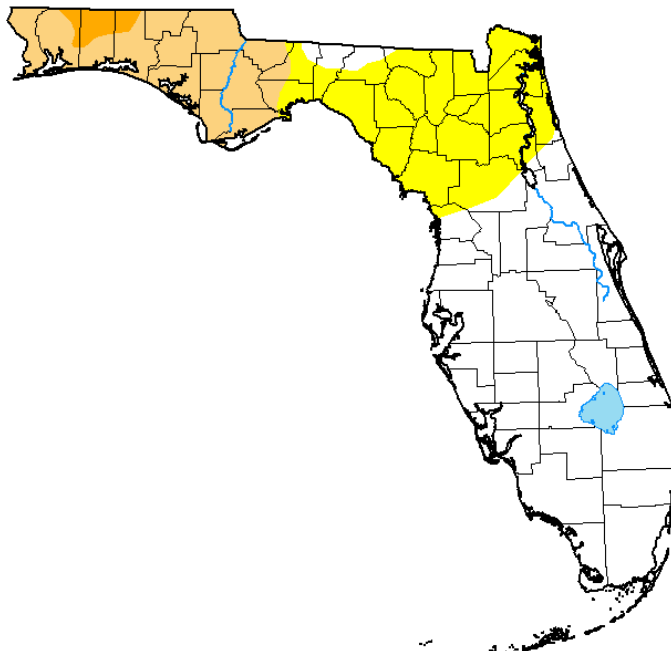
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
November 11, 2024 to November 17, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

**November 12, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Nov. 14, 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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