



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.

May 13, 2024

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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, May 12, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 2.6 inches in Chipley (Washington County). The average mean temperature ranged from 74.3°F at Palm Coast (Flagler County) to 86.6°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures were warmer than normal in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs ranging from the mid-80s to the high 90s. The warmest average high readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) and Sebring (Highlands County) both at 95 degrees. The citrus belt received only one or two days of rainfall, ranging from traces of rain in most of the central and southern citrus producing counties to almost two inches in the northern portion of the citrus region. According to the May 9, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, moderate drought conditions continued to expand westward, now covering the majority of the central portion of the citrus region and the complete Indian River District. The remainder of the citrus region has intensified to abnormally dry conditions.

Grove operations included spraying, fertilizing, mowing, hedging, and topping as well as skirting tree canopies after harvest. Irrigation was being run frequently statewide. Some growers are pushing old trees, and resetting in established groves. Field personnel reported next season’s fruit at various sizes, generally between marble size and golf ball size.

Harvest of all varieties of citrus is relatively over for the current season. Growers and owners are now focusing on tree health for the upcoming season.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Apr 21, 2024 (Preliminary)	Apr 28, 2024 (Preliminary)	May 5, 2024 (Preliminary)	May 7, 2023 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia oranges .....	1,250	894	410	153
Red grapefruit....	0	0	0	0
White grapefruit..	1	0	0	0
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	3	3	2	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>153</b>

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

**Crops**

Most of the state received rain throughout the week with some counties in the Southern region mostly dry. Many Northern counties that did receive rain experienced heavy winds and thunderstorms causing damage to the area. These producers had limited time in the field due to unfavorable weather conditions. Cotton and peanut planting resumed with rain in the forecast. Field corn was making good progress. Sugarcane harvest was winding down and rice planting neared completion. Sweet corn harvest continued throughout the week. Other crops planted and harvested included potatoes, okra, boniato, bitter melon, other Asian vegetables, and tropical fruits.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were in mostly fair to good condition due to adequate rain received in many areas of the state throughout the week.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/12/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	23	20	32	21
Peanuts - Planted.....	43	38	55	47

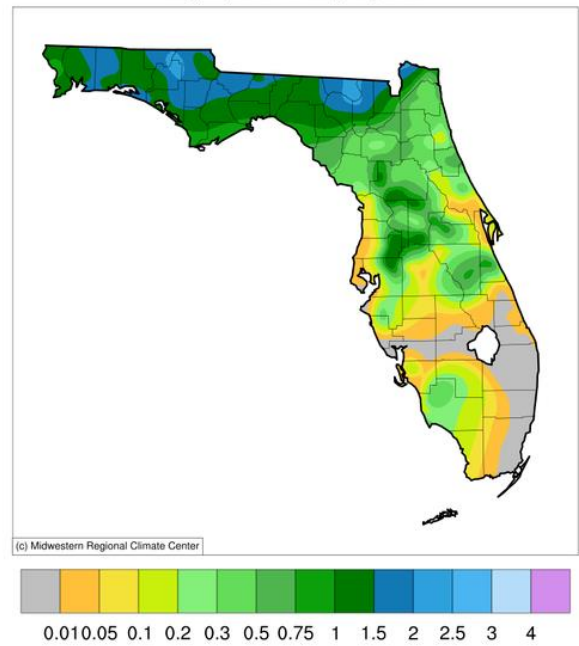
### Conditions for Week Ending 05/12/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	33	51	12
Pasture and range.....	4	14	36	35	11

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/12/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	12	5
Short.....	31	23
Adequate.....	57	71
Surplus.....	0	1

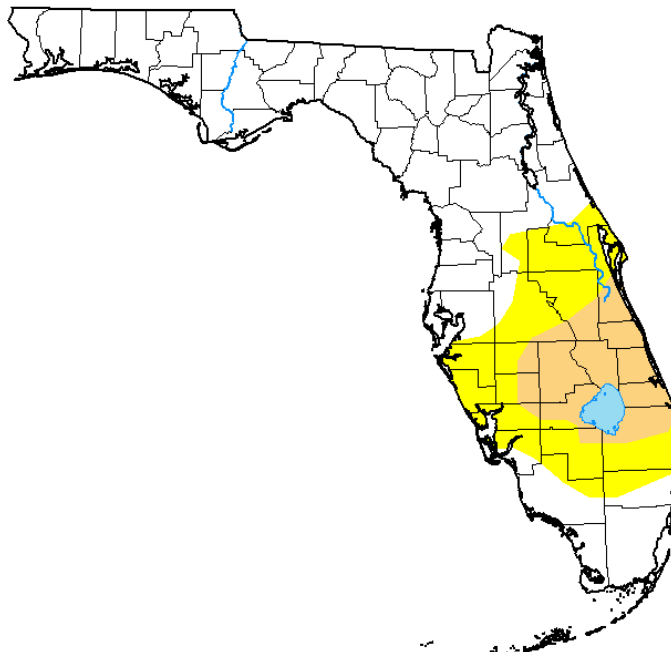
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
May 06, 2024 to May 12, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

**May 7, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, May 9, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**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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