



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 23, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 3.2 inches in Palm Bay (Brevard County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.6°F in Titusville (Brevard County) to 86.9°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were slightly above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the low 90's. The hottest average readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County), hitting 93 degrees, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) and Winter Haven (Polk County), both reading 92 degrees. The citrus belt received light to moderate rainfall during the reporting period as the normal wet season pattern of afternoon convective thunderstorms returned, albeit influenced by increased tropical moisture around the peninsula. The most rain fell in Sebring (Highlands County), reporting 1.52 inches of precipitation, followed by Mount Plymouth (Lake County) registering 1.41 inches, and Fellsmere (Indian River County) measuring 1.32 inches. According to the June 20, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, torrential rains the previous week led to the near-complete elimination of severe and moderate drought on the peninsula, and rolled back abnormally dry conditions in much of the southern citrus growing area. While abnormally dry conditions

dominated the rest of the citrus belt, scattered groves remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, laying herbicide, fertilizing, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, bactericide trunk injection, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run on an as-needed basis statewide. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from golf ball to larger than tennis ball size.

Crops

Most of the state experienced localized light rain and hot weather. Drought conditions worsened due to limited rainfall and high temperatures. For many producers, the dry, hot conditions are affecting crops. Producers continued wrapping up cotton and peanut planting. Cotton squaring and peanuts pegging continued throughout the week. In Jackson County, tomato harvest neared completion. In Levy County, watermelon harvest was nearly complete, and corn silage harvest started. Other crops harvested included peppers, squash, okra, sweet potato, boniato, bitter melon, long beans, other ethnic vegetables, and tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. The dry, hot weather negatively impacted pastures and drove cattle to seek shade. Some producers were supplementing livestock with hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/23/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	99	95	97	98
Cotton - Squaring.....	23	6	20	21
Peanuts - Planted.....	99	98	99	100
Peanuts - Pegging.....	32	13	32	32

Conditions for Week Ending 06/23/24

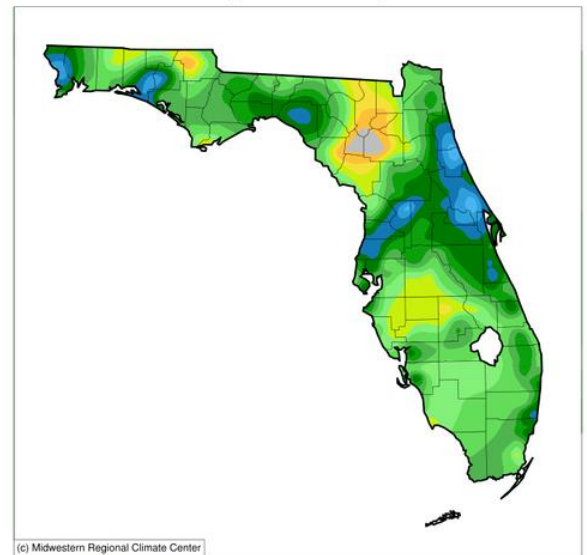
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	6	39	44	11
Cotton.....	1	9	48	42	0
Pasture and range.....	1	18	32	46	3
Peanuts.....	0	7	36	57	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/23/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....		19
Short.....		26
Adequate.....		51
Surplus.....		4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

June 17, 2024 to June 23, 2024



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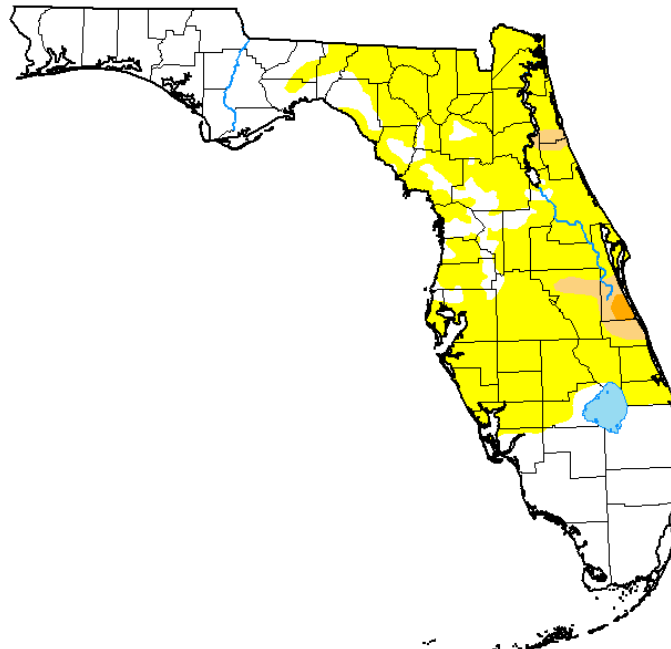
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

June 18, 2024

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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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