



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 30, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from 0.2 in the Dry Tortugas (Monroe County) to 6.7 inches in Fort Myers Page Field Airport (Lee County). The average mean temperature ranged from 81.4°F at Scottsmoor SSW (Brevard County) to 88.9°F at Jacksonville Naval Air Station (Duval County).

Citrus

Temperatures were again above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the low to mid 90's. The hottest average readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) and Bartow (Polk County), both hitting 95 degrees, followed by Mount Plymouth (Lake County) and Winter Haven (Polk County), each reading 94 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread moderate rainfall during the reporting period associated with bands of thunderstorms formed along the sea breeze boundary. The most rain fell in Lake Placid (Highlands County), reporting 4.30 inches of precipitation, followed by Groveland (Lake County) registering 4.00 inches, and Mount Plymouth (Lake County) measuring 2.96 inches. According to the June 27, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, continued rainfall resulted in improvements to abnormally dry conditions in the south of the citrus growing region, and the elimination of severe drought on the peninsula. However, decreased precipitation totals toward the northern reaches of the citrus belt led to an expansion of

moderate drought and abnormal dryness in some areas. Drought-free conditions were present from Lake Okeechobee southward. Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, laying herbicide, fertilizing, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, bactericide trunk injection, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run as needed in groves that had missed the recent rains. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from golf ball to larger than tennis ball size.

Crops

Most of the state experienced scattered rainfall throughout the week; however, drought conditions persisted for most of the state. For many producers, the much-needed rain only minimally delayed field activities. Producers continued wrapping up cotton and peanut planting. Cotton planting came to an end while cotton squaring continued. Earlier planted cotton started setting bolls while peanut pegging progressed throughout the week. In Jackson County, watermelon, squash, and sweet corn continued to be harvested. In Okaloosa and Walton County, producers continued with their second hay cutting. In Palm Beach County, rice harvest started while sugarcane was in the grand growth phase. Other crops planted and harvested included okra, sweet potatoes, long beans, bitter melon, other ethnic vegetables, and tropical fruit.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/30/24

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	100	97	100	99
Cotton - Squaring.....	37	20	36	35
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	1	0	1	4
Peanuts - Pegging.....	50	32	49	48

Conditions for Week Ending 06/30/24

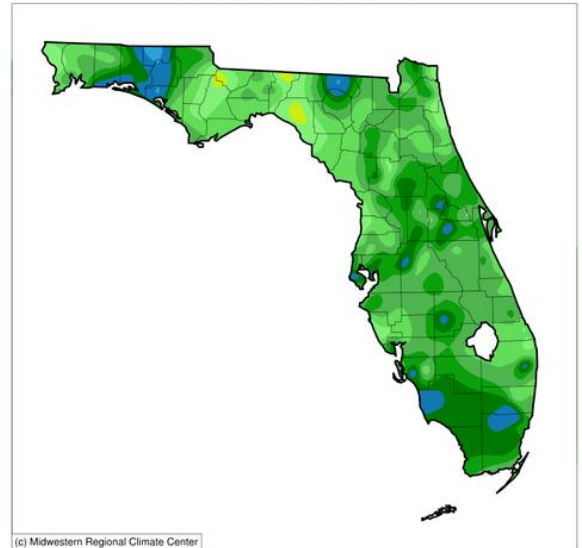
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	32	52	14
Cotton.....	0	12	53	34	1
Pasture and range.....	0	13	29	43	15
Peanuts.....	0	10	42	48	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/30/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very Short.....	19	4
Short.....	26	13
Adequate.....	51	74
Surplus.....	4	9

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

June 24, 2024 to June 30, 2024



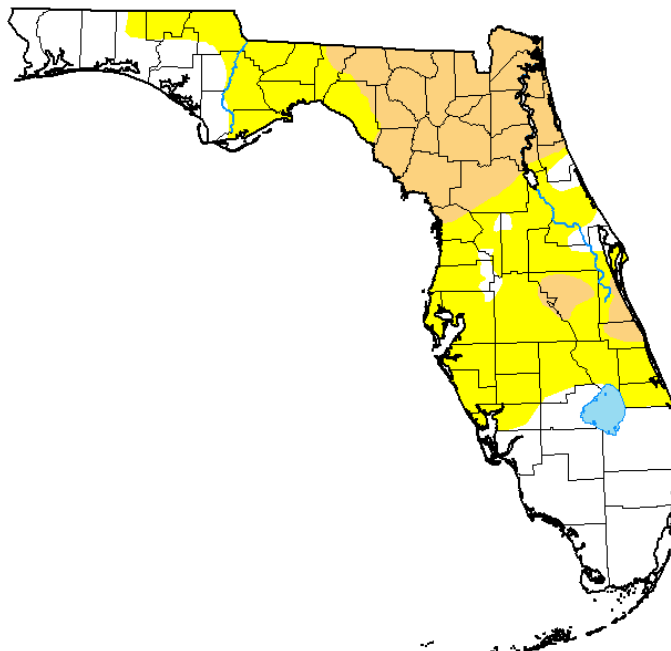
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

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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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