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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, July 14, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain to 3.1 inches at Mt Plymouth (Lake County). The average mean temperature ranged from 82.4°F at Daytona Beach (Volusia County) to 90.1°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County)

Citrus

Temperatures remained 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), hitting 96 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reaching 95 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands County) reading 92 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread light to moderate rainfall during the reporting period resulting from storms formed by the collision of the sea breezes. The most rain fell in Mount Plymouth (Lake County), reporting 3.12 inches of precipitation, followed by Fellsmere (Indian River County) registering 2.93 inches, and Winter Haven (Polk County) measuring 1.94 inches. According to the July 11, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, further precipitation from recent afternoon thunderstorms led to widespread reductions in drought conditions across the citrus area, with moderate drought and abnormal dryness confined to a band across the center of the citrus growing region. The remainder of the citrus belt was drought free.

Grove operations included pesticide spraying, laying herbicide, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, 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 light rain and hot temperatures. For some producers, the rain received helped alleviate drought conditions temporarily. Cotton squaring and cotton setting bolls progressed throughout the week. Peanuts pegging continued throughout the week as well. In Palm Beach County, rice planting was completed, and producers were expected to start harvest activities this week. Other crops planted and harvested include long beans, bitter melon, okra, and some tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. The dry, hot weather caused many cattle to seek shade.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/14/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring	71	45	62	65
Cotton - Setting Bolls	24	12	23	23
Peanuts - Pegging	82	62	73	77

(NA) Not Available.

Conditions for Week Ending 07/14/24

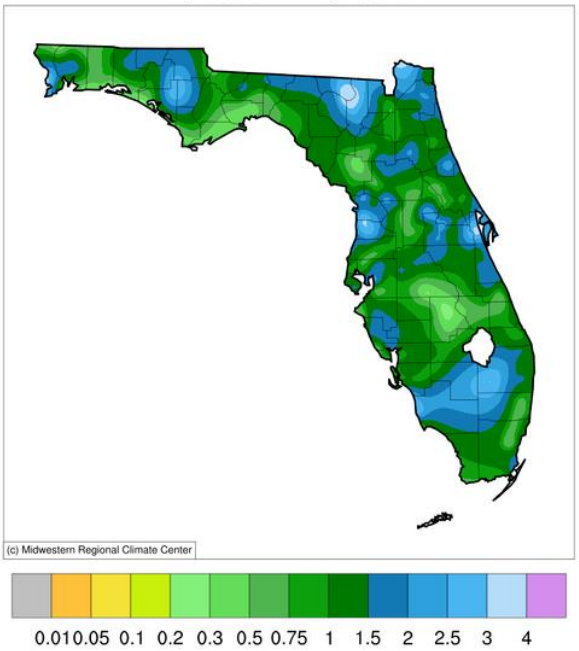
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	22	63	12
Cotton	0	4	46	50	0
Pasture and range	1	3	24	53	19
Peanuts	1	2	34	62	1

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/14/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	2	1
Short	12	9
Adequate	74	79
Surplus	12	11

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

July 08, 2024 to July 14, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor

Florida

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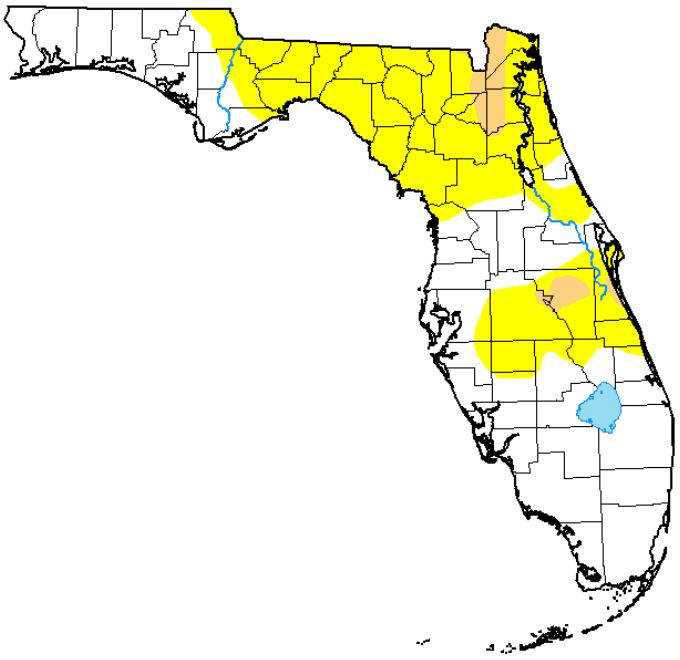

Intensity:

- 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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