



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 21, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain to 5.1 inches at Jacksonville International Airport (Duval County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.1°F at Pompano Beach Airpark (Broward County) to 91.4°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County)

## Citrus

Temperatures stayed above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the 90's. The hottest average readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County), hitting 98 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reaching 96 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands County) reading 94 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread moderate, and in some cases locally heavy, rainfall during the reporting period resulting from afternoon convective thunderstorms. The most rain fell in Clermont (Lake County), reporting 4.64 inches of precipitation, followed by LaBelle (Hendry County) registering 4.14 inches, and Muse (Glades County) measuring 4.02 inches. According to the July 18, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, continuing beneficial precipitation

led to further reductions in drought conditions in the citrus area, shrinking the existing band of moderate drought and abnormal dryness located across the center of the citrus area. The remainder of the citrus belt was drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, laying herbicide, mowing, removal of dead trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run in areas that had missed recent rains. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from golf ball to larger than tennis ball size.

## Crops

Most of the state experienced light, scattered rain and hot temperatures. Some much-needed rains fell in parts of the Panhandle, benefitting later planted row crops like cotton and peanuts. Many producers reported the temperatures and UV index were excessively high. Parts of the state continued to experience abnormally dry drought conditions. In Levy County, corn silage harvest was nearing completion. In Palm Beach County, rice harvest continued, and sugarcane planting is expected to start next month.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to excellent condition and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/21/24

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Squaring .....	88	62	80	82
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	44	23	48	42
Peanuts - Pegging.....	92	73	84	88

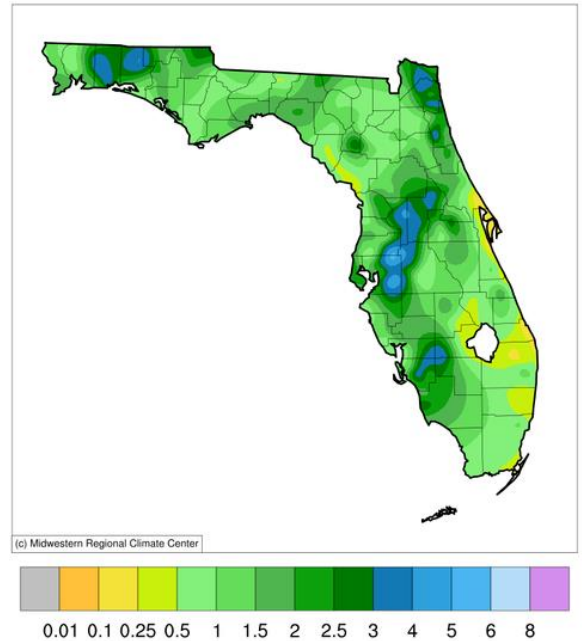
### Conditions for Week Ending 07/21/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	14	67	16
Cotton.....	2	4	34	58	2
Pasture and range.....	0	5	19	59	17
Peanuts.....	0	1	23	72	4

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/21/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very Short.....	1	0
Short.....	9	7
Adequate.....	79	85
Surplus.....	11	8

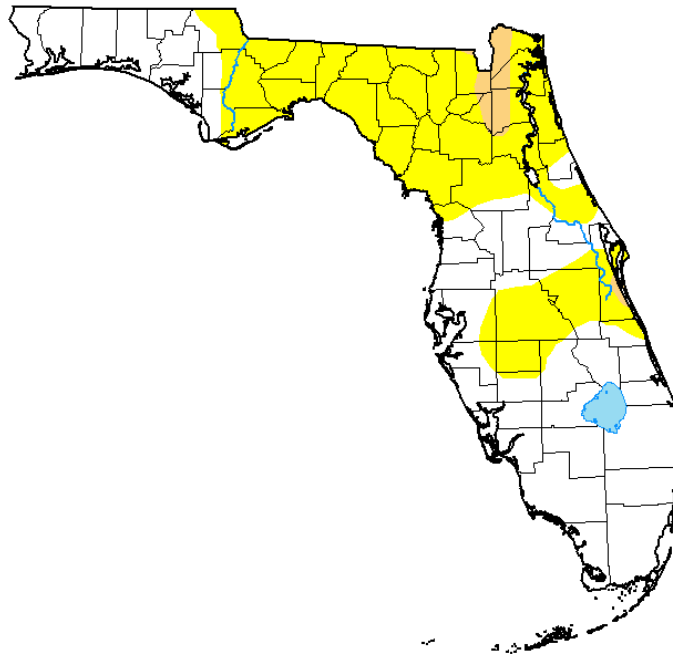
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
July 15, 2024 to July 21, 2024



<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

July 16, 2024  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 18, 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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