



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Florida Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General:** According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Florida Field Office, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 3, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.03 inches in Key West (Monroe County) to 5.06 inches at Perry (Taylor County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 65°F in Crestview to 80°F in Miami. Many parts of the state reported heavy rains, high water tables, and some flooding.

Most trees are in full bloom, or beginning to pedal drop. Some have already formed pea-sized fruit for next season. Irrigation, herbiciding, and fertilizing are widespread across all areas. Other grove activity includes mowing before harvest, hedging, and topping. Some larger growers are pushing non-productive blocks and putting new trees in the ground. Some groves heavily affected by greening are being abandoned. General maintenance is being performed in blocks where growers plan to keep groves in business.

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/3/16**

Moisture Rating	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	1	1	5
Short.....	10	13	32
Adequate.....	76	74	58
Surplus.....	13	12	5

**Citrus:** Temperatures were above average this week with all stations recording daily highs in the upper 80s to low 90s. Most early mornings were in the mid-60s in all areas. All counties were dry until widespread thunderstorms in the middle of the week brought rainfall to the citrus growing region. The northern and eastern counties were the most affected, but all citrus growing counties received some rainfall. The most rainfall for the week was in Kenansville (Osceola County) at 3.26 inches, followed by Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) at 2.66 inches. The least rainfall for the week was in Immokalee (Collier County) at 0.19 inches, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) at 0.23 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor updated March 29, 2016, the complete citrus growing region was drought free.

All processing plants were running Valencia oranges at full capacity. Small amounts of red and white grapefruits were being harvested for processing. Packinghouse activity focused on Valencia oranges, Honey tangerines and red grapefruit. All other varieties are relatively done for the season.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending		
	Mar 20, 2016	Mar 27, 2016	Apr 3, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-Oranges ..	4	1	4
Navel Oranges .....	1	2	0
Temples .....	1	1	1
Valencia .....	3,393	3,388	3,891
White Grapefruit.....	74	89	36
Red Grapefruit .....	244	127	107
Honey Tangerines.....	42	42	41
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>4,080</b>

**Fruit and Vegetables:** Wet conditions presented challenges to strawberry disease prevention efforts in Okaloosa County. Green beans were planted in Dixie County, and Duval County reported that all melons have been planted. Potatoes generally appear to be in good condition in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Blueberry harvest is late in Charlotte County, with some growers reporting significant amounts of maturing fruit blown off bushes during storms earlier in the week. Crops coming to market include beets, cabbage, cucumbers, eggplant, green beans, kale, peppers, sweet corn, squash, swiss chard and tomatoes.

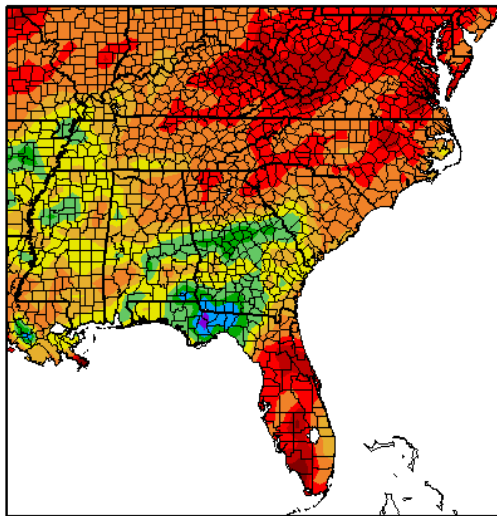
**Livestock and Pastures:** Low areas remain excessively wet in Washington County, which contributed to poor pasture conditions there. Counties in the southern parts of the state reported pastures and cattle conditions to be in mostly good condition.

**Field Crops:** Excessive rainfall was reported in the Panhandle region, which hampered field work in several counties. Corn planting was delayed in Jackson County, but some corn was planted in Walton County. Farmers in Dixie County are getting ready for peanuts. Sugarcane harvest is nearing completion in western Palm Beach County.

**Condition for week ending 04/3/16**

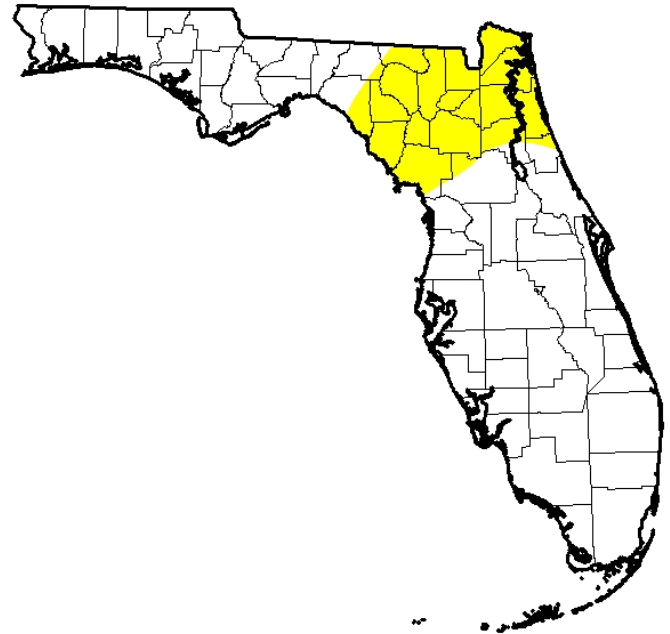
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	6	29	60	5
Pasture & Range...	3	13	37	44	3

Precipitation (in)  
3/28/2016 - 4/3/2016



Generated 4/4/16 at HPRCC using provisional data. Regional Climate Centers.

**U.S. Drought Monitor  
Florida**



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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