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**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 24, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in West Palm Beach (Palm Beach County) to 1.48 inches in Jacksonville (Duval County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 67°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 77°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County). Drier conditions this week in much of the state benefited pastures and made fieldwork easier for many farmers.

grapefruit and Honey tangerines were available for the fresh market.

With the dry weather over the past couple weeks, grove owners in all areas were irrigating several times a week. Field workers reported various methods of combating greening and controlling psyllid population, including tenting of smaller trees, steam treatment and spraying. Citrus tree bloom was over and petals were turning brown or have fallen from the trees. Small pea size fruit and larger for next season's crop was apparent on all varieties. Other grove activity included fertilizing, spraying, hedging and topping. Groves heavily affected by greening were being abandoned or pushed.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/24/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	3	7
Short.....	17	14	36
Adequate.....	72	72	54
Surplus.....	6	11	3

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending		
	Apr 10, 2016	April 17, 2016	April 24, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Templets	1	0	0
Valencia	3,902	3,785	3,654
White grapefruit.....	6	1	7
Red grapefruit	67	59	22
Honey tangerines.....	44	17	15
Total	4,020	3,862	3,698

Citrus

Temperatures were slightly warmer than normal for this time of the year. Daily highs were mostly in the mid to upper 80s, and morning lows were in the mid 50s to mid 60s. Rainfall was very light this past week. Only Clewiston (Hendry County) had more than an inch of rainfall. All other monitored stations had an half of an inch or less of rainfall, with eight of seventeen recording no rainfall. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated April 19, 2016, the complete citrus growing region remained drought free.

Fruit and Vegetables

Melon planting has finished in Jackson County and is ongoing in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Leafy greens and cabbage are being harvested in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Blueberry, peach, and watermelon harvest is underway in Charlotte and Glades County. Mango trees are in bloom and beginning to fruit in Palm Beach County. Crops coming to market include avocado, beets, bitter melon, boniato, cabbage, cantaloupe, collards, cucumbers, eggplant, green beans, herbs, kale, malanga, okra, peppers, squash, sweet corn, Swiss chard, squash, tomatoes, watermelons, and zucchini.

Weekly Valencia orange harvest has been running steadily around the four million box level for several weeks, primarily for the processed market. Harvest of all other varieties was winding down for the season. Packinghouses were still taking mostly Valencia oranges. Only a few red

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture conditions in Washington County continue to improve. Summer pastures are being planted in Taylor County. Pastures are improving in St. Lucie County, which results in less supplemental hay feeding and rotating livestock from pasture to pasture. Cattle and pasture conditions are also improving in Orange and Seminole Counties, where some early planted pastures may need to be replanted, depending on how much rain is received in the near future.

Condition for week ending 04/24/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	4	28	63	5
Pasture & Range...	4	7	41	45	3

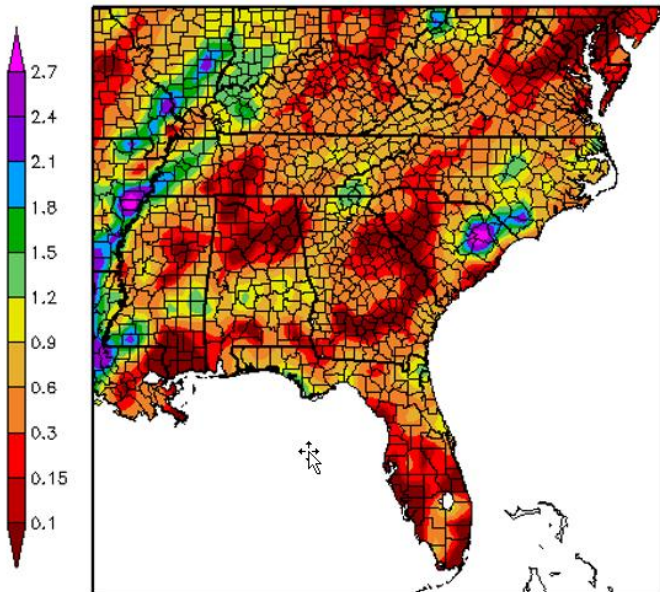
Field Crops

Fieldwork is increasing as weather conditions improved this week. Corn planting has finished in Jackson, Columbia, and Levy Counties. Corn planting is ongoing in Flagler County. Peanut planting continues in Levy, Jackson, and Santa Rosa Counties. Sugarcane harvest is ongoing and is reported to be gaining size due to recent rains and daytime heat.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/24/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Planted.....	12	6	5	6

Precipitation (in)
4/18/2016 - 4/24/2016

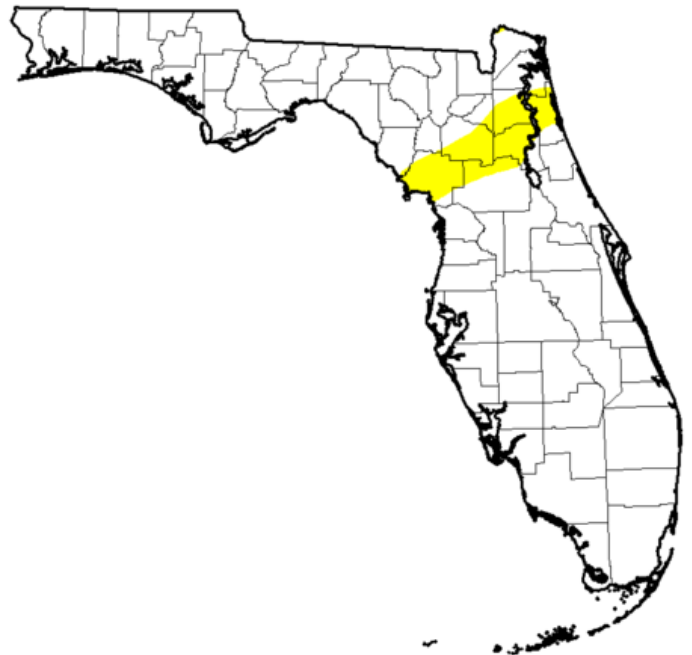


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U.S. Drought Monitor

Florida



Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>