



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 in Florida, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 22, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.58 inches in St. Petersburg (Pinellas County) to 15.18 inches in Vero Beach (Indian River County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 74°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 83°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County). Many farmers benefitted from the rainfall and improved soil moisture conditions this week. Some farms where more than 12 inches of rainfall was received this week had to deal with flood conditions.

Weekly Valencia orange harvest is almost over for the season. Most packinghouses and processing plants have closed or are planning to close by the end of the month.

With the season coming to an end, growers are turning their attention to next season's crop. Most trees are holding new fruit as large as golf ball size. Many citrus growers are replacing trees or entire groves severely impacted by greening. As caretakers are taking out old non-productive trees, they are leaving younger healthy trees in hope of a productive crop next season. One field person reported seeing hedging still going on after harvest. Other grove activities included spraying, mowing, and brush removal.

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/22/16**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	5	11	12
Short .....	26	41	42
Adequate .....	62	48	44
Surplus .....	7	0	2

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending		
	May 8, 2016	May 15, 2016	May 22, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia .....	2,877	2,458	1,220
Red grapefruit .....	5	0	0
Honey tangerines .....	6	4	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,888</b>	<b>2,462</b>	<b>1,223</b>

**Citrus**

Temperatures were about average all week in citrus producing counties. Daily highs were in the upper 80s to lower 90s. Lows were mostly in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Afternoon showers brought above average rainfall to almost all counties in the citrus region. Ten of eighteen monitored stations had four or more inches of rainfall. The most was in Palmdale (Glades County) at 7.88 inches, followed by Clewiston (Hendy County) at 7.07 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated May 17, 2016, only Putnam County and a portion of Marion County in the most northern part of the citrus region were abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus growing counties were drought free.

**Fruit and Vegetables**

Early melon harvesting started this week in Jackson and Dixie Counties. Potato harvest continues in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Market and labor conditions in Levy County have delayed watermelon harvesting. Peach and blueberry harvesting is nearly complete in Charlotte and Glades Counties. Most vegetable harvesting is nearly complete and growers are cleaning up and planting cover crops or fallowing fields. Crops coming to market include bitter melon, boniato, cucumber, eggplant, herbs, malanga, okra, peppers, squash, sweet corn, tomato, and watermelon.

## Livestock and Pastures

Rains throughout the state greatly helped green up and improve pasture conditions. Many pastures were very dry and now have an abundance of water. Most cattle looked to be in good condition, even those standing in watery pastures.

### Condition for week ending 05/22/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	5	28	62	5
Pasture & Range...	5	11	36	44	4

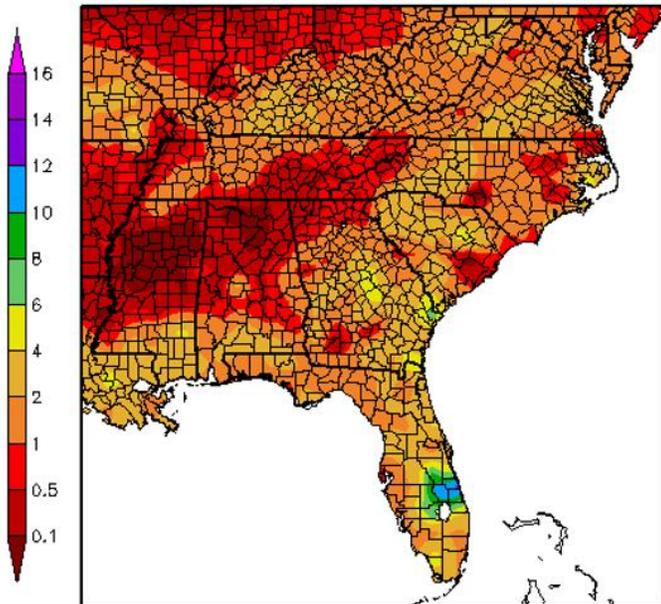
## Field Crops

Peanut and cotton planting is progressing in the Panhandle. Farmers in Jackson County report wheat, oats, and hay harvests beginning this week. Hay harvesting activities also reported in Putnam, Flagler, and Pasco Counties. In Flagler and Putnam Counties, farmers reported planting field corn and cover crops. Although sugarcane harvest is normally complete by this time of year, there are reports that it will be extended due to heavy rains this week. It is likely to finish soon and US Sugar mill to finish grinding early next week.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/22/16

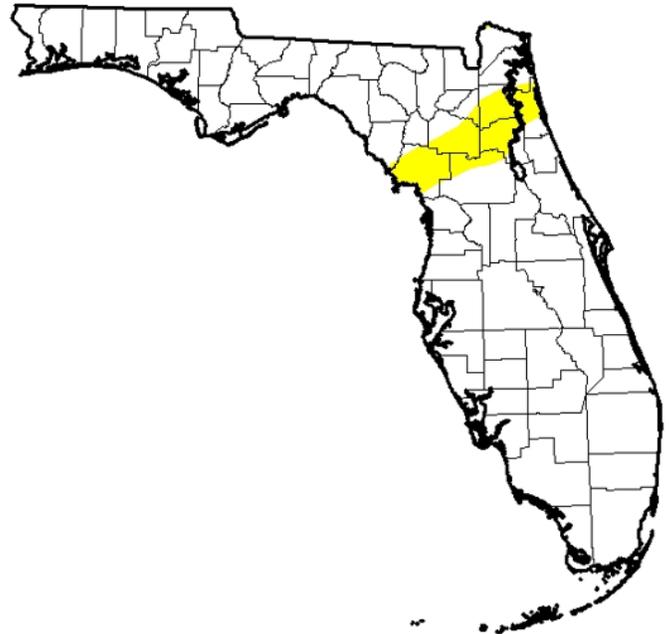
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Planted.....	74	62	70	63

Precipitation (in)  
5/16/2016 - 5/22/2016



Generated 5/23/16 at HPRCC using provisional data. Regional Climate Centers.  
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

## 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>