



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 6, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations, including Belle Glade (Palm Beach County), Bronson (Levy County), and Jay (Santa Rosa County) to 0.81 inches in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 68.4°F in Monticello (Jefferson County) to 77.1°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County). Another week with many farmers across the state badly in need of rainfall. The Panhandle remains in a moderate drought.

Citrus

Temperatures were above average this week in the citrus belt. Highs were in the mid-80s in all citrus producing counties; temperatures at night were mostly in the 60s. Rainfall was relatively non-existent again this week. Only one of eighteen monitored stations recorded more than a tenth of an inch of precipitation. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated November 1, 2016, the complete citrus region was drought free.

Weekly harvesting continues to lag behind last season on all varieties. Fruit being harvested for the fresh market includes early oranges, Ambersweet and Navel oranges, Fallglo tangerines and white and red grapefruit. Only a couple of plants are processing packinghouse eliminations. There is still lots of spraying going on, both aerial and ground. Mowing is taking place, mostly before harvest. Irrigation is being run in most well cared for groves due to the dry weather over the past few weeks.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Oct 23, 2016	Oct 30, 2016	Nov 6, 2016	Nov 8, 2015
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	22	40	50	124
Amber sweet	4	1	1	1
Navel oranges.....	9	20	27	38
White grapefruit.....	0	24	28	40
Red grapefruit	73	115	181	244
Sunburst tangerines	0	0	2	45
Fallglo tangerines...	36	33	27	9
Total	144	233	316	501

Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry planting activities were reported in Hillsborough and Polk Counties. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumber, eggplant, herbs, malanga, okra, pepper, star fruit, squash, tomato, watermelon, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures are drying out across the state. Farmers in Walton County are feeding hay because pastures are too dry, and no winter grazing has been planted yet due to the drought conditions. It was also too dry in Jackson County for any winter grazing to be planted. Cattle are reported to be in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

The drought conditions have not improved and continue to hamper many field crops in the Panhandle and North Florida. Cotton harvesting activities continue in Jackson, Lafayette, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington Counties. The peanut harvest is nearing completion in Washington County. No hay was cut this week in Jackson County because it is too dry. Sugarcane planting and harvest continues on schedule in Glades and Hendry Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/06/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	15	13	4
Short	24	20	31
Adequate	55	59	58
Surplus.....	6	8	7

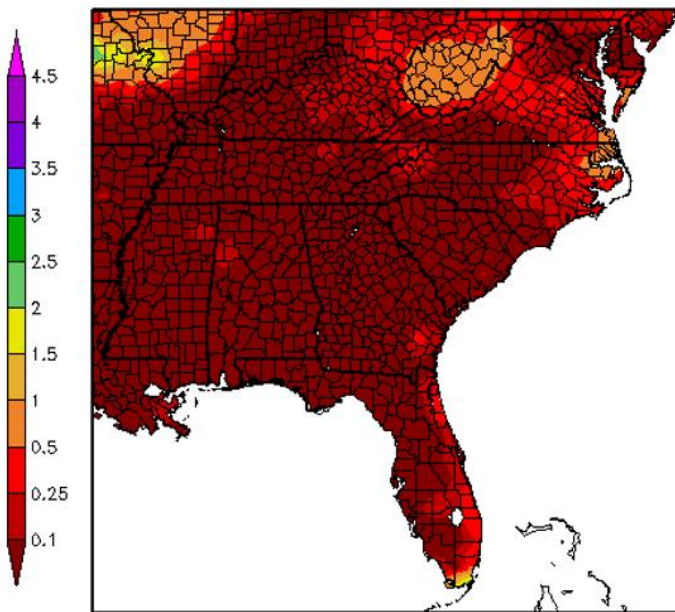
Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/06/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Harvested.....	96	94	93	94

Condition for week ending 11/06/16

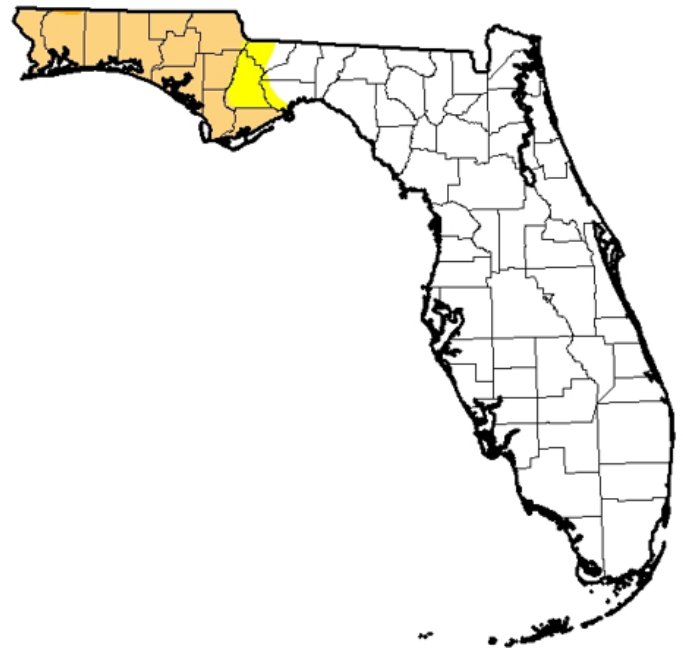
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	27	63	8
Pasture & Range...	3	11	36	46	4

Precipitation (in)
10/31/2016 - 11/6/2016



Generated 10/31/16 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>