



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 9, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple parts of the state to 9.28 inches in Lake City (Columbia County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 61.9°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 77.1°F in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Several severe storms passed through the Panhandle and northern part of the state early in the week bringing some much needed moisture, but also damaging some crops. Central and southern Florida remain in desperate need of rainfall.

**Citrus**

Daily temperatures in the citrus regions were very warm much of the week. All monitored citrus stations had highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s for at least three days. The highest temperature recorded for the week was 97°F in both Lake Placid (Highlands County) and in Plant City (Hillsborough County). The heaviest rainfall amounts were in the Indian River District and northern citrus production areas. Vero Beach (Indian River County) had the most rainfall at 2.69 inches, followed by Zellwood (Orange County) at 2.41 inches of rainfall. According to the April 4, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, severe drought is now affecting almost the complete southern citrus growing area and portions of the western and central citrus growing areas. The remainder of the citrus region is in moderate drought, or is in an abnormally dry condition.

Valencia orange harvest is reaching its peak for the season. Some plants are still struggling with high acids and low ratios, but overall the later season oranges are acceptable for processing. Tangerine harvest is slowing down with limited quantities of Honey and Royal tangerines remaining. Tangelo harvest is about over for the season. Grapefruit harvest is slowing, and should be finished in the next couple weeks. All of the white grapefruit and most of the red grapefruit is going to the processing plants.

The bloom period is over for citrus. Next season’s fruit is forming on the trees and is in various stages. Some trees still have pea size fruit, while some have marble size and larger fruit from the earlier blooms this season. Trees in well cared for groves have lots of new growth. Irrigation is becoming common-place due to the lack of significant rainfall over the past several weeks. Other grove activity included spraying, hedging, fertilizing and general grove maintenance.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 26, 2017	Apr 2, 2017	Apr 9, 2017	Apr 10, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	12	45	1	0
Valencia oranges .....	3,125	3,056	3,060	4,089
Navel oranges.....	0	0	0	0
White grapefruit.....	28	32	31	0
Red grapefruit.....	85	51	12	91
Tangelos.....	0	0	0	0
Templets.....	13	13	19	1
Sunburst tangerines..	0	2	0	9
Honey tangerines.....	42	48	12	34
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>3,247</b>	<b>3,135</b>	<b>4,224</b>

<http://www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org/bulletins/reports.html>

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Some watermelons and cantaloupes will need to be replanted in Jefferson County after a hail storm wiped out some plantings, and in Dixie County where there were losses due to frost. Watermelon harvest is beginning in Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties. Broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, greens, onions, and strawberries are all being harvested in Bradford County. Broccoli harvest is complete in Flagler and Putnam Counties. A wide variety of crops continue coming to market.

### Livestock and Pastures

Producers continue to use supplemental feeding as many pastures remain dry and are unable to provide grazing for the livestock. Cattle remain in mostly fair condition.

### Field Crops

Field corn planting has finished in Jackson and Lafayette Counties, and is ongoing in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Peanut planting activities were reported in Gilchrist and Levy Counties. Potatoes in Suwannee County are in good condition. Storms in Lafayette County damaged some potatoes and one producer reported a possible total loss, as it is too late to replant at this point. Sugarcane harvest is beginning to wind down in Broward, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

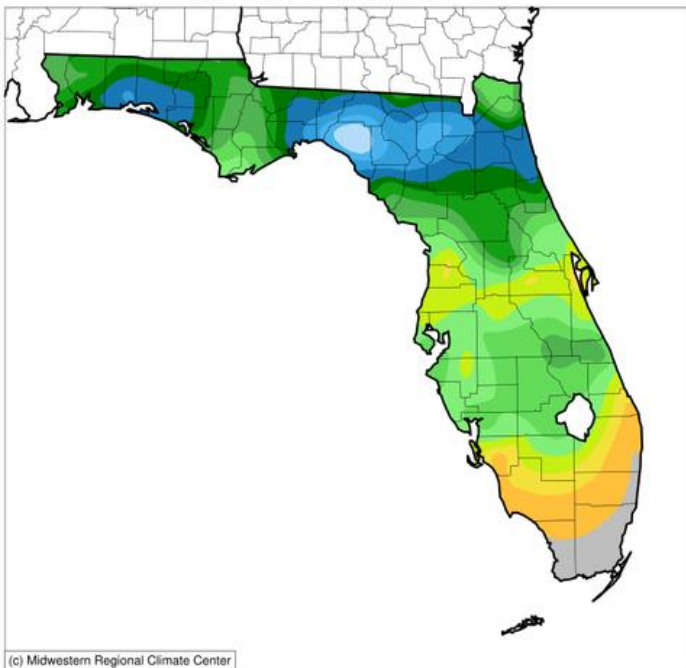
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/9/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	19	25	8
Short .....	41	43	33
Adequate.....	35	28	54
Surplus.....	5	4	5

### Condition for week ending 4/9/17

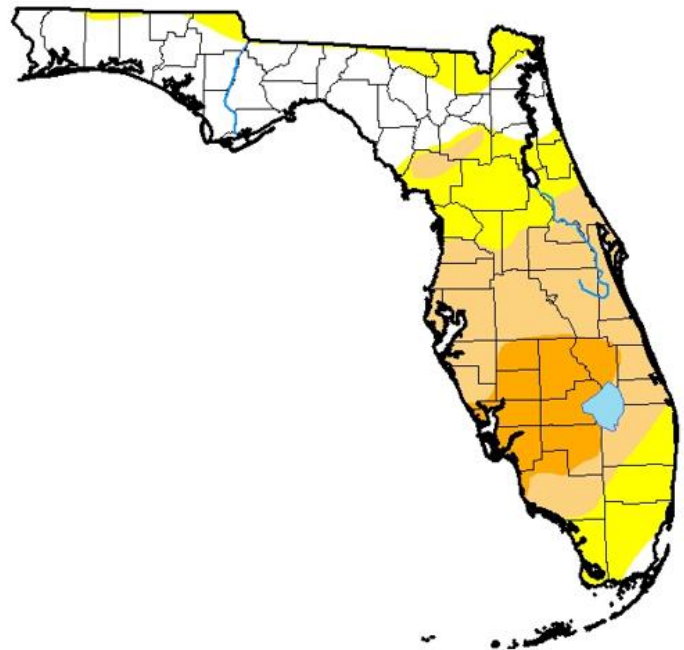
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	15	43	37	4
Pasture & range...	6	36	40	15	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
April 03, 2017 to April 09, 2017



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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>