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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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 30, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple parts of the state to 4.68 inches in Jupiter (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 80.8°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County) to 66.1°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County).

Citrus

Daily temperatures in the citrus region remained well above average for this time of year. Several of the monitored citrus stations had highs in the mid to upper 90s during the week. The highest temperature recorded was 97°F in Sebring (Highlands County). Joshua (DeSoto County) had the second highest temperature at 96°F. There was little to no rainfall in the citrus growing region, with the majority of the monitored stations recording no precipitation and only negligible quantities recorded at the remaining stations. According to the April 25, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region was in severe drought, with the exception of the northernmost portion of the citrus growing area and a small part of Lee County.

Valencia oranges are the only variety being harvested in significant quantity at this point. All other varieties are mostly finished for the season. The large majority of the remaining late oranges are going to processing plants.

Next season’s fruit is still in various stages. Although the majority of the fruit is still less than marble size, some trees have fruit as large as golf balls from earlier blooms this season. Ditches and canals are dry in all areas due to the lack of rainfall since before the beginning of the year. Trees in well cared for and well irrigated groves still look good. 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
	Apr 16, 2017	Apr 23, 2017	Apr 30, 2017	May 1, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	1	0	0	0
Valencia oranges	3,482	3,134	3,384	3,349
Navel oranges.....	0	0	0	0
White grapefruit.....	31	10	4	3
Red grapefruit	21	8	8	3
Tangelos	0	0	0	0
Temples.....	3	0	1	0
Sunburst tangerines..	0	0	0	0
Honey tangerines.....	6	5	4	11
Total	3,544	3,157	3,401	3,366

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Cabbage and leafy greens continue to be harvested in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Blueberry and peach harvests are winding down in Charlotte and Glades Counties. Whitefly pressures remain very high in a variety of vegetable crops and have resulted in economic losses. Sweet corn harvest is ongoing in Palm Beach County. A wide variety of crops continue coming to market.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality continues to decline as the dry conditions persist. Producers in many parts of the state continue to have hay and water shipped in. Many producers have expressed a desperate need for more hay with the lingering drought. Cattle remain in mostly fair condition.

Field Crops

Cotton and peanut planting is progressing only on a limited basis, in areas with enough soil moisture. Most counties have reported that producers are still waiting to plant. Sugarcane harvest is complete in Broward and Palm Beach Counties, but it has been hampered in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, and Hendry Counties due to the danger of muck fires.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/30/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	36	20	6
Short	37	44	26
Adequate	27	30	63
Surplus.....	0	6	5

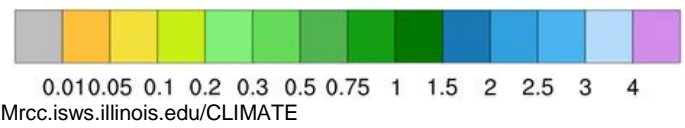
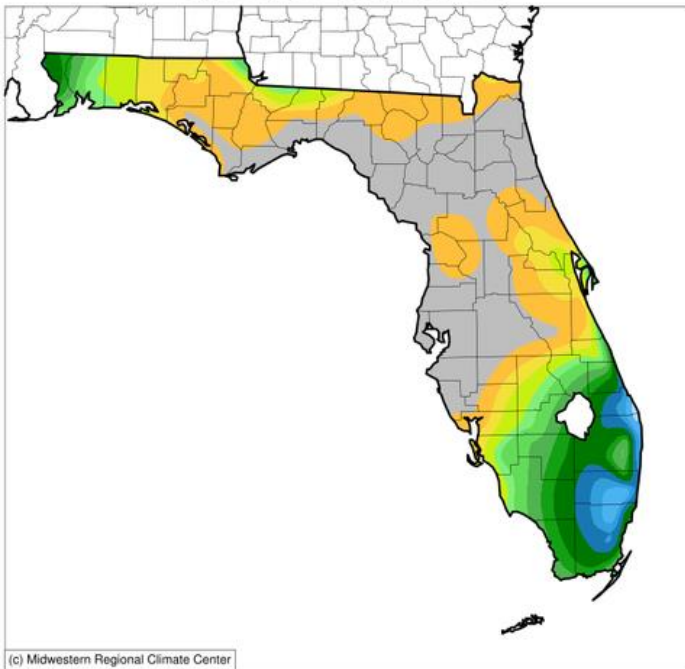
Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/30/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	10	4	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	20	12	23	16

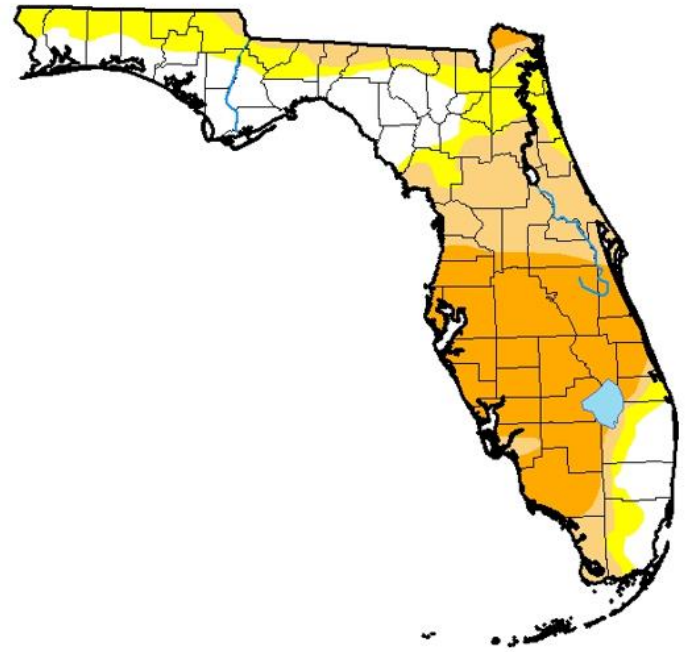
Condition for week ending 4/30/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	17	47	31	3
Pasture & range...	17	40	32	10	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 24, 2017 to April 30, 2017



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>