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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, May 14, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple parts of the state to 1.85 inches in Inverness (Citrus County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 80.5°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County) to 7.4°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County). Although much of the state recorded some rainfall, there were few areas that received more than trace amounts. Drought conditions persist in the vast majority of the state.

Citrus

Daily temperatures in the citrus region were mostly above average for this time of the year. Highs reached the upper 80s to mid-90s several days during the week. The highest temperature recorded was 98°F in Clermont (Lake County) and in Plant City (Hillsborough County). Significant rainfall fell only in the Northern citrus production area. Plymouth (Orange County) had 1.36 inches of rainfall, and Lisbon (Lake County) had 1.30 inches of rainfall. All stations in the remaining four production areas had one tenth of an inch of rainfall or less. According to the May 9, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, Highlands County in the central production area, portions of each of its surrounding counties, and most of Osceola County are in an extreme drought condition. The remainder of the citrus region is in severe drought.

Valencia oranges harvest has slowed down some. Weekly certifications dropped below three million boxes last week, and is expected to continue at the current level or less.

Next season’s crop looks good in well cared for groves. Some field employees are reporting plenty of fruit on the tree still in various sizes. Ditches and canals are very dry in all areas. Growers are irrigating daily to keep moisture on the trees. Activity in the groves has slowed down. Some caretakers are still hedging after harvest, few are mowing. Other grove activity included replanting, herbiciding, and conducting general grove maintenance.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Apr 30, 2017	May 7, 2017	May 14, 2017	May 15, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	0	0	0	0
Valencia oranges	3,555	2,815	2,769	2,793
Navel oranges.....	0	0	0	0
White grapefruit.....	4	3	0	0
Red grapefruit	8	3	0	9
Tangelos	0	0	0	0
Temples	1	0	0	0
Sunburst tangerines..	0	0	0	0
Honey tangerines.....	9	4	1	4
Total	3,576	2,825	2,770	2,806

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Cabbage harvest is wrapping up in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Cantaloupe, peppers, and squash were harvested in Hillsborough County. Although a wide variety of crops continue coming to market, vegetable season continues winding down and growers are fallowing fields. Some fields have been abandoned due to the insect and disease pressures.

Livestock and Pastures

The trace amounts of rainfall have not been enough to improve pasture growth or quality. Producers continue to feed hay, and many need to have it shipped in. Cattle remain in mostly fair condition.

Field Crops

Cotton and peanut planting continues to progress slowly due to the dry conditions. Potato harvesting continues in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Tobacco planting has finished in Lafayette County. Sugarcane harvest is complete in Glades and Hendry Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/14/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	32	23	6
Short	45	41	35
Adequate	21	33	57
Surplus.....	2	3	2

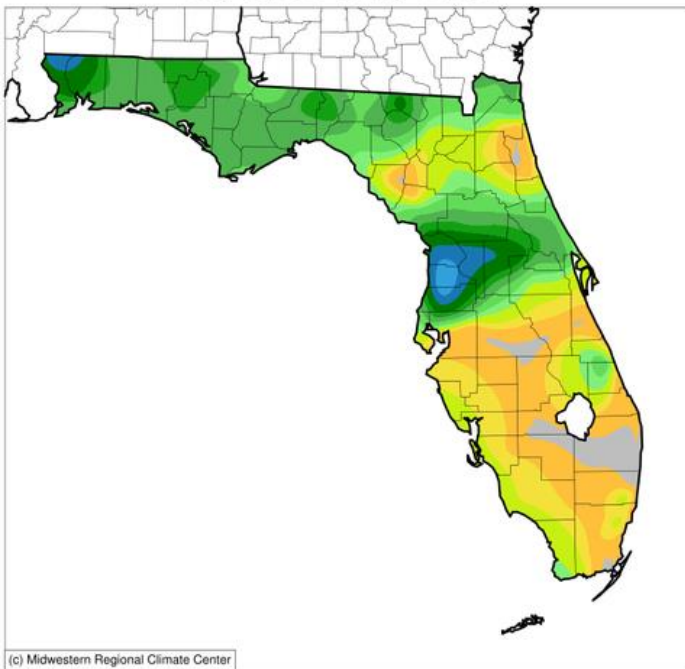
Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/14/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	28	21	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	45	32	60	48

Condition for week ending 05/14/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	3	19	46	28	4
Pasture & range...	9	42	38	10	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 08, 2017 to May 14, 2017



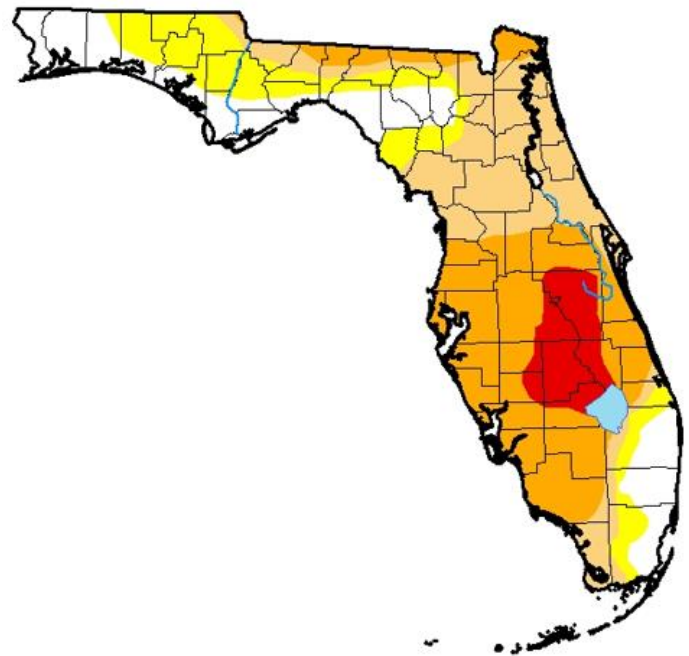
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>