



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 21, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple parts of the state to 4.65 inches in Niceville (Okaloosa County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 85.1°F in Tampa (Hillsborough County) to 74.8°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County). Trace amounts of rainfall were received this week, but not enough to alleviate the drought conditions that plague the vast majority of the state. Reporters have commented that this is the worst drought in many years.

**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 100°F in Plant City (Hillsborough County). Less than half of the monitored stations received rainfall; most of those had less than a tenth of an inch. According to the May 16, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete central production area and portions of each of its surrounding counties are in an extreme drought. The remainder of the citrus region is in severe drought.

Valencia oranges harvest is slowing down. Weekly certifications are around two million boxes per week and with several plants closing in the next couple weeks, it is expected that harvesting levels will continue to drop.

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 recently. 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
	May 7, 2017	May 14, 2017	May 21, 2017	May 15, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	0	0	0	0
Valencia oranges .....	3,323	2,769	1,954	1,266
Navel oranges.....	0	0	0	0
White grapefruit.....	3	0	1	0
Red grapefruit .....	3	0	9	0
Tangelos .....	0	0	0	0
Temples .....	0	0	0	0
Sunburst tangerines..	0	0	0	0
Honey tangerines.....	6	1	10	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>1,269</b>

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

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Cabbage harvest has finished in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Tomatoes were harvested this week in Miami-Dade County. Although a wide variety of crops continue coming to market, vegetable season continues winding down and growers are fallowing fields.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures continue to decline as temperatures rise and drought conditions worsen. Wells have dried up completely in several places. Producers continue to feed hay and many need to have it shipped in. Cattle remain in mostly fair condition.

**Field Crops**

Oats and triticale were harvested in Jackson County. Reports from Flagler and Putnam Counties indicate that corn is suffering from the drought. Corn in Suwannee County, where they have received more rainfall, was reported to be doing well. Potato harvesting continues in Flagler and Putnam Counties. Sugarcane harvest has finished for the season.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/21/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	39	32	7
Short .....	39	45	38
Adequate .....	21	21	52
Surplus.....	1	2	3

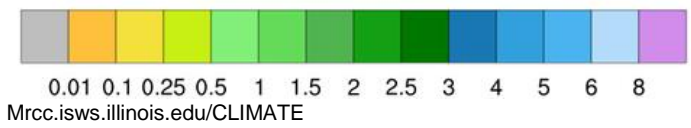
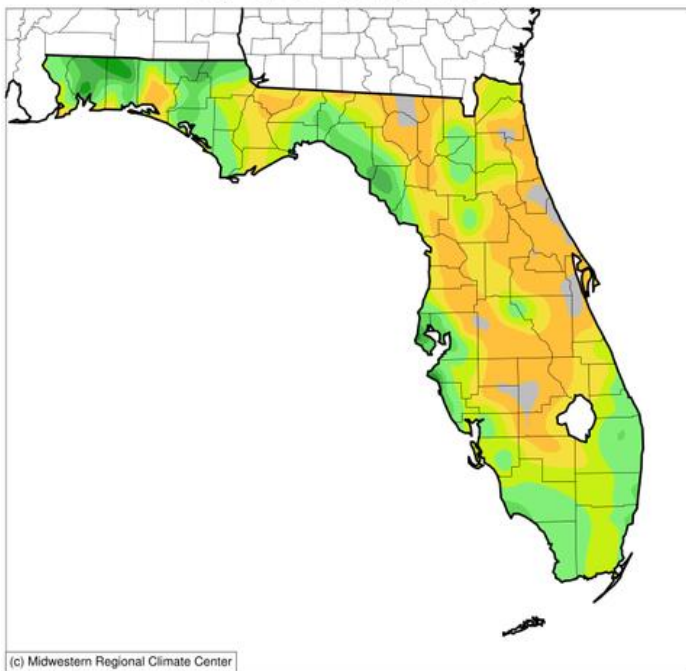
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/21/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	62	28	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	67	45	72	64

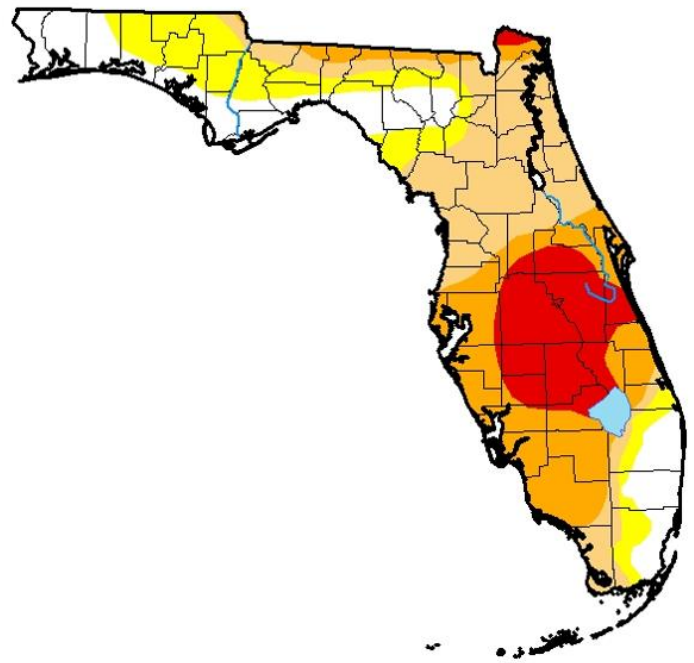
### Condition for week ending 05/21/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	4	22	47	24	3
Pasture & range...	18	42	32	8	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
May 15, 2017 to May 21, 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>