



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 28, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in multiple parts of the state to 5.09 inches in Jacksonville (Duval County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 82.7°F in Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County) to 72.1°F in Jasper (Hamilton County). Although welcomed, much of the state is in need of more moisture.

Citrus

Daily temperatures in the citrus region were average to above average, with highs in the upper 80s to mid-90s during the week. The highest recorded temperature was 93°F in Clermont (Lake County). Rainfall was widespread but highly variable, with all monitored stations receiving some amount of precipitation. Vero Beach (Indian River County) reported the most with 3.31 inches of rain while Dover (Hillsborough County) received the least with only .25 inches. According to the May 23, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete central production area and portions of each of its surrounding counties were in an extreme drought. The remainder of the citrus region was in severe drought.

Valencia orange harvest continued to slow. Weekly certifications maintained below two million boxes per week with more plants anticipating closing soon.

Ditches and canals were very dry in all areas. Growers irrigated daily to keep moisture on the trees. Other grove activity included hedging, 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 14, 2017	May 14, 2017	May 28, 2017	May 15, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	0	0	0	0
Valencia oranges	2,769	1,954	1,450	158
Navel oranges.....	0	0	0	0
White grapefruit.....	3	1	0	0
Red grapefruit.....	3	9	0	2
Tangelos.....	0	0	0	0
Temples.....	0	0	0	0
Sunburst tangerines..	0	0	0	0
Honey tangerines.....	1	10	0	0
Total.....	2,770	1,974	1,450	160

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Melon harvest has begun in Jackson and Gilchrist Counties. Sweet corn is the only remaining major vegetable crop in Palm Beach County. Although a wide variety of crops continue coming to market, vegetable season continues winding down and growers are following fields.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures benefited from the rain and improvement reported in Columbia and Okeechobee Counties. Producers continue to feed hay and many need to have it shipped in. Flies are reported to be an issue in southern Florida. Cattle remain in mostly fair condition.

Field Crops

Jackson County reports limited small grain harvest. Where significant rain fell, field work has been delayed. Peanut planting in Jackson County is expected to finish up within the next ten days and are reported to be in good condition. Potatoes harvest continues in Flagler, Putnam, and Suwannee Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/28/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	28	39	6
Short	44	39	32
Adequate	27	21	58
Surplus.....	1	1	4

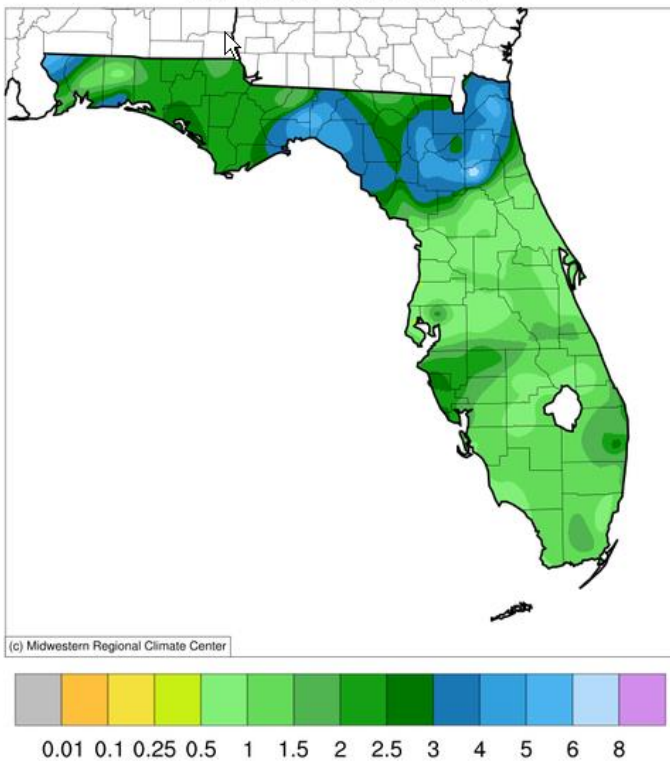
Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/28/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	77	62	NA	NA
Cotton - Squaring	0	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	84	67	85	80

Condition for week ending 05/28/17

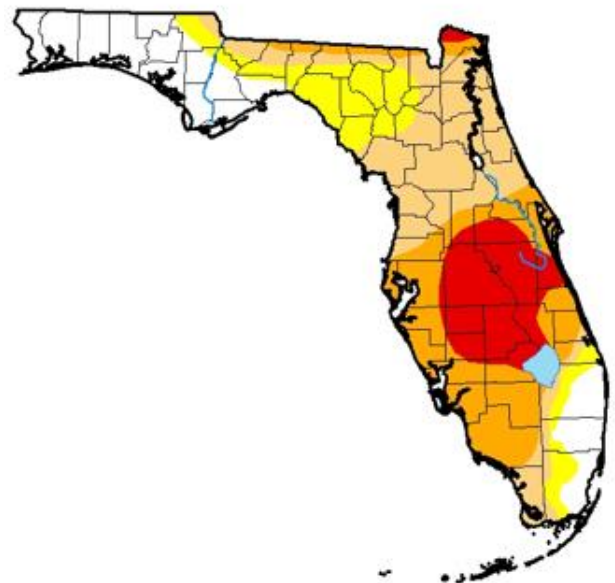
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	3	20	43	31	3
Cotton.....	1	2	35	59	3
Pasture & range.....	12	38	38	11	1
Peanuts.....	0	1	41	57	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 21, 2017 to May 28, 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>