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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, July 2, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) and Miami Beach (Miami-Dade County) to 9.3 inches in Naples (Collier County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 77.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 85.9°F in Key West (Monroe County). More rain in the Panhandle and northern counties kept many farmers out of fields, delaying some much needed treatments.

Citrus

Daily temperatures in the citrus region were mostly around average, reaching the upper 80s to lower 90s all week. The highest recorded temperature in the citrus region was in Lake Wales (Polk County) at 97°F. Afternoon thunderstorms on several days brought various amounts of rainfall to the citrus region. Most groves along the east coast recorded less than an inch of rainfall for the week, while several interior groves received two or more inches. The most rainfall recorded in heavily populated citrus areas was in Haines City (Polk County) at 3.47 inches. According to the June 27, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the rainfall has been very beneficial to the citrus growing region. For the first time in several months, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Packinghouses and processing plants are closed with the exception of a couple fresh squeeze juice plants. Some field workers are reporting minimal activity in visited groves. Others commented on owners concentrating on next season's crop. Many owners are applying nutritional sprays and pesticides as weather permits, or performing general grove maintenance. Most ditches and canals have sufficient water for irrigation if needed. Some growers are still irrigating a couple days per week. The fruit and trees are responding well to the moisture, showing signs of growth and new leaves on the trees.

Fruits and Vegetables

Melon harvesting is ongoing in Jackson County. A variety of crops continue coming to market.

Livestock and Pastures

Reports from Brevard and Indian River Counties indicate cattle are scavenging for grass in the mornings, and seeking shade in the afternoons. Retention ponds and irrigation ditches are beginning to dry up in pastures that have not received as much rain. Cattle and pastures remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Haylage harvesting activities were reported in Jackson County. Jackson County also reported some minor damage to corn, cotton, and peanuts due to saturated ground. Okaloosa County reporters noted that the excess rain has resulted in standing water in some fields, nutrient deficiencies, diseases, and weeds that are not able to be controlled due to the rain. Tobacco and corn silage were harvested in Lafayette County. Corn is being harvested, and hay is being harvested on dairies in Okeechobee County. Sugarcane and rice are both growing well in Palm Beach County.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/2/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	2
Short	10	7	13
Adequate	73	75	74
Surplus.....	17	18	11

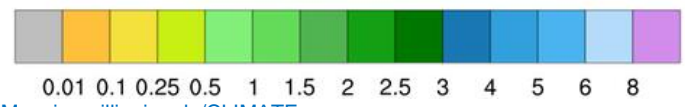
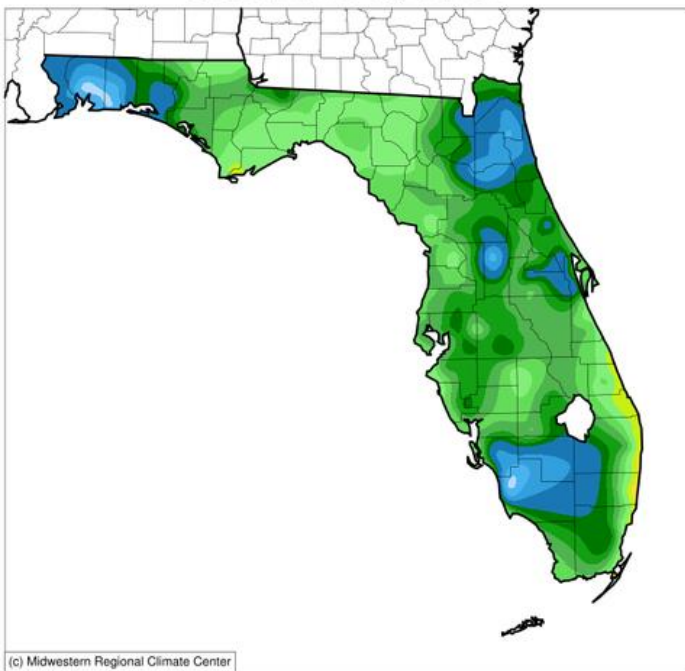
Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/2/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	97	92	NA	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	51	26	NA	NA
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	49	42	59	46

Condition for week ending 07/2/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	25	63	6
Cotton.....	1	7	26	57	9
Pasture & range.....	1	8	19	58	14
Peanuts.....	1	4	15	72	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 26, 2017 to July 02, 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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