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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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 12, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 3.40 inches in Boynton Beach (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 63.5°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 79.6°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

The citrus region warmed slightly last week, with highs in the low to mid 80s. Plant City (Hillsborough County) once again recorded the highest temperature, reaching 86°F.

The citrus growing region received little rainfall during the week. One notable exception was on the East Coast of the state, where Vero Beach (Indian River County) reported 1.11 inches of rain. According to the November 7, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region remained drought free.

Hurricane clean up drew to a close in the most damaged areas, with caretakers returning to normal grove maintenance. Grove operations reported by staff included spraying for psyllids, fertilizing, herbiciding, mowing, irrigating, topping and hedging, and pushing dead or dying trees. The fresh market harvest continued to expand, with packers concluding the Early Gold variety and focusing next on Hamlin oranges. Navel oranges, red grapefruit, and white grapefruit also continued to be picked. Several processing plants were open to take packinghouse eliminations, distressed fruit, and limited amounts of field run fruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Oct 29, 2017	Nov 5, 2017	Nov 12, 2017	Nov 13, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	80	108	168	127
Navel oranges	25	22	29	34
White grapefruit	6	5	18	64
Red grapefruit	71	61	77	224
Tangerines and Tangelos	21	14	17	44
Total	203	210	309	493

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Fruits and Vegetables

Green bean harvesting is finishing up in Bradford and Dixie Counties. Producers in Bradford County are planting onions and strawberries. Sweet corn planting activities were reported in Osceola County. Crops coming to market this week include bitter melon, boniato, cucumber, herbs, malanga, okra, peppers, squash, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter pasture planting is ongoing in Walton County. Pastures are declining seasonally throughout the state. Cattle and pasture both remain in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is ongoing, but slightly behind normal schedule in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Hay cutting activities were reported in Bradford, Osceola, and Taylor Counties. Producers in Taylor County noted trying to cut as much hay as possible even if it is on the short side, since there is a short supply this year. Sugarcane planting and harvesting continues in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/12/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	1	8
Short.....	22	22	31
Adequate.....	44	53	57
Surplus.....	28	24	4

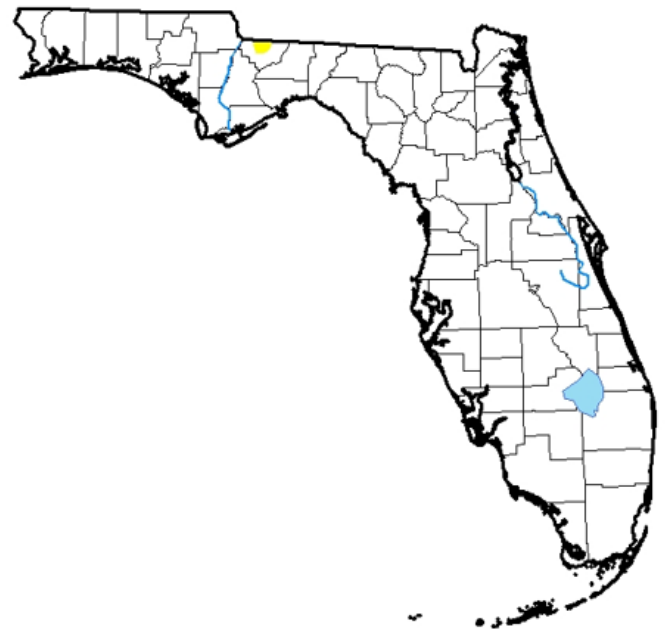
Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/12/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	52	47	NA	NA

Condition for Week Ending 11/12/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	19	65	13
Cotton.....	2	8	39	45	6
Pasture & range....	1	10	42	43	4

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

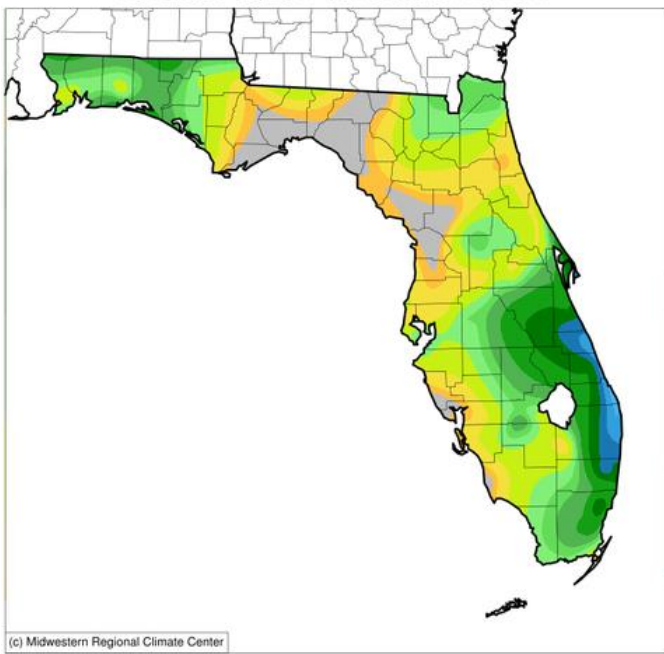


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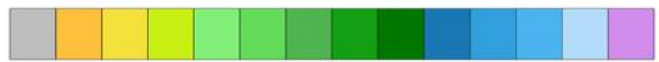
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl>

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
 November 06, 2017 to November 12, 2017



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