



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 3, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 6.17 inches in Plantation (Broward County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 57.4°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 76.4°F in John Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

The citrus region experienced slightly warmer than average temperatures last week, with most days recording highs ranging from the upper 70s to the mid 80s.

Rainfall amounts were insignificant across the citrus region. A large majority of stations had less than a tenth of an inch of rainfall for the week. Only the East Coast recorded more than an inch of rain at any of its stations. According to the November 28, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remains drought free.

Grove operations were normal, with most growers spraying for psyllids, fertilizing, herbiciding, mowing, and pushing dead or dying trees. All areas were running irrigation on several days due to the deficit rainfall amounts over the past several weeks.

Fresh fruit harvest is picking up to accommodate fundraising and gift fruit orders, a trend that should continue for the next couple weeks. Harvesting for the fresh market included Hamlin and Navel oranges, red and white grapefruit, various tangerine varieties, and a limited amount of tangelos. On the processed side, the majority of the harvest was early oranges, followed by red grapefruit. Plants were also accepting packinghouse eliminations of all varieties.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

| Crop | For week ending | | | Previous Year |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Nov 19, 2017 | Nov 26, 2017 | Dec 3, 2017 | Dec 4, 2016 |
| | (boxes) | (boxes) | (boxes) | (boxes) |
| Early and Mid-oranges | 293 | 147 | 652 | 447 |
| Navel oranges | 39 | 14 | 43 | 90 |
| White grapefruit | 20 | 13 | 44 | 32 |
| Red grapefruit | 116 | 67 | 110 | 239 |
| Tangerines and Tangelos | 21 | 18 | 31 | 106 |
| Total | 489 | 259 | 880 | 914 |

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Fruits and Vegetables

Strawberry volume is increasing in Hillsborough County. Vegetable growers are harvesting increasing volumes of a wide variety of vegetables. Crops are coming to market, including avocado, cabbage, cucumber, eggplant, okra, peppers, radishes, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Winter forages were planted this week in Columbia County. Pasture quality continues its seasonal decline. Cattle in Brevard and Indian River Counties were seen active and grazing this week. Cattle remains in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Field Crops

The peanut harvest is nearly complete, and cotton harvesting is ongoing in Escambia County. Hay baling activities were reported in Polk County. Sugarcane harvest is ongoing in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/3/17

| Topsoil | This week | Previous week | 5 year avg |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Short..... | 29 | 23 | 29 |
| Adequate..... | 50 | 53 | 58 |
| Surplus..... | 17 | 20 | 4 |

Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/3/17

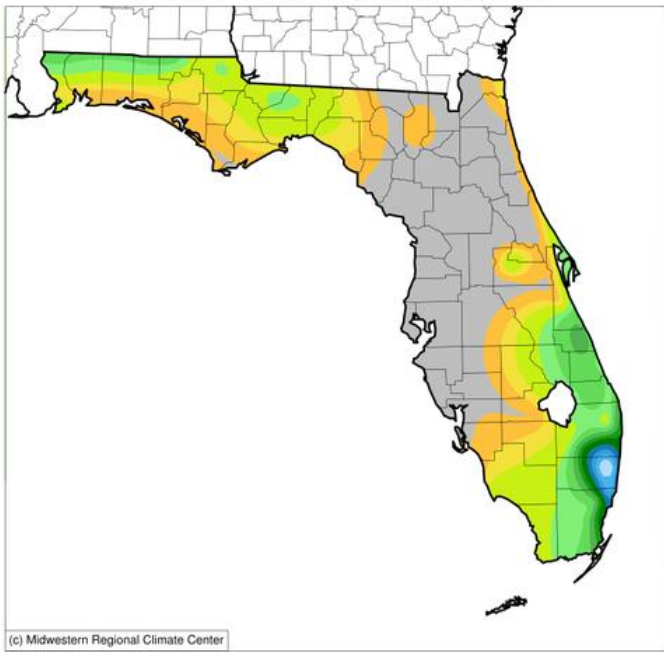
| Crop stage | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton - Harvested..... | 88 | 75 | NA | NA |

Condition for Week Ending 12/3/17

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle..... | 1 | 6 | 29 | 49 | 15 |
| Pasture & range.... | 1 | 20 | 41 | 33 | 5 |

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 27, 2017 to December 03, 2017

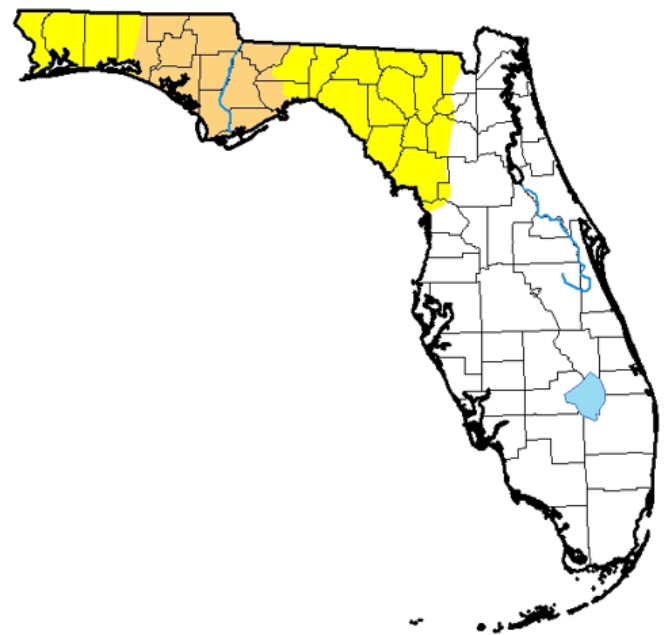


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Intensity:

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

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