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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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 19, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 5.7 inches in Naples (Collier County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.9°F in Ft. Pierce (St. Lucie County) to 86.9°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures remained seasonably warm in the citrus growing region, with highs in the low to mid 90's. Plant City (Hillsborough County) hit 96°F, while Clermont (Lake County) reported a high of 95°F. Last week continued to be drier across the peninsula, with variable amounts of rainfall being reported in the citrus growing counties. The heaviest rainfall was in Kenansville (Osceola County) at 2.55 inches, while Lakeland (Polk County) recorded the least with 0.25 inches. According to the August 16, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus region remained drought free.

Favorable conditions persisted across the citrus growing region. Caretakers maintained normal spray schedules, while also herbiciding, mowing, and conducting general grove maintenance. Fruit was sizing nicely in most areas, with fieldworkers reporting oranges about tennis ball size and grapefruit almost as large as softballs. Irrigation was reported in some areas that received lower rainfall amounts. Tree condition remained good in well cared for groves.

Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetable growers continued to prepare land for fall vegetables and early plantings were underway. Some producers continued operating pumps to remove excess water from fields. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, and okra.

Livestock and Pastures

Excess rainfall in Taylor County negatively impacted. Many pastures could be seen with standing water in low lying spots. beginning to have an Both cattle and pastures remained in good to excellent condition across the state.

Field Crops

Hay and silage were cut when conditions were dry enough in Jackson, Levy, Polk, and Suwannee counties. Rain events hampered or delayed hay cutting in Lafayette and Washington counties. Corn harvesting was underway in Jackson and Suwannee counties. Growers in Dixie and Jackson counties expressed concern about soil saturation ruining portions of the peanut crop. Sugarcane continued to thrive.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/19/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1	1
Short.....	6	7	9
Adequate.....	73	76	68
Surplus.....	19	16	22

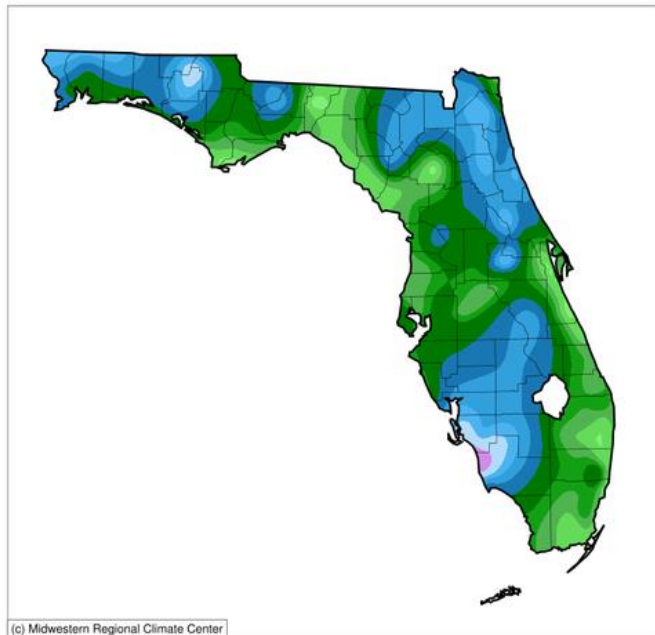
Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/19/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	93	89	93	NA
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	13	2	17	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	99	93	99	99

Condition for Week Ending 8/19/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	19	61	16
Cotton	1	4	22	45	28
Pasture & range....	0	5	20	52	23
Peanuts.....	2	2	18	52	26

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 13, 2018 to August 19, 2018

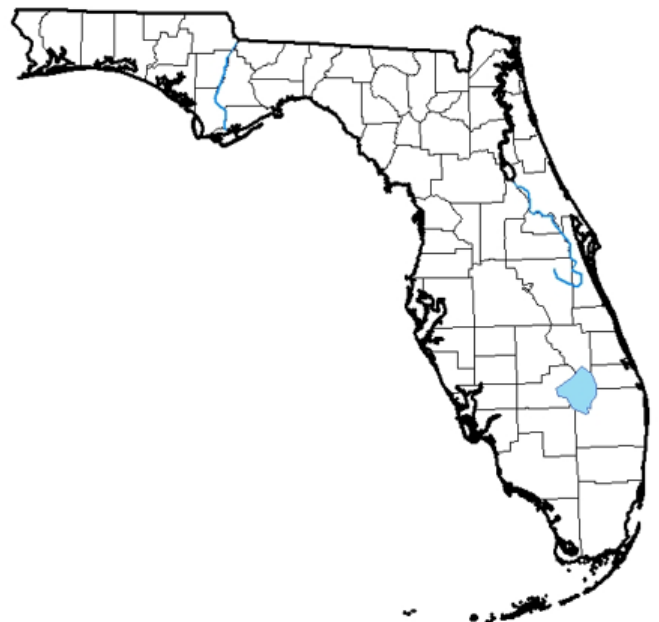


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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