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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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 14, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.02 inches in Miami (Miami-Dade County) to 7.04 inches in Pompano Beach (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 72.8°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 85.3°F in North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

Daily temperatures were above normal in the citrus growing region. Highs were in the mid 80s to low 90s. Rainfall totals were mostly around historical averages. Most central, northern, and Indian River District citrus producing counties received between one-half of an inch to an inch of rain, which is typical for this time of the year. Southern and western area counties had slightly more. Hurricane Michael, which traveled through the Gulf of Mexico before passing over the Florida Panhandle, did not have a negative impact on the citrus growing region. According to the October 9, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, the citrus region remained drought free, with the exception of the Indian River District and limited areas of adjoining counties where abnormally dry conditions were present.

Caretakers were spraying for canker and greening, performing limited mowing, and putting out fertilizer compost. Irrigation was run on a regular basis in most citrus producing counties. Generally, groves that were being well maintained looked good, with good fruit sets and healthy trees. Ten packinghouses and one major processing plant were reported to be open. Houses were running Fallglo tangerines, Navel oranges, red grapefruit, and limited quantities of other early oranges.

Fruits and Vegetables

Hurricane Michael had little to no impact on the vegetable growing counties in central and southern Florida. Field preparation continued in several southern counties. Frequent rain led to renewed flooding of low-lying areas, so growers ran throw-out pumps to remove excess water from fields. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, green beans, malanga, okra, strawberries, and yellow squash. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, cucumbers, herbs, malanga, okra, squash, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Rain from hurricane feeder bands brought much-needed rain to dry pastures in Brevard and Indian River counties. Producers in Brevard County harvested hay and haylage. Some cattle operations planted perennial pasture grasses and prepared land for cool season annuals. Weaning of calves was almost finished. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

Field Crops

Hurricane Michael devastated the cotton crop in the Panhandle, with losses between 10-90%, depending on the county. Peanut damage will be assessed when harvested. Losses are expected to be between 40-60% in Holmes County. Northeastern and north-central counties received less crop damage than the Panhandle counties. Peanut harvest wrapped up in Levy County. Sugarcane condition continued to be very good. Sugarcane harvest was underway in Glades and Hendry counties and was expected to begin soon in St. Lucie County.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/14/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	9	NA
Short.....	17	26	NA
Adequate.....	62	55	NA
Surplus.....	17	10	NA

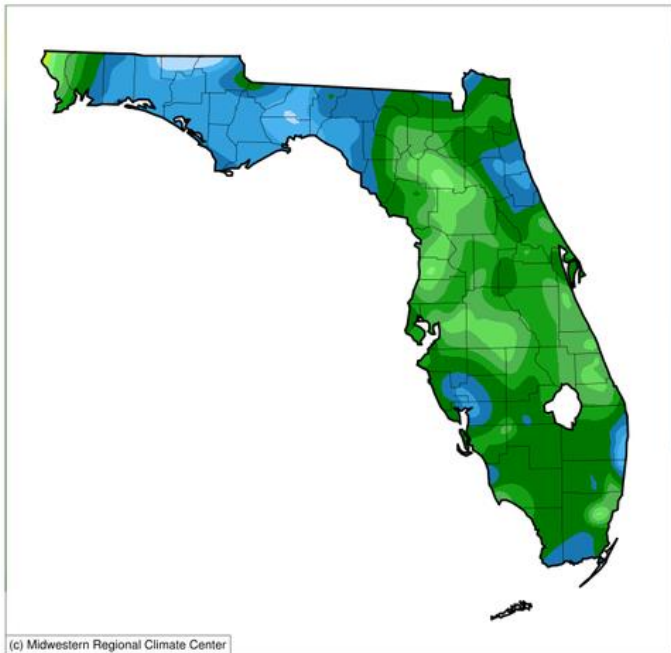
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	93	83	82	NA
Cotton - Harvested.....	5	3	11	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	84	73	82	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	69	58	71	69

Condition for Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	15	61	22
Cotton	10	5	44	26	16
Pasture & range	2	2	27	49	17

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 08, 2018 to October 14, 2018

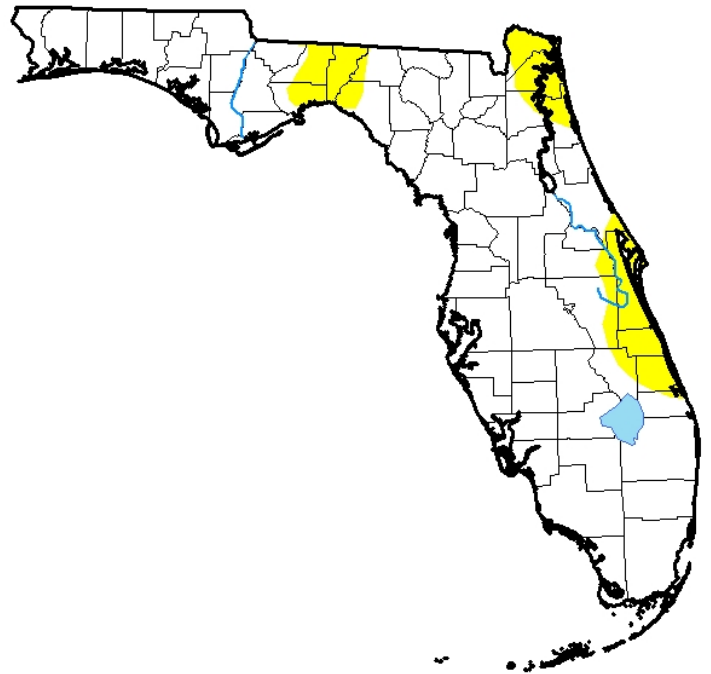


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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