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**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, April 7, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 4.23 inches in Miami-Dade County. The average mean temperature ranged from 61.6°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 80°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

At the beginning of the week, daily high temperatures were mostly in the 70s. Temperatures steadily increased, and by the end of the week, all counties had stations reporting temperatures in the mid-80s to low 90s. Only a few isolated weather stations received significant rainfall during the week. Moore Haven (Glades County) received 2.30 inches for the week. Most other southern and western area stations received less than a quarter of an inch of rainfall. In the northern area, Leesburg (Lake County) had the most rainfall at 0.78 inches. According to the April 4th, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, rainfall has been sufficient enough to keep the drought monitor unchanged. For the seventh consecutive week, only the Indian River District is showing abnormally dry conditions; the remaining citrus growing region is drought free.

Valencia harvest has picked up substantially the past couple weeks. Weekly harvest of oranges reached over three and a half million boxes the last week in March. Honey (Murcott tangerines) and Royal tangerines continue to dwindle in. Fresh white grapefruit harvest is over for the season, and processed white grapefruit was winding down. Red grapefruit was still being harvested for the fresh and processed market.

The trees have formed an abundance of pea size fruit on the trees for next season. Several growers have finished hedging and topping programs. Caretakers were pulling out non-productive and dying trees and putting them in burn piles. Younger trees and resets were being covered

with netting and being sprayed to reduce the potential of spreading the Asian citrus psyllid related to greening. Also observed was mowing, applying herbicide and spraying post bloom nutritionals. Irrigation was being run regularly in all areas.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 17, 2019 (Final)	Mar 24, 2019 (Preliminary)	Mar 31, 2019 (Preliminary)	April 1, 2019 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	57	8	0	0
Navel oranges	1	0	0	0
Valencia oranges	2,765	2,992	3,613	2,521
Red grapefruit	223	137	125	5
White grapefruit	38	16	5	0
Tangerines and Tangelos	39	21	21	4
Total	3,123	3,174	3,764	2,530

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

Fruits and Vegetables

Watermelon planting is finished in Lafayette County. Blueberries and strawberries were harvested in Osceola County. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, malanga, okra, and green beans.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures are looking good in Sarasota and Brevard counties, with little need to supplement with hay. Cattle are looking good throughout the state.

Field Crops

Corn was planted in Dixie and Lafayette counties, and finishing up in Jackson County. Land preparations were being done for cotton and peanuts in multiple counties. Peanut planting is just beginning in Levy County.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/07/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	4
Short.....	24	30
Adequate.....	67	63
Surplus.....	2	3

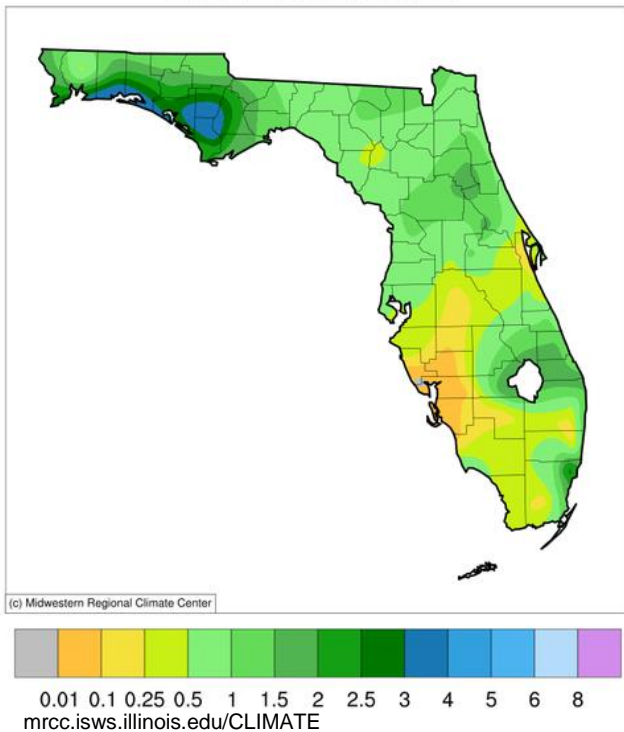
Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/07/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Planted.....	2	NA	1	1

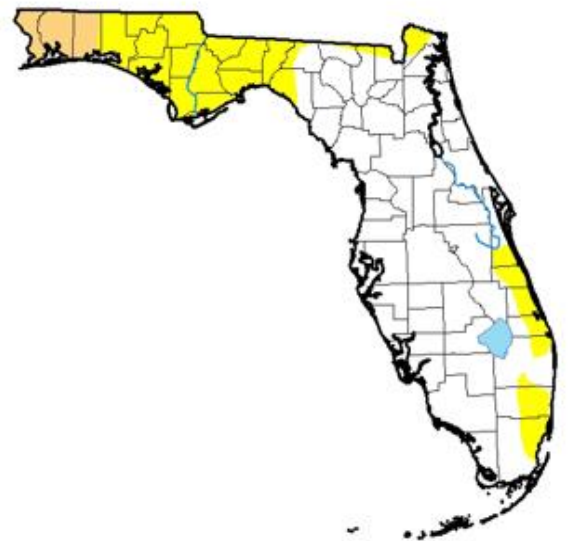
Condition for Week Ending 04/07/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	5	35	50	9
Pasture & range	2	14	39	33	12

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 01, 2019 to April 07, 2019



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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