



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 14, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 13.6 inches in White Springs (Hamilton County). The average mean temperature ranged from 75.5°F in Fernandina Beach (Nassau County) to 84.8°F in Punta Gorda (Charlotte County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced seasonably warm temperatures all week. Daily highs ranged from the mid 80s to mid 90s. The highest maximum reading was in Central Florida (Lake County), at 95°F. The northern and western areas received the most rainfall. The most recorded rainfall was in Lakeland (Polk County), at 2.8 inches. According to the June 11, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire portion of the citrus growing region was drought free.

Valencia harvest was winding down for the season. All other varieties were finished.

Next season's fruit progressed well. Oranges were approximately golf ball size, and grapefruits were larger. Reports from the field indicated that growers were pushing non-productive trees and resetting as trees became available. Grove activities included mowing, hedging, applying herbicide under the trees, spraying nutritional and insecticides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables continued being planted and marketed. Vegetable growers in the southern peninsula continued cleaning up and fallowing fields, as well as planting cover crops. Producers in the northern peninsula expressed concerns that fields with standing water may lead to disease pressures soon. Watermelon harvesting continued in the northern peninsula. Whitefly pressures were reported by producers in the western-central peninsula. The recent rainfall paired with warm temperatures improved cotton and peanut growing conditions in the Panhandle. Sugarcane entered its grand growth period.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Pastures throughout the state continued greening up and improving due to recent rain events and high temperatures.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/14/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	7	11
Adequate.....	68	75
Surplus.....	24	13

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/14/20

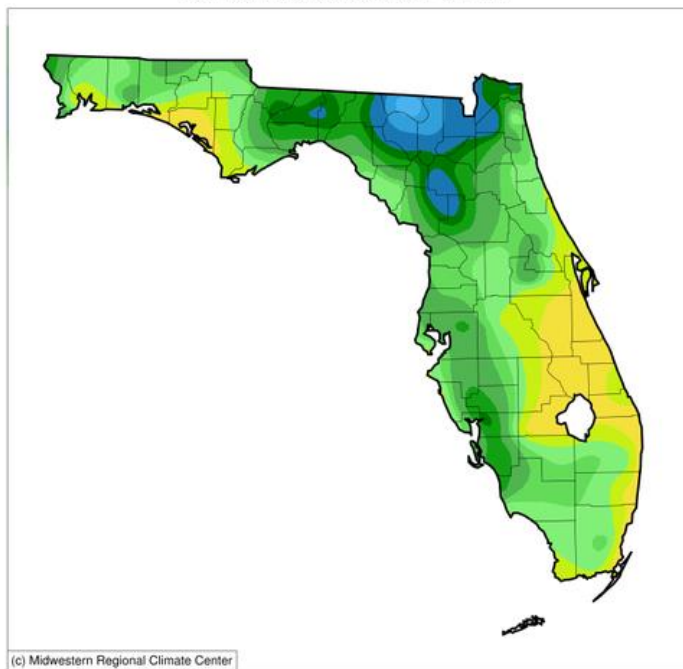
Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	93	88	91	93
Cotton - Squaring.....	15	1	14	11
Peanuts - Planted.....	98	97	99	97
Peanuts - Pegging.....	13	1	9	8

Condition for Week Ending 06/14/20

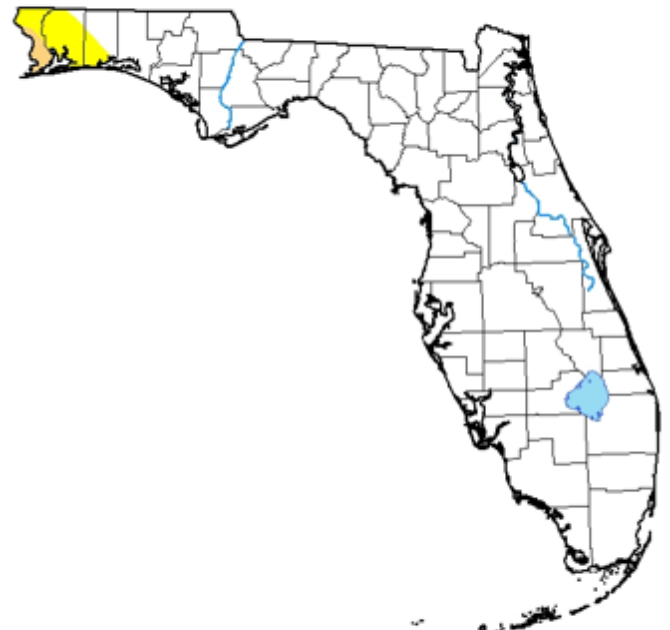
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	29	54	13
Cotton.....	0	1	39	57	3
Pasture & range.....	1	4	24	48	23
Peanuts.....	0	3	23	73	1

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 08, 2020 to June 14, 2020



0.01 0.1 0.5 1 1.5 2 3 4 5 7.5 10 12.5 15
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Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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