



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 11, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 3.9 inches in Jacksonville Beach (Duval County). The average mean temperature ranged from 71.3°F in Glen St. Mary (Baker County) to 86.0°F in Cape Florida (Miami-Dade County).

## Citrus

Temperatures were average for this time of year in the citrus growing region. Highs ranged from the mid-80s to low 90s. Rainfall was less than usual compared to previous years. Several stations in the citrus growing region received a half-inch or less precipitation for the week. A few isolated stations received more than an inch. The most rainfall was in Sebring (Highland County) at 2.1 inches. According to the October 8, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Growers began harvesting Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines for the fresh market. Limited red grapefruit and Navel oranges have just started coming into the packinghouses. Early non-Valencia oranges are being processed in small quantities.

According to the October 9, 2020 Citrus Forecast, early and mid-season (non-Valencia) oranges were sizing above average. Fruit sets are lighter than normal on both non-Valencia and Valencia oranges. Field reports show that grapefruit quality is good, and sizes are larger than average.

Grove activities included applying herbicides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run several times throughout the week in most areas.

## Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Vegetable growers prepared for fall planting in the southern peninsula. Cotton was defoliated but not much has yet been harvested. Many farmers were digging peanuts but harvesting continued to be a challenge with storms that brought rain throughout the week. Wet conditions and disease continued to threaten the quality of the peanut crop throughout the Panhandle. Some farmers reported cutting hay as the weather permitted. Sugarcane harvest continued this week in the southern part of the peninsula.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Calves were seen in some pastures. Pastures showed some seasonal decline. Fields were prepared for cool-season forage.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/11/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	2	4
Adequate.....	69	71
Surplus.....	29	25

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/11/20

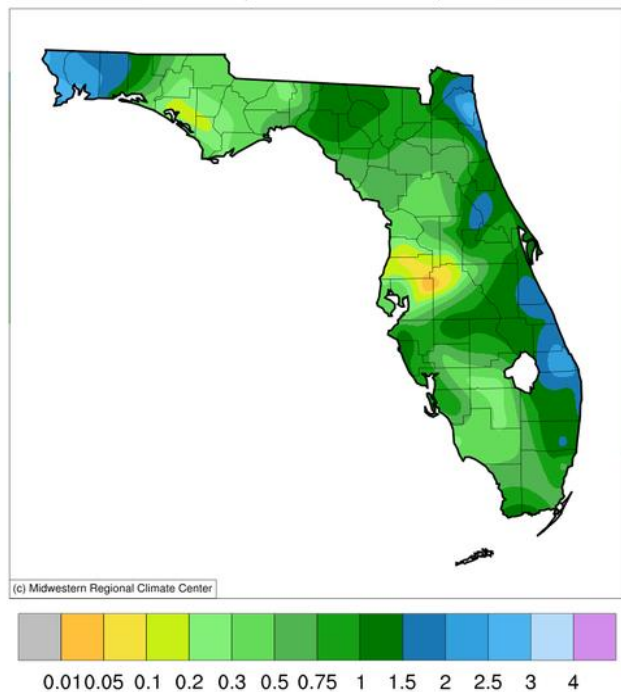
Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ....	75	59	74	81
Cotton - Harvested.....	19	0	1	10
Peanuts - Dug.....	82	54	71	81
Peanuts - Harvested.....	68	41	52	69

### Condition for Week Ending 10/11/20

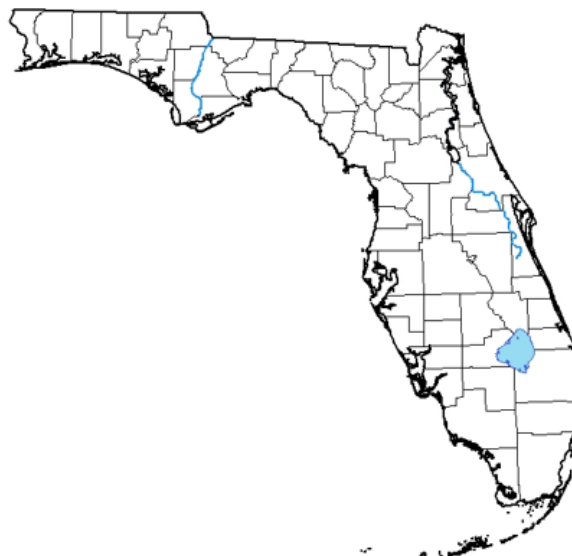
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	17	61	20
Cotton.....	15	52	16	17	0
Pasture & range .....	1	4	23	54	18
Peanuts.....	7	34	33	26	0

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
October 05, 2020 to October 11, 2020



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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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