



United States Department of Agriculture
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**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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 25, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 13.7 inches in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 71.0°F in Ochopee (Collier County) to 81.6°F in Tampa International Airport (Hillsborough County).

Citrus

Temperatures were about average for this time of year in the citrus growing region, with highs in the 80s throughout. The highest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) at 88°F, and in Lakeland (Polk County) at 86°F. Rainfall amounts were highly variable across the citrus growing region. Though precipitation was widespread, the most rain fell in the Indian River district. The stations reporting the highest rain totals were in Vero Beach (Indian River County) with 4.5 inches, Port St. Lucie (Saint Lucie County) with 3.4 inches, and Fort Pierce (Saint Lucie County) with 3.1 inches. There were pockets of heavy rainfall further west also as demonstrated by the Lake Placid (Highlands County) station receiving 3.1 inches of rain. According to the October 22, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Growers continued harvesting Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines for the fresh market, along with Red and White grapefruit, and Navel oranges. Early non-Valencia oranges were being processed, along with some packinghouse eliminations.

The citrus crop continued to progress well. Grove activities included mowing, hedging, spraying herbicides, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run in areas that received lesser amounts of rainfall.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Vegetable growers prepared for fall planting in the southern peninsula.

A wet week across Florida limited the time spent in fields especially in the southern part of the peninsula. Cotton was mostly defoliated and harvest slowly continued as conditions permitted. Peanuts were dug and harvested in the Panhandle. Peanut growers noted decreased yields and grades for the crop. Farmers cut hay in the Panhandle. In the southern parts of the peninsula, flooding in fields and low lying areas was widely reported. As weather permitted, sugarcane harvest continued in the southern part of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Mosquitoes were quite a nuisance to cattle. Pastures showed seasonal decline, and fields were prepared for cool-season forage.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/25/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	14	8
Adequate.....	64	58
Surplus.....	21	32

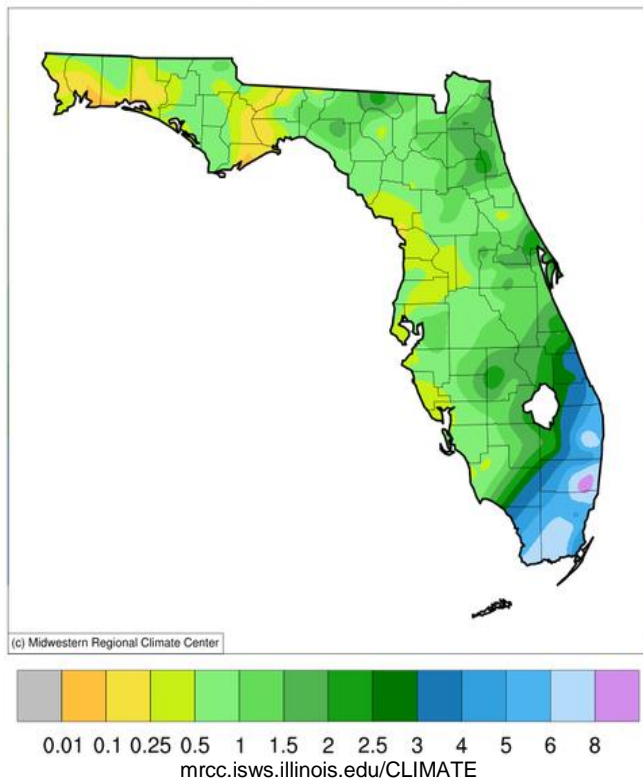
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	88	82	92	95
Cotton - Harvested.....	32	5	9	27
Peanuts - Dug.....	93	80	89	94
Peanuts - Harvested.....	86	67	76	86

Condition for Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	19	64	15
Cotton.....	10	43	43	4	0
Pasture & range	1	4	27	54	14

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 19, 2020 to October 25, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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