



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 13, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in a few locations to 3.8 inches in Indiantown (Martin County). The average mean temperature ranged from 51.5°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 68.4°F in Key West International Airport (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the mid 70s to lower 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Palmdale (Glades County), which reached 84°F. The greatest rainfall was in La Belle (Hendry County), at 1.7 inches. According to the December 10, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Harvesting for the fresh market included early and mid-season non-Valencia oranges, Navels, grapefruit, tangerines and Tangelos. Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines are finished for the season. Sunburst, Autumn Honey, Orri and Tango tangerines and tangelos are being shipped to the packinghouses.

Processing included mostly oranges and red grapefruit. Field run fruit for oranges is ramping up and is over one million boxes per week.

Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicides under the trees, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run across the citrus growing region.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending		
	Nov 22, 2020 (Final)	Nov 29, 2020 (Preliminary)	Dec 6, 2020 (Preliminary)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	93	80	1,232
Navel oranges .....	42	30	66
Red grapefruit .....	78	110	156
White grapefruit .....	7	7	9
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	25	16	25
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1,487</b>

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

**Crops**

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Lower temperatures in the southern part of the state slowed the planting of vegetables but did not cause any damage to crops. Vegetable and citrus growers had to pump their fields of excess water due to rain showers in the southern peninsula.

In the Panhandle, cotton producers continued harvest closer to completion. Some cotton farmers noted yields for cotton were poor this season. As cotton harvesting finished up, farmers began planting cover crops. Sugarcane planting and harvesting continued as the weather permitted.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture and ranges remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Cold temperatures and frosts negatively affected pasture quality across the state.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/13/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	14	20
Adequate.....	70	59
Surplus.....	16	21

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/13/20

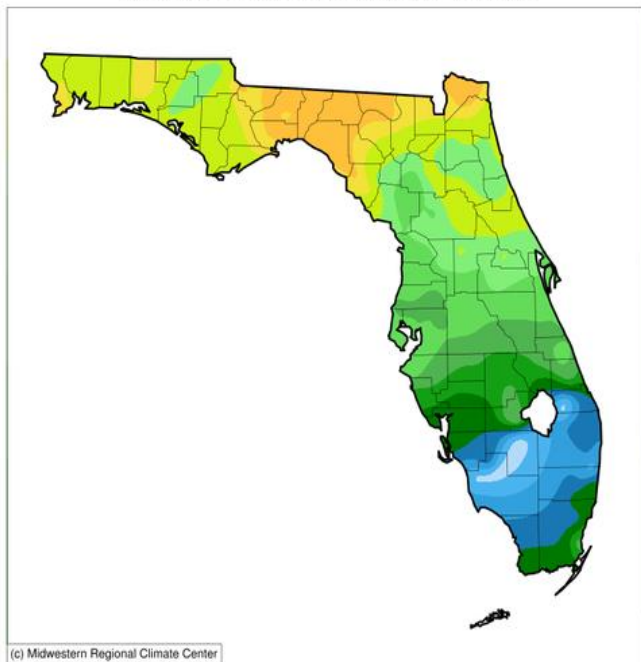
Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	100	82	87	96

### Condition for Week Ending 12/13/20

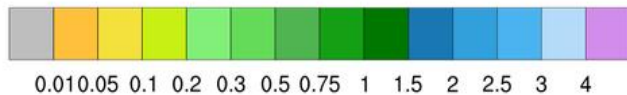
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	2	22	59	16
Pasture & range .....	1	12	32	45	10

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

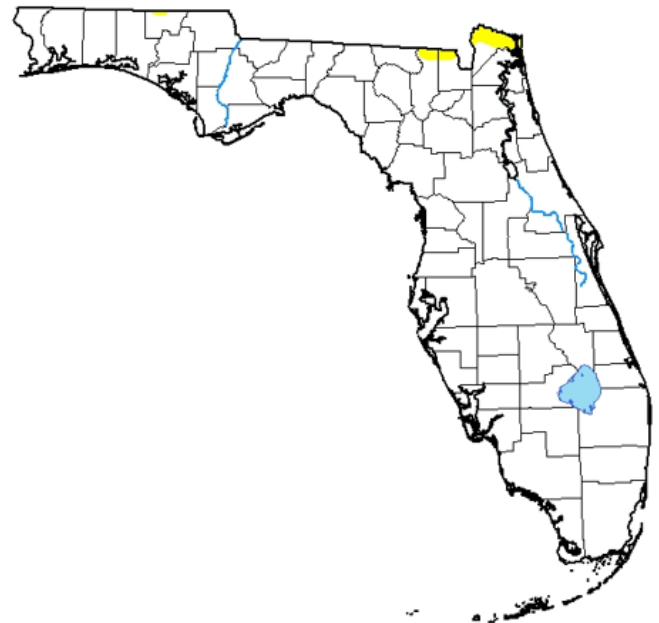
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
December 07, 2020 to December 13, 2020



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**Intensity:**

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

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