



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 31, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in many locations to 4.2 inches at Apalachicola Airport (Franklin County). The average mean temperature ranged from 55.5°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 72.5°F at Key Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the low to mid-80s. The highest reading was in Palmdale (Glades County), at 85.0°F. The citrus region received very little rain for the week with only a few stations reporting any precipitation. According to the January 28, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions completely covered Marion, Volusia, and Seminole counties and parts of Putnam, Lake, and Orange counties. The rest of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Non-Valencia orange harvest is in full swing, maintaining two and a half million boxes weekly, primarily for processing. Grapefruit harvest has been running about two hundred thousand boxes a week. The majority of red grapefruit is going fresh. White grapefruit harvest is going primarily to the processing plants.

Some plants plan to finish processing early and midseason non-Valencia oranges the beginning of February. All plants are projected to close before mid-month. Mostly, the newer varieties of mid season mandarins are being harvested for the fresh market. The largest quantities noted were the Autumn Honey, Orri, Juicy Crunch, and Tango tangerines and tangelos. Honey tangerines and Royals are just starting to be harvested.

Grove activities included mowing, hedging, and minimal spraying. Irrigation was being run on a regular basis in all areas. Field staff reported seeing resetting and pushing of dead trees.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 10, 2021 (Preliminary)	Jan 17, 2021 (Preliminary)	Jan 24, 2021 (Preliminary)	Jan 26, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	2,544	2,499	2,518	3,022
Navel oranges ....	8	8	4	26
Valencia Oranges	0	0	3	6
Red grapefruit ....	168	145	154	233
White grapefruit..	21	27	55	21
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	51	58	45	51
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>2,779</b>	<b>3,359</b>

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

**Crops**

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed. Heavy rainfall occurred sporadically in parts of the Panhandle; otherwise, the rest of the state was mostly dry. Farmers planted cover crops and spring vegetables. Producers prepared for upcoming colder temperatures.

In the lower part of the peninsula, sugarcane harvest continued and most producers finished up planting. Disease was reported in some strawberry fields.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture and ranges remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Rainfall in the Panhandle helped cool season forages.

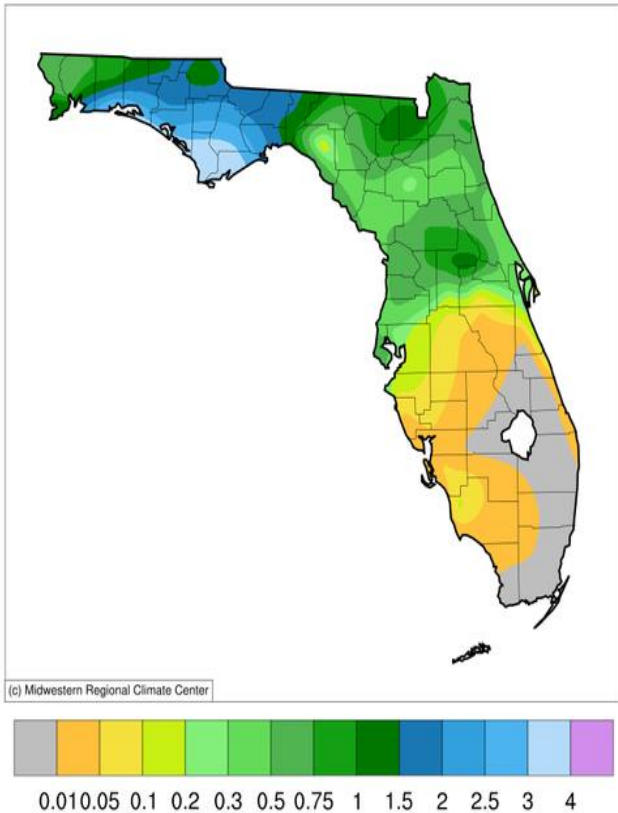
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 01/31/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	2
Short.....	34	36
Adequate.....	61	57
Surplus.....	3	5

### Condition for Week Ending 01/31/21

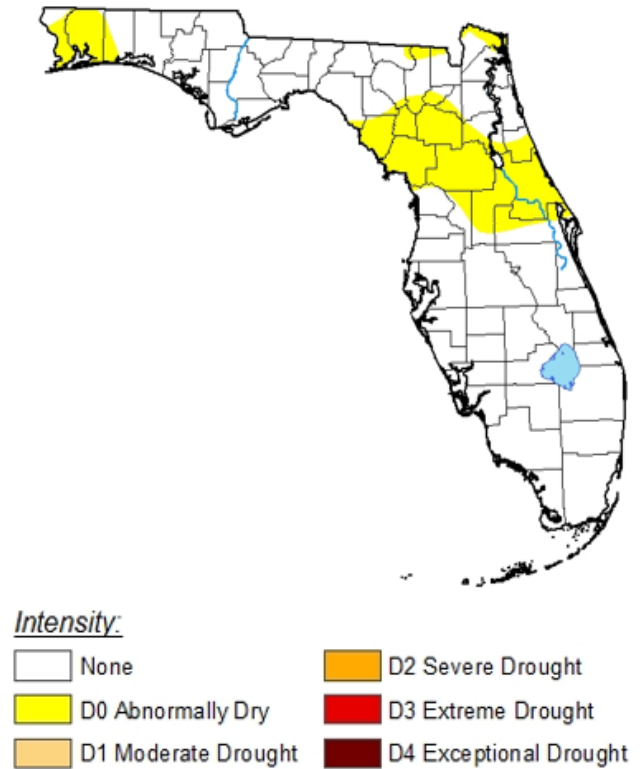
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	4	36	54	5
Pasture & range .....	4	15	47	30	4

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
January 25, 2021 to January 31, 2021



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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



January 26, 2021 (Released Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021)  
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>