



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 21, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts in a few locations to 4.7 inches at Vero Beach (Indian River County). The average mean temperature ranged from 43.4°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 78.4°F at John Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region reached the low to high 80s in all counties. The highest reading was in Central Florida (Lake County), at 89.0°F. Most monitored stations in the citrus region had an inch or less of rainfall. A few isolated areas had between one and a half and two inches. Lake Placid (Highlands County) had 2.1 inches for the week. According to the February 18, 2020, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions were sporadic across all citrus areas. Most counties in the citrus growing area had patches of abnormally dry conditions. Only Hillsborough, Charlotte, Lee, and Collier counties are drought free.

Non-Valencia harvest is about over for the season. Valencia harvest is ramping up and by early March most processing plants should be open and running the later variety oranges. Grapefruit harvest is running about two hundred thousand boxes a week, with a slight majority going to processing.

Mandurian harvest is running behind last season. Harvested varieties included Honey (Murcott) tangerines, Tangos, Royals, a few other minor tangerine varieties, and Honeybells (Minneola Tangelos).

Grove operations included fertilizing, mowing, hedging, applying herbicide, and minimal spraying. Irrigation was being run in most areas. Field staff reported seeing color break on late variety oranges and new growth on trees.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 31, 2021 (Final)	Feb 7, 2021 (Preliminary)	Feb 14, 2021 (Preliminary)	Feb 16, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	2,312	1,342	177	1,318
Navel oranges ....	2	4	1	3
Valencia Oranges	24	126	93	125
Red grapefruit ....	164	220	152	224
White grapefruit..	23	17	33	96
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	41	20	23	58
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,566</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>1,824</b>

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

**Crops**

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. The Panhandle received frequent rain showers which prevented farmers from working in their fields. Wet conditions limited planting and harvesting activities in the Panhandle and northern part of the state. Frost damage was reported to some recently planted cover crops. High winds in the southern part of the peninsula caused damage to vegetables. Sugarcane harvest continued in the southern peninsula.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Pasture conditions improved in the southern peninsula some due to warmer temperatures and rainfall.

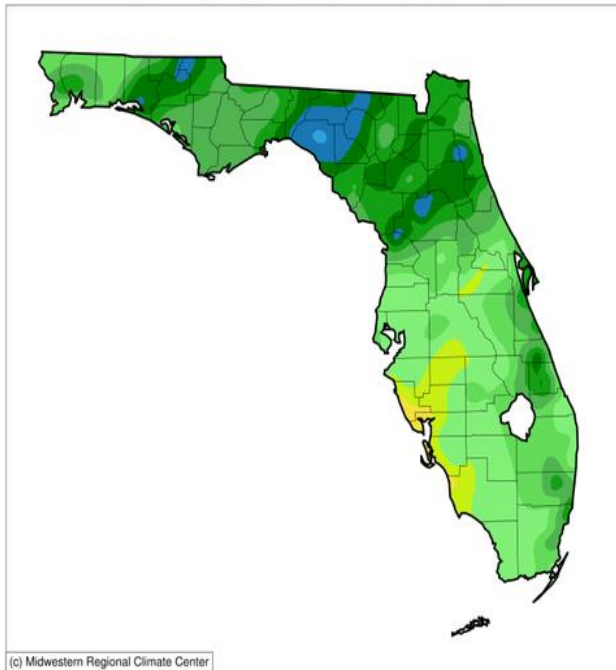
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 02/21/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short.....	10	9
Adequate.....	74	77
Surplus.....	15	13

### Condition for Week Ending 02/21/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	6	34	53	6
Pasture & range .....	3	26	47	19	5

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
February 15, 2021 to February 21, 2021



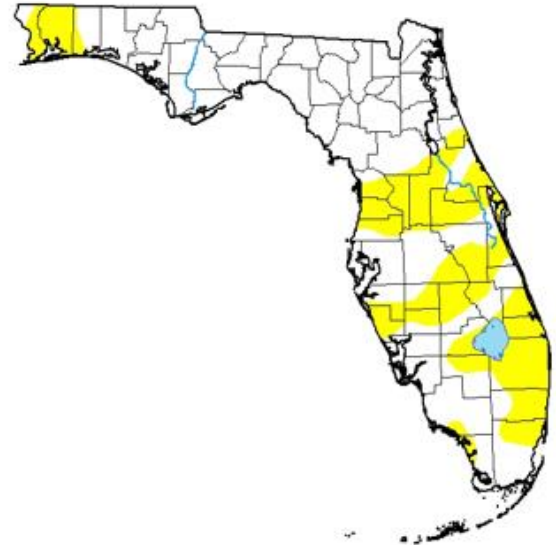
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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Intensity:**

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

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