



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 4, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in many locations to 3.0 inches in Alachua (Aluchua County). The average mean temperature ranged from 58.2°F in Whiting Field (Santa Rosa County) to 78.1°F at John Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the mid-80s to low 90s during the reporting week. Central Florida (Lake County) had the highest observed temperature at 92 degrees. The citrus region received minor amounts of rainfall for the week and has received very little rainfall for over a month. According to the April 1, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region experienced abnormally dry conditions.

Valencia orange harvest is in full swing, reaching almost three million boxes per week. Grapefruit harvest has slowed down, dropping below a hundred thousand boxes per week.

Mandarin harvest is about over for the season. Remaining types include Honey and Royal tangerines.

Grove operations included mowing, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, spraying, hedging, topping, and taking care of young trees. Irrigation was being run frequently in all areas. Trees are beginning to drop bloom petals and form fruit for next season’s crop.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 14, 2021 (Final)	Mar 21, 2021 (Preliminary)	Mar 28, 2021 (Preliminary)	Mar 29, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	9	0	0	2
Valencia Oranges	2,406	2,719	2,788	3,538
Red grapefruit ....	163	112	51	154
White grapefruit..	25	27	20	27
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	34	22	9	9
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>3,730</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. Dry conditions continued throughout the state with some light rainfall during the week. The Panhandle and northern parts of the state experienced a late frost which growers worried could have affected strawberries, corn, and watermelons. Farmers continued planting corn and began planting peanuts. Watermelon planting began wrapping up and harvest is now underway in some areas. In the southern part of the peninsula, warm weather has increased the pest pressure on vegetables. Whiteflies and worms were noted on vegetables crops. Sugarcane harvest continued.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state.

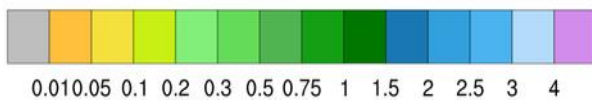
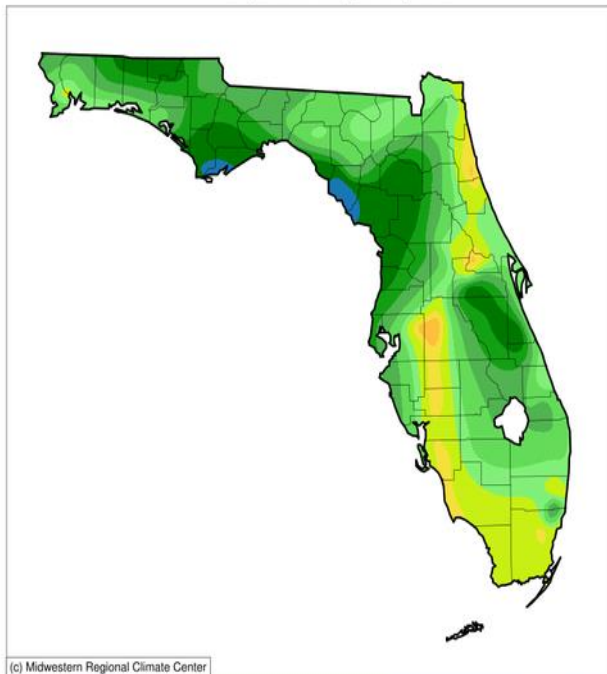
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/04/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	8	2
Short.....	51	49
Adequate.....	38	49
Surplus.....	3	0

### Condition for Week Ending 04/04/21

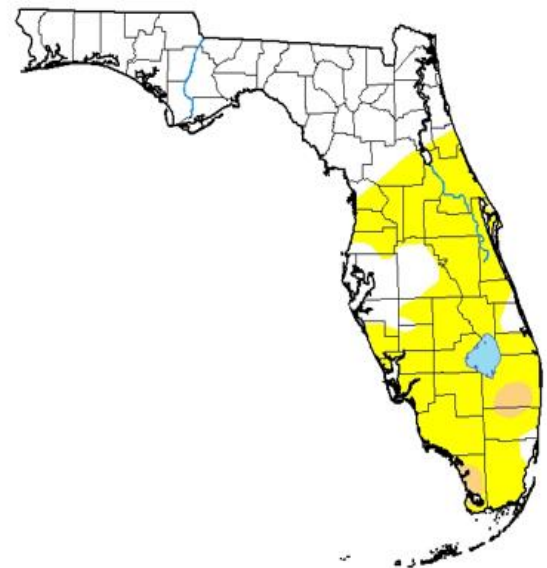
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	6	32	55	6
Pasture & range .....	2	15	49	29	5

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
March 29, 2021 to April 04, 2021



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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



March 30, 2021 (Released Thursday, April 1, 2021)  
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>