



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 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 23, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in many locations to 1.6 inches in Cudjoe Key (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 69.3°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 80.9°F at Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures remained in the 80s throughout the citrus growing region. The highest temperatures were reported in Plant City (Hillsborough County) at 89.0°F and Lakeland (Polk County) at 87.0°F. Little rain fell across the citrus region during the week, with most stations measuring a tenth of an inch or less. According to the May 20, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, parts of the southern and western citrus growing areas, in addition to a small part of the Indian River District, experienced abnormally dry conditions. Portions of Collier and Hendry Counties experienced moderate drought, while the rest of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Valencia orange harvest was just under two million boxes a week. Harvest of late season oranges was expected to continue until the later part of May.

Next year’s crop grew well, with oranges between a quarter to a half dollar in size, and grapefruit half dollar to ping-pong ball size.

Grove operations included mowing, fertilizing, spraying, and general grove maintenance. Reports from the field indicated the pushing and disposal of old trees. Irrigation was being run in all areas.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	May 2, 2021 (Final)	May 9, 2021 (Preliminary)	May 16, 2021 (Preliminary)	May 17, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	2,524	2,261	1,822	2,600
Red grapefruit	0	0	0	1
Total	2,524	2,261	1,822	2,601

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 and windy conditions moved into the state as much of Florida received little to no rainfall. Some producers had to increase irrigation due to the dry conditions in the southern parts of the peninsula. Cotton and peanuts continued to be planted while hay was cut and baled in the Panhandle. Some damage from wildfires was reported in the middle and southern parts of the state. Producers noted an increase in insect pressure in crops. Sugarcane harvest was nearly complete.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. Dry conditions have negatively impacted pasture quality. Livestock producers fed supplements as necessary.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/23/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	9
Short.....	31	52
Adequate.....	57	37
Surplus.....	9	2

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/23/21

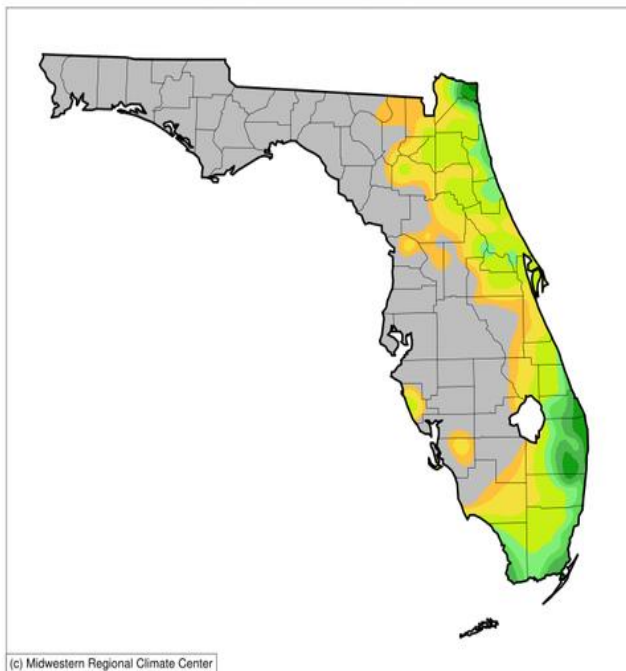
Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	65	25	38	61
Peanuts - Planted.....	83	57	80	77

Condition for Week Ending 05/23/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	8	31	53	7
Pasture & range	2	19	41	33	5

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 17, 2021 to May 23, 2021

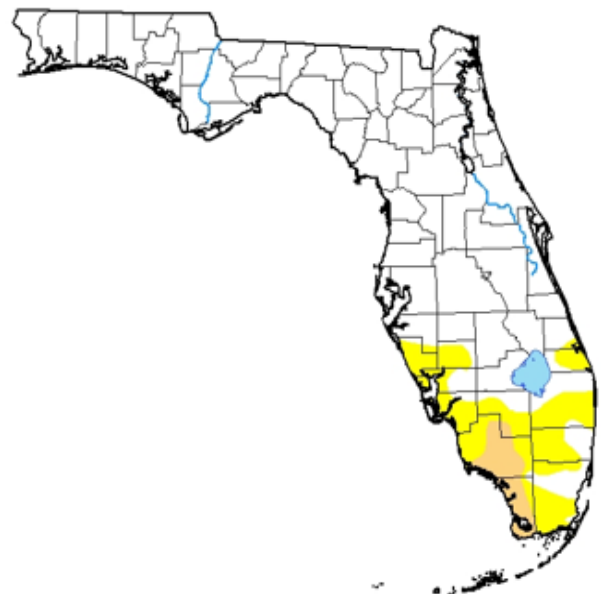


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Intensity:

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

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