



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 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 11, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from 0.66 in Stuart (Martin County) to 5.9 inches in Clermont (Lake County). The average mean temperature ranged from 76.3°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 85.0°F in Plant (Hillsborough County).

## Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced seasonal conditions this week, with high temperatures ranging from the high-80s to the low-90s. The hottest readings were recorded at the Clermont station (Lake County) with 92 degrees, followed by the Sebring station (Highlands County) with 91 degrees. A moderate amount of rain fell across the citrus growing region, though with the passage of Hurricane Elsa during the reporting period some locations reported higher amounts of precipitation. The most rainfall was recorded in Clermont (Lake County) at 5.92 inches, followed by Lakeland (Polk County) at 5.50 inches. According to the July 8, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region was drought free.

This season's citrus harvest was complete. Utilization for the remainder of the year will be from cold storage or fresh squeeze fruit. Next season's crop progressed as normal, with oranges slightly larger than golf ball size and grapefruit approximately baseball size.

Grove operations included spraying, mowing, hedging, topping, applying herbicide, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run intermittently in areas that have received lesser amounts of rainfall.

## Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Rain continued to increase soil moisture and flooding was reported in several areas. Some reports of wet conditions stressing crops. Cotton squaring increased greatly, making up much of the slow development from the previous weeks. Peanut development progressed well. Peanut and cotton condition were not substantially affected by Hurricane Elsa. Persistent rainfall continued to interrupt hay cutting and hinder fertilizer and pesticide applications in some parts of the state.

## Livestock and Pastures

Rain continued to improve pasture quality. Cattle remained in mostly good condition throughout the state.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/11/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	9	4
Adequate.....	69	67
Surplus.....	22	29

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/11/21

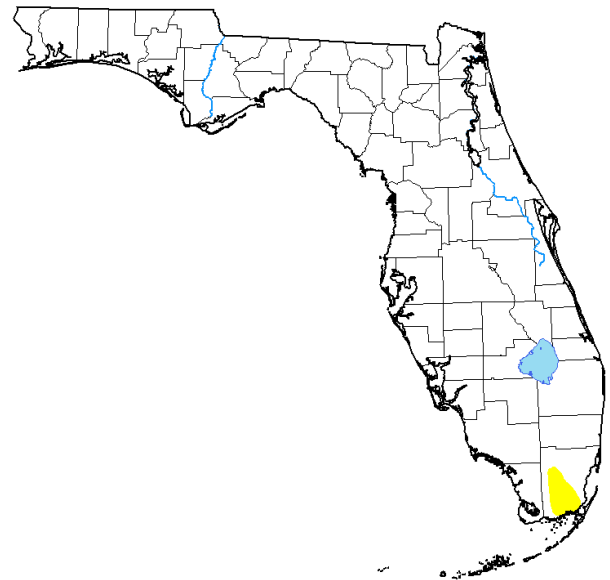
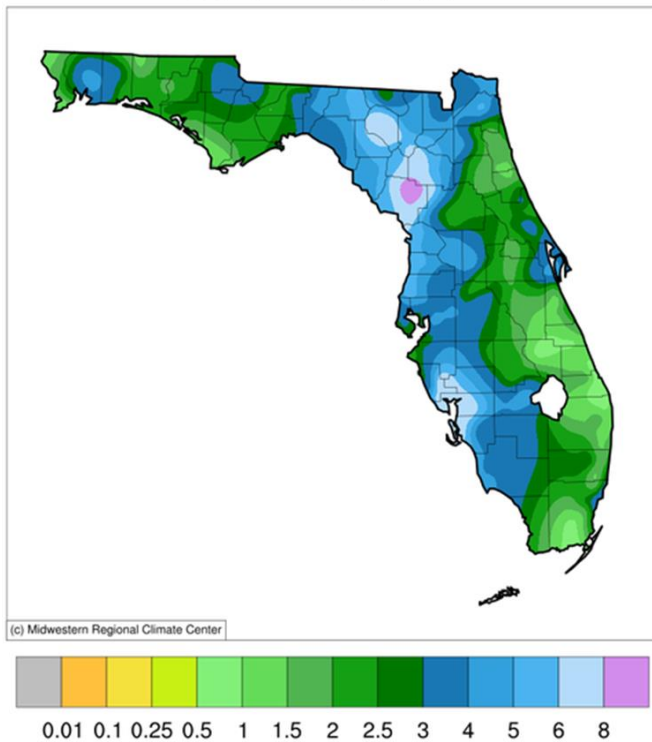
Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	52	34	54	59
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	26	8	12	15
Peanuts - Pegging.....	68	53	75	69

### Condition for Week Ending 07/11/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	27	53	13
Cotton.....	3	5	40	51	1
Pasture & range.....	1	3	21	56	19
Peanuts.....	1	5	27	66	1

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
July 05, 2021 to July 11, 2021



Intensity:

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

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