



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 5, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 4.29 inches at the Pensacola Airport (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 77.8°F in Venice (Sarasota County) to 85.2°F in Bahia State Park (Monroe County).

## Citrus

Elevated temperatures continued throughout the citrus growing region this week, with reports ranging from the high-80's to the mid-90's. The hottest reading was recorded at the Clermont (Lake County) station with 93 degrees, followed by the Central Florida (Lake County) and Vero Beach (Indian River County) stations, both with 92 degrees. Precipitation totals continued at a seasonable level across the citrus growing region, with most stations reporting one to two inches of rain. Notable exceptions included the Ruskin (Hillsborough County) station, which received 4.16 inches of rainfall, followed by the Muse (Glades County) station, which reported 3.58 inches. According to the September 2, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Next season's crop progressed as normal, with oranges tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit softball size or larger.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritional formulas, mowing, applying herbicide and fertilizer, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run in several areas.

## Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Hurricane Ida passed through and contributed to wet conditions which further delayed hay cutting in the Panhandle. Cotton development continued slowly with bolls opening behind historic levels, though cotton condition remains mostly good. Peanuts dug and harvested are progressing normally.

## Livestock and Pastures

Pastures remained in mostly good and excellent condition thanks to adequate moisture received. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/05/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	3	2
Adequate.....	77	72
Surplus.....	20	26

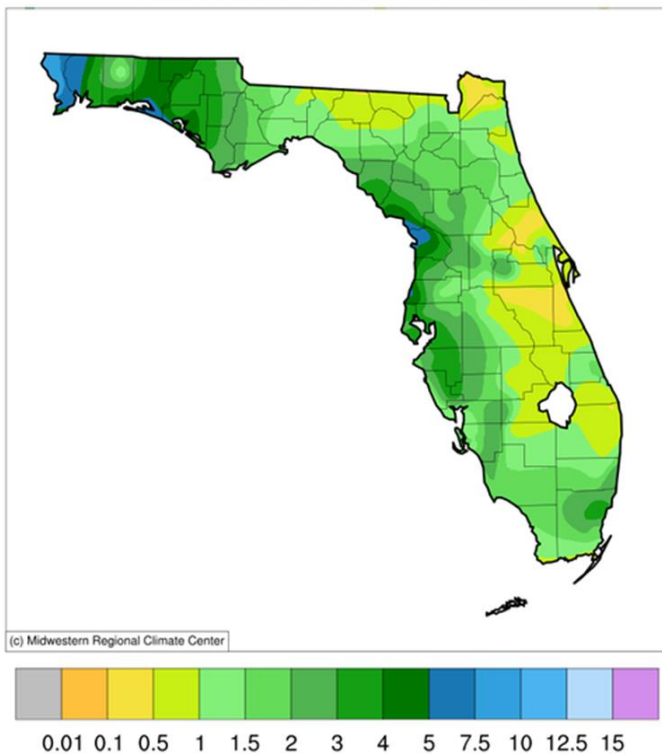
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/05/21

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening...	29	16	19	32
Peanuts – Dug.....	21	7	13	12
Peanuts – Harvested.....	12	2	10	8

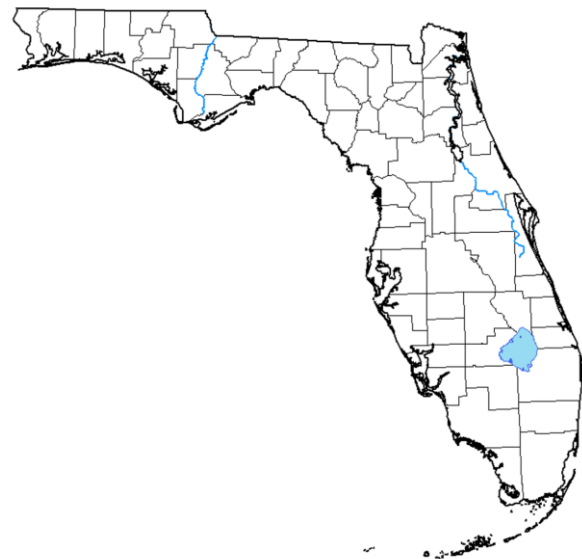
### Condition for Week Ending 09/05/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	11	64	23
Cotton.....	1	3	38	57	1
Pasture & range .....	1	4	14	58	23
Peanuts.....	1	3	25	70	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 30, 2021 to September 05, 2021



### 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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