



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 19, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 10.67 inches in Pensacola (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 76.7°F in Whiting Field (Santa Rosa County) to 84.2°F in Cape (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

High temperatures remained at a seasonable level in the citrus growing region this week, with observations ranging from the high-80's to the low-90's. The hottest readings were recorded at the Vero Beach (Indian River County) and Sebring (Highlands County) stations, both reporting 90 degrees. Precipitation continued at a moderate pace across the citrus growing region, with most stations receiving one to two inches of rain. However, there were scattered pockets of heavier rainfall, leading to much larger totals in some places. Of note, the most rain fell in Clermont (Lake County) with 4.53 inches, while the next highest totals in Muse (Glades County) and Vero Beach (Indian River County) were 1.95 and 1.73 inches, respectively. According to the September 16, 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, mowing, applying herbicide and fungicide, removal of dead trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run in areas that received lesser amounts of rainfall.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Heavy rains continued to limit field work and some disease was reported. Cotton was still in good condition despite the rains and development remained slow. Peanuts dug and harvested slowed this week and are slightly behind historic levels. Leaf spot was reported on some peanut crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures remained in mostly good and excellent condition. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/19/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	4	2
Adequate.....	70	64
Surplus.....	26	34

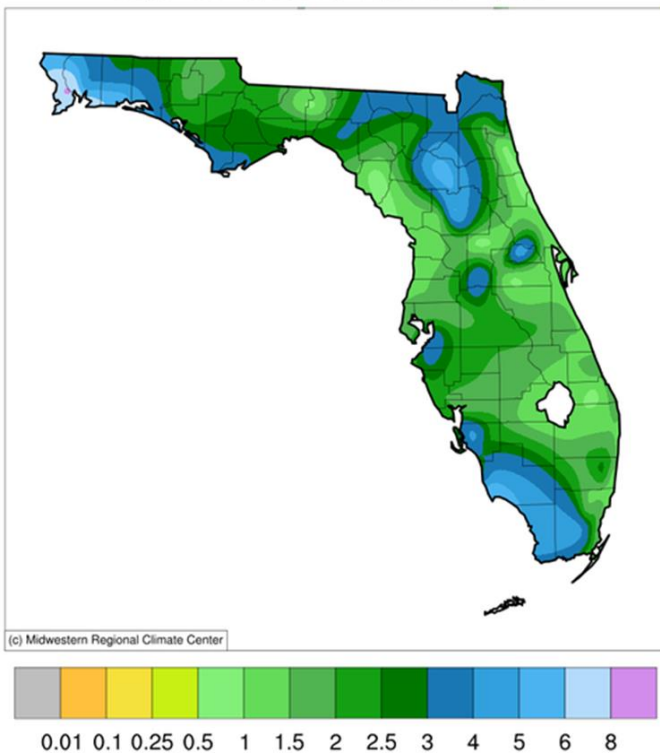
Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/19/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening...	42	24	31	50
Cotton – Harvested.....	0	0	0	1
Peanuts – Dug.....	34	21	26	36
Peanuts – Harvested.....	23	13	17	24

Condition for Week Ending 09/19/21

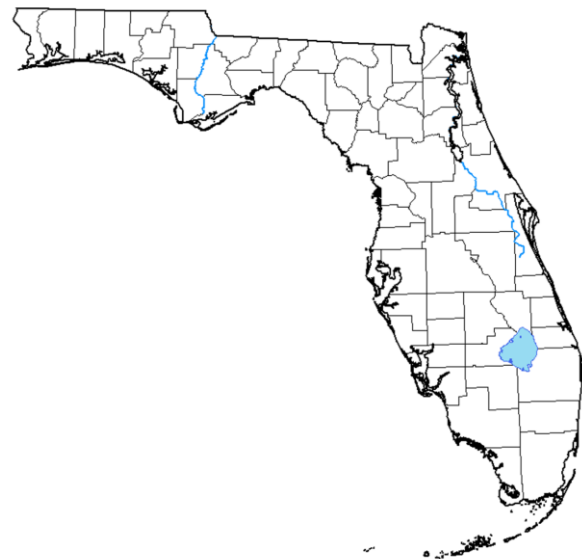
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	11	61	25
Cotton.....	2	3	38	56	1
Pasture & range	1	4	15	49	31
Peanuts.....	3	3	27	66	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 13, 2021 to September 19, 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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