



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, October 24, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 2.7 inches in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 64.3°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 83.8°F in Cape (Miami-Dade County).

Citrus

Maximum high temperatures continued to decline in the citrus growing region this week. Observations ranged from the mid- to high-80's. The hottest reading was reported at the Clermont (Lake County) station with 88 degrees, followed by Vero Beach (Indian River County) and Sebring (Highlands County) stations, both with 87 degrees. As the citrus growing region was now firmly in the dry season, very few reports of rainfall were received. Most stations recorded no precipitation at all. The most rain fell in Vero Beach (Indian River County) with 0.3 inches. According to the October 21, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

The citrus crop progressed as normal, with oranges tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit larger than softball size. Field reports indicated color break beginning in grapefruit groves as well as in early orange and early tangerine groves.

Growers engaged in limited harvesting for the fresh market, with varieties including Hamlin and Navel oranges, along with Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines, and red grapefruit.

Farm operations included spraying pesticides and nutritional formulas, fertilizing, applying herbicide, pollinating, mowing, discing row middles, removal of dead trees, replanting of young trees, and general grove maintenance including ditch clean-out. Irrigation was being run in all areas.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Dry weather continued which allowed substantial progress on fieldwork. Cotton bolls continued opening and cotton harvested started picking up. Peanuts dug and harvested also progressed well, making up for some of the slow progress earlier in the season.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good and excellent condition and pastures were in mostly good and fair condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/24/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	11	18
Adequate.....	65	65
Surplus.....	23	16

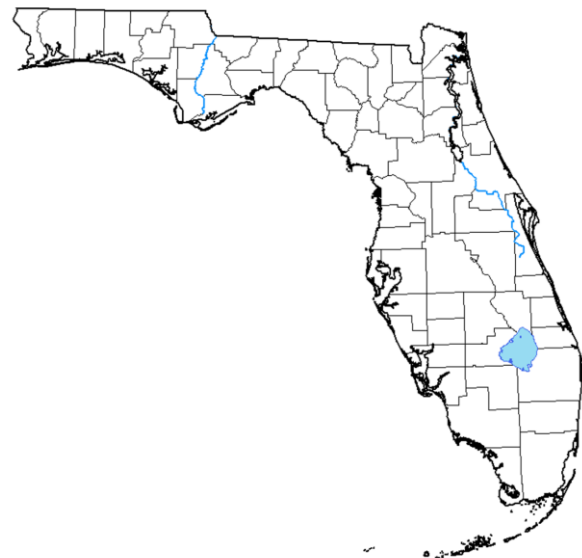
Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/24/21

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening.....	91	80	84	91
Cotton – Harvested.....	8	9	16	20
Peanuts – Dug.....	88	71	87	91
Peanuts – Harvested.....	75	53	69	83

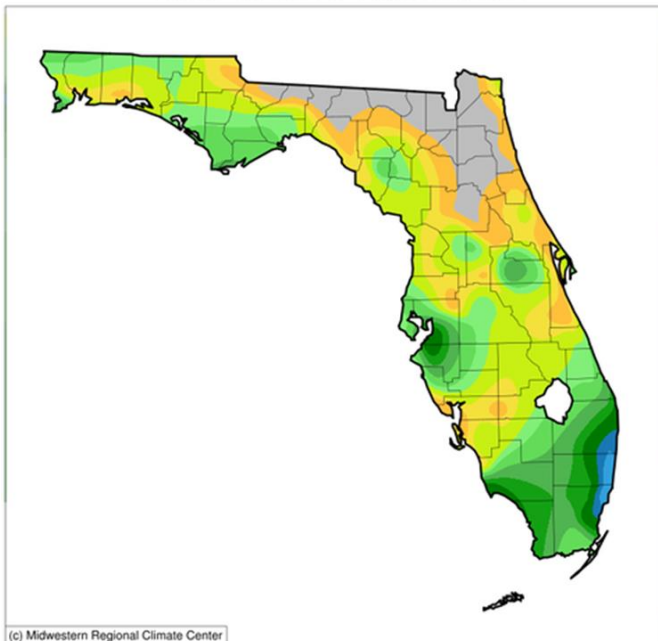
Condition for Week Ending 10/24/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	16	59	24
Cotton.....	1	26	52	20	1
Pasture & range	0	3	27	47	23
Peanuts.....	3	4	29	60	4

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 18, 2021 to October 24, 2021



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Intensity:



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