



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 26, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 3.7 inches in Titusville (Brevard County). The average mean temperature ranged from 49.5°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 72.5°F at the Key West International Airport (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures moderated across the citrus growing region this week, with average highs in the mid to upper-70's. The citrus belt remained relatively dry during the reporting period, with most stations receiving less than an inch of rain associated with a passing cold front. The most rain fell in Mount Plymouth (Lake County), with 1.39 inches of precipitation. According to the December 23, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Harvest for the fresh market included early, midseason, and Navel oranges; Sunburst, Tango, and Orri tangerines; and red and white grapefruit. Processing plants were running field run fruit and accepting packinghouse eliminations on both oranges and grapefruit.

Grove operations included spraying, fertilizing, herbiciding, mowing, discing grove middles, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Due to the lack of rain over the past several weeks, irrigation was being run frequently in all areas. The water level in canals and ditches is being reported low in several locations.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Dec 5, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 12, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 19, 2021 (Preliminary)	Dec 20, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	841	1,711	1,963	2,442
Navel oranges ....	45	59	48	51
Red grapefruit ....	102	119	105	126
White grapefruit..	3	6	11	11
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	15	28	29	51
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>2,681</b>

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

**Crops**

Scattered rainfall across most of the state replenished soil moisture levels. Cotton harvested was completed for most producers last week. Vegetable growers continue to plant spring vegetables and harvested a wide range of veggies for the holiday market.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle remained in mostly good condition while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Early planted winter pasture benefitted from the rain last week.

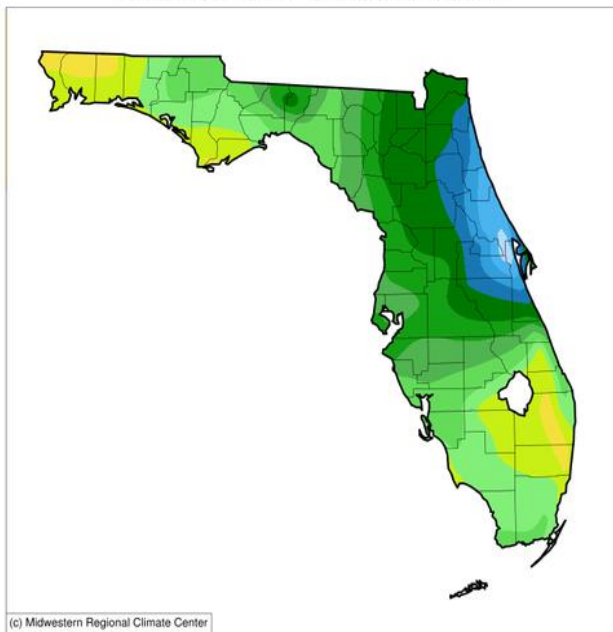
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/26/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1
Short.....	22	18
Adequate.....	69	78
Surplus.....	7	3

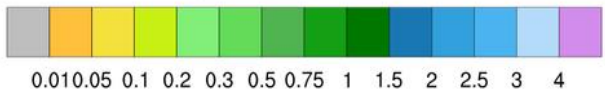
### Conditions for Week Ending 12/26/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	4	23	53	19
Pasture & range .....	3	16	41	30	10

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
December 20, 2021 to December 26, 2021

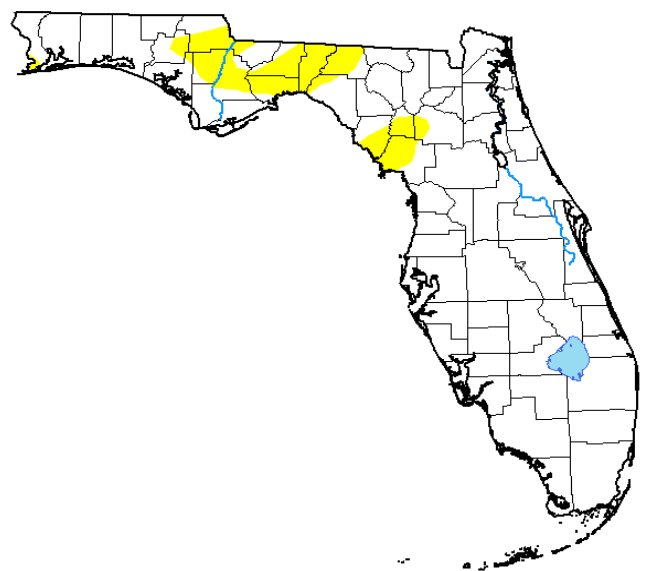


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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Intensity:**

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

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