



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 23, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 3.6 inches in Golden Gate (Collier County). The average mean temperature ranged from 57.2°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 81.1°F at Naval Air Station Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures remained seasonable in the citrus growing region last week, with highs in the upper 70s to the low 80s. The warmest reading was recorded in Clermont (Lake County), at 81 degrees. The citrus belt received scattered light rainfall during the reporting period as another cold front swept across the peninsula. The most rain fell in Bartow (Polk County) and Kenansville (Osceola County), with both stations receiving 1.1 inches of precipitation. According to the October 20, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance, including continued post-hurricane repair of screenhouses and other grove structures. Irrigation was being run on an as-needed basis statewide. Sizing on this season’s crop was as follows: oranges about tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit larger than softball size. Field personnel reported color break continuing on early fruit varieties and beginning to show on some midseason fruit varieties.

Harvest of Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines, and limited harvest early oranges and Navels has begun for the fresh market. Processed oranges included only cold storage fruit from last season’s crop.

**Crops**

Many areas that were damaged by Hurricane Ian continued to improve the past week, with harvest and planting getting back into full swing. Most of the state received very little rainfall the past week. This helped areas damaged by the hurricane but hurt the northern region of the state, which continued to experience drought conditions.

Dry weather and early frosts expedited peanut digging and harvest activities last week. Cotton bolls opening neared competition, and harvest continued to make good progress.

Reporters noted that fruit and vegetable planting and harvest activities mostly returned to normal. Crops that were planted and harvested the past week included okra, green beans, malanga, and strawberries. Sugarcane harvest picked up speed as conditions improved and rice harvest was noted to likely be finished within a few weeks.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture conditions were reported mostly fair to good. Reporters noted that cattle herds were still being liquidated due to storm damaged fields in some areas. Pasture development in the northern region of the state continued to deteriorate due to the lack of rain.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/23/22**

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening.	83	94	98	89
Cotton – Harvested.....	15	14	25	18
Peanuts – Dug.....	85	88	93	89
Peanuts – Harvested....	67	73	84	77

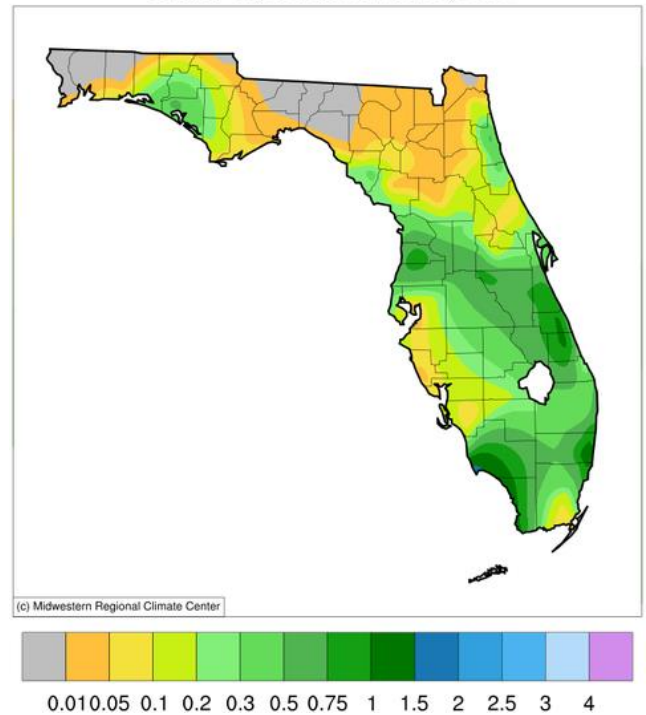
### Conditions for Week Ending 10/23/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	23	49	22
Cotton.....	3	3	59	33	2
Pasture & range...	3	15	29	40	13

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/23/22

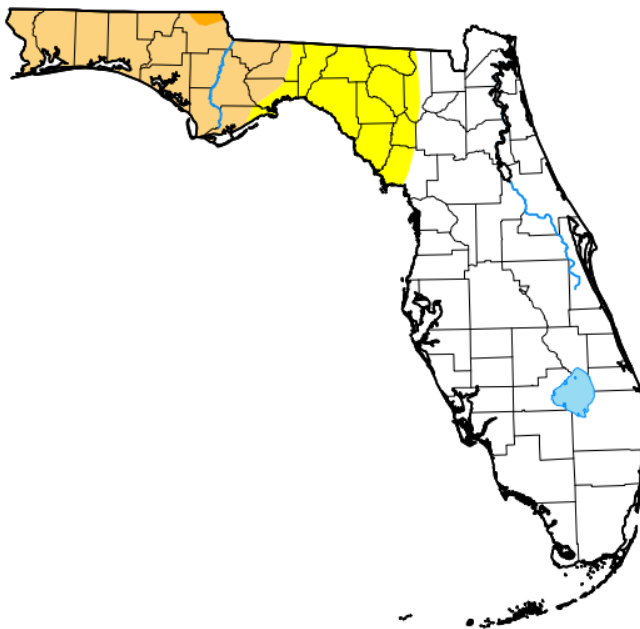
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	12	14
Short.....	15	15
Adequate.....	51	58
Surplus.....	22	13

### Accumulated Precipitation (in) October 17, 2022 to October 23, 2022



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



### October 18, 2022

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#### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	69.77	30.23	18.19	0.34	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-11-2022	80.98	19.02	4.90	0.57	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-19-2022	90.15	9.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-04-2022	76.97	23.03	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	91.16	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-19-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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