



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.

November 28, 2022

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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, November 27, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to more than 5.0 inches in North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 57.6°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 85.0°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures remained seasonable in the citrus growing region last week, with highs in the mid-70s to the low-80s. The warmest reading was recorded in Sebring (Highlands County), at 81 degrees. The citrus belt experienced light rainfall during the reporting period as the seasonal pattern of intermittent frontal systems fell into place. The most rain fell in Fellsmere (Indian River County), receiving 2 inches of precipitation, followed by Muse (Glades County) reporting 1.6 inches, and Lake Placid (Highlands County) collecting 1.3 inches. According to the November 23, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, topping, hedging, removal of dead trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run statewide. Sizing on this season’s crop was as follows: oranges about tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit around softball size. Field personnel reported color break on early and midseason oranges and grapefruit.

Harvested varieties for the fresh market included: Early variety tangerines; early and Navel oranges; and spot-

picked red and white grapefruit. Processed fruit included field-run early oranges, navels, and red grapefruit, along with packinghouse eliminations of all fruit types.

Crops

The southeastern and east central regions of the state received a significant amount of rain the past week, with some areas receiving over 4 inches of precipitation. The rest of the state received very little precipitation. Cotton harvest continued to make strong progress across the state.

The southwestern strawberry crop continued to recover from Hurricane Nicole with harvest of the crop continuing in areas most impacted by the storm. Sugarcane planting and harvest continued across the state despite heavy rain in some areas. Vegetable crops that were planted and harvested last week included tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, yellow squash, and leafy greens.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture conditions were reported mostly fair to good. The northern region of the state continued to experience drought conditions negatively impacting winter grazing.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/27/22

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton – Harvested.....	72	68	78	69

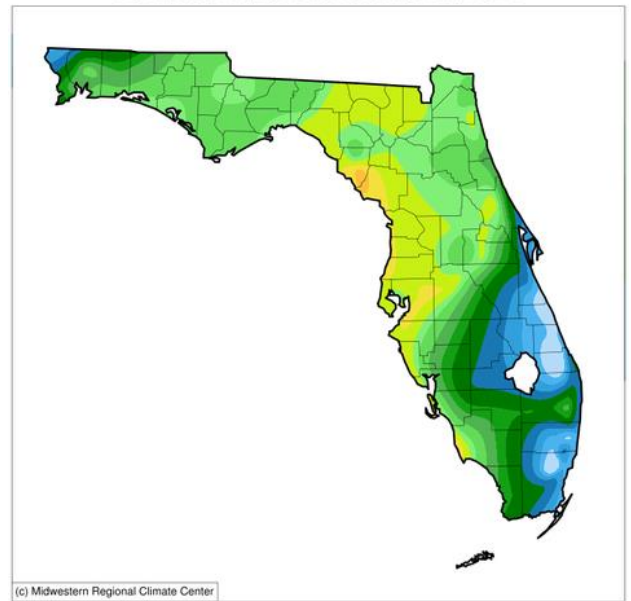
Conditions for Week Ending 11/27/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	6	27	51	16
Pasture & range...	2	14	31	35	18

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/27/22

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	15	17
Adequate.....	74	74
Surplus.....	10	9

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 21, 2022 to November 27, 2022



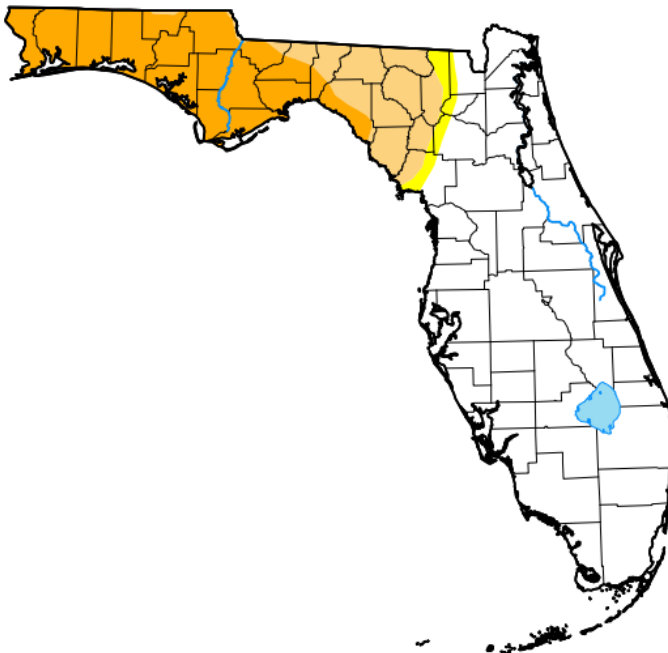
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



November 22, 2022

(Released Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	68.25	31.75	29.86	19.77	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11-15-2022	68.30	31.70	29.86	19.77	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-23-2022	83.52	16.48	1.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	76.97	23.03	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	91.16	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 11-23-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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