



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 3, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 6.6 inches in Melbourne (Brevard County). The average mean temperature ranged from 63.7°F at the Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 83.4°F Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures warmed in the citrus growing region this week, with highs in the 80s. Continued beneficial precipitation fell across the state in conjunction with multiple active weather systems during the reporting period. The most rainfall was again recorded in Mount Plymouth (Lake County), receiving 3.91 inches of rain, followed closely by Clermont (Lake County) totaling 3.63 inches. According to the March 31, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, moderate drought conditions remained in the majority of the western, central, and southern citrus growing areas, while abnormally dry conditions continued to encompass most of the northern and Indian River citrus growing areas.

Varieties harvested for the fresh market included Valencia oranges, later variety tangerines, and red and white grapefruit. Processing plants were accepting field run Valencia oranges and grapefruit, and packinghouse eliminations for grapefruit.

Reports from field personnel indicated continued bloom in orange groves statewide. Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, herbiciding, mowing and general grove maintenance. Due to the lack of adequate rain over the past several weeks, irrigation was being run in all areas. The water level in canals and ditches remained low across the state.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 13, 2022 (Preliminary)	Mar 20, 2022 (Preliminary)	Mar 27, 2022 (Preliminary)	Mar 28, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	0	0	0	2
Valencia Oranges	1,143	1,242	1,887	2,817
Red grapefruit ....	96	125	101	71
White grapefruit..	24	18	15	25
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	27	26	7	10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>2,925</b>

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

**Crops**

Substantial rainfall fell across that state benefitting newly planted crops. Corn planting continued, while some producers started planting early peanuts. Watermelon harvest started as the harvest of other crops was winding down. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week. White fly was reported on crops in the southern region.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pasture condition improved to mostly fair and good condition because of the substantial rainfall and mild temperatures. Cattle conditions also improved as a result of improved pasture and range conditions.

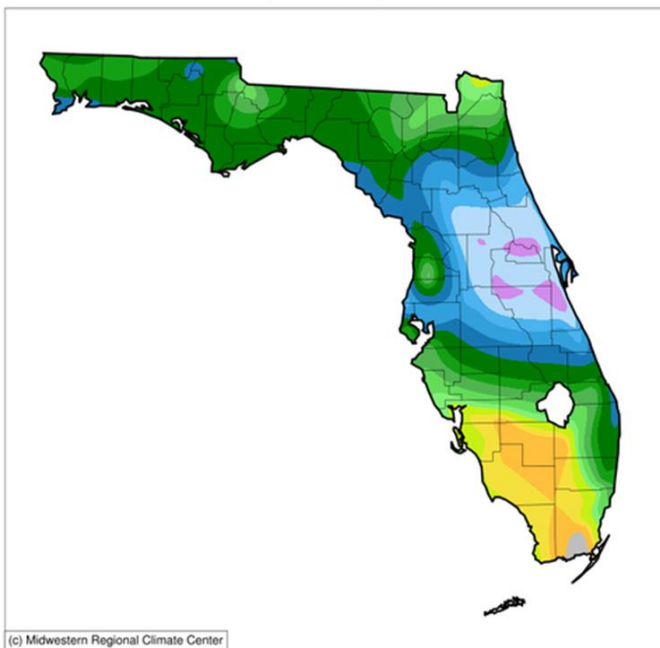
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/03/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3
Short.....	9	9
Adequate.....	81	80
Surplus.....	8	8

### Conditions for Week Ending 04/03/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	6	35	51	8
Pasture & range .....	3	25	35	30	7

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
March 28, 2022 to April 03, 2022



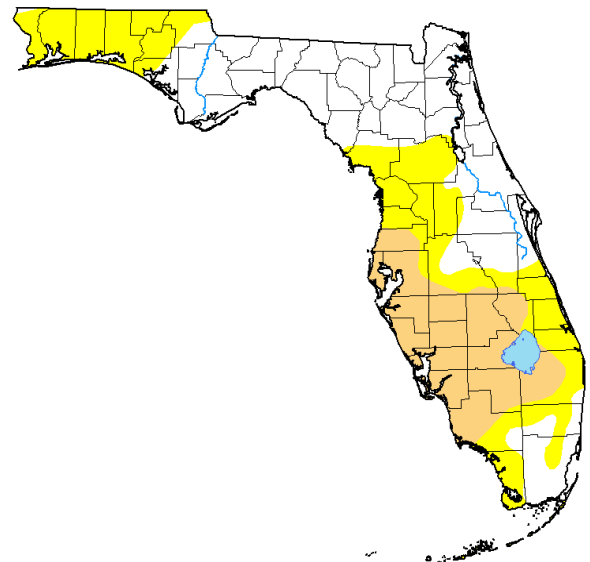
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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



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