



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 22, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 6.7 inches at Leesburg International Airport (Lake County). The average mean temperature ranged from 75.2°F in Tarpon Springs (Pinellas County) to 83.3°F at Miami International Airport (Miami-Dade County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures climbed again throughout the citrus growing region this week, with highs in the high 80s to low 90s. The hottest readings were recorded at the Clermont (Lake County), Sebring (Highlands County), and Winter Haven (Polk County) stations, all hitting 93 degrees. The citrus belt received light to moderate rainfall associated with a large area of tropical moisture which overspread the state during the reporting period. The most rain fell in Mount Plymouth (Lake County) with 2.7 inches, followed by Clermont (Lake County) with 2.5 inches, and Winter Haven (Polk County) with 1.7 inches. Deficit rainfall over the last 90-day period remained constant in citrus producing counties. According to the May 19, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, dryness and drought continued to impact south Florida. Severe drought persisted in one small pocket of the southern portion of the citrus growing region, while a mixture of moderate drought and abnormal dryness remained across about half of the central area and large stretches of the southern, western, and Indian River areas.

Harvest of all varieties for fresh and processed use wound down as the season is coming to a close.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, 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
	May 1, 2022 (Preliminary)	May 8, 2022 (Preliminary)	May 15, 2022 (Preliminary)	May 16, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	1,578	1,411	379	1,757
Red grapefruit ....	3	0	0	0
White grapefruit..	2	0	0	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>1,757</b>

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

**Crops**

Much of the state received little to no rainfall throughout the week until Sunday. Dry conditions continued to negatively impact planting activities, specifically in the Panhandle with some producers halting activities until more favorable conditions. Other producers continued planting cotton and peanuts in the northern part of the state. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week. Sugarcane harvest continued closer to completion, but producers noted late rains may delay harvest a few days.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture and range remained in mostly fair and good condition.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/22/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	7
Short.....	32	23
Adequate.....	55	64
Surplus.....	3	6

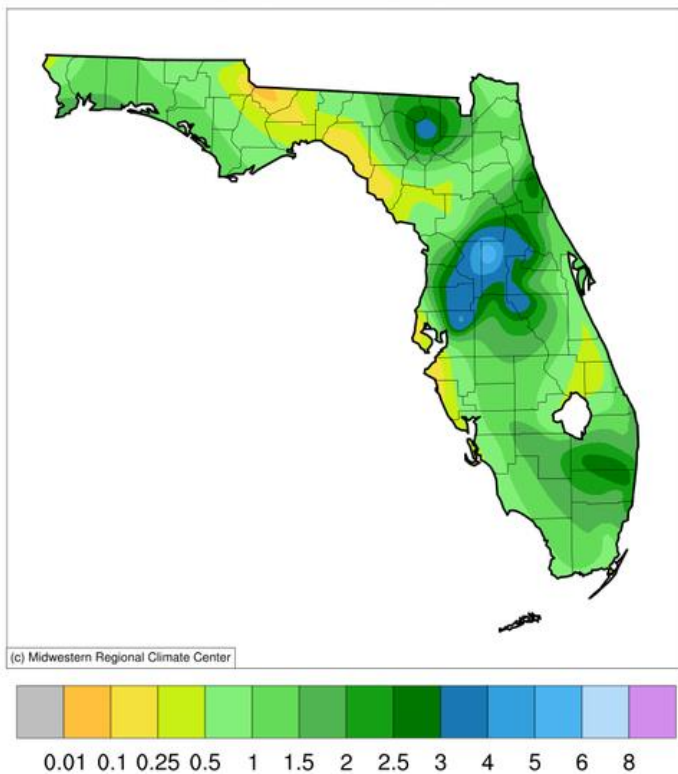
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/22/22

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	36	29	58	53
Peanuts - Planted.....	77	60	77	75

### Conditions for Week Ending 05/22/22

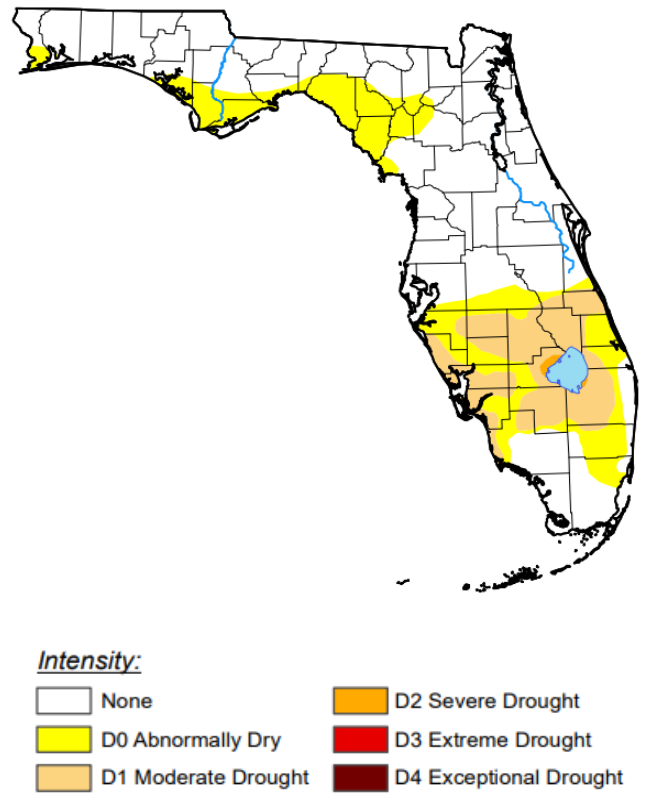
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	9	29	54	7
Pasture & range .....	6	18	42	25	9
Peanuts.....	1	1	35	62	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 16, 2022 to May 22, 2022



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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



May 17, 2022 (Released Thursday, May 19, 2022)  
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