



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 8, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 4.0 inches in Punta Gorda (Charlotte County). The average mean temperature ranged from 73.3°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 86.1°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures warmed in the citrus growing region this week, with highs in the high 80s to the low 90s. The citrus belt received some light precipitation during the reporting period, as a weak cold front moved across the state. The most rain fell in Muse (Glades County) with 1.15 inches, followed by Mount Plymouth (Lake County) with 0.6 inches. According to the May 5, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, dryness and drought continued to impact south Florida. Severe drought remained entrenched in parts of the southern portion of the citrus growing region, while moderate drought still stretched across half of the central area and nearly all of the southern and western areas.

Varieties harvested for the fresh market included Valencia oranges, and red and white grapefruit. Grapefruit harvest was functionally complete, while most processing plants plan to finish running oranges within days.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, 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
	Apr 17, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 24, 2022 (Preliminary)	May 1, 2022 (Preliminary)	May 2, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	1,717	2,306	1,998	2,524
Red grapefruit	16	1	0	0
White grapefruit..	3	5	3	0
Tangerines and Tangelos	2	1	0	0
Total	1,738	2,313	2,001	2,524

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

Crops

Limited rainfall and dry conditions continued throughout much of the state. Many producers across the state noted these dry conditions limiting their planting activities during the week. Cotton continued to be planted at a slower pace given the increasingly dry conditions. Producers continued planting 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 in the southern part of the peninsula.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/08/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	6
Short.....	32	31
Adequate.....	60	61
Surplus.....	3	2

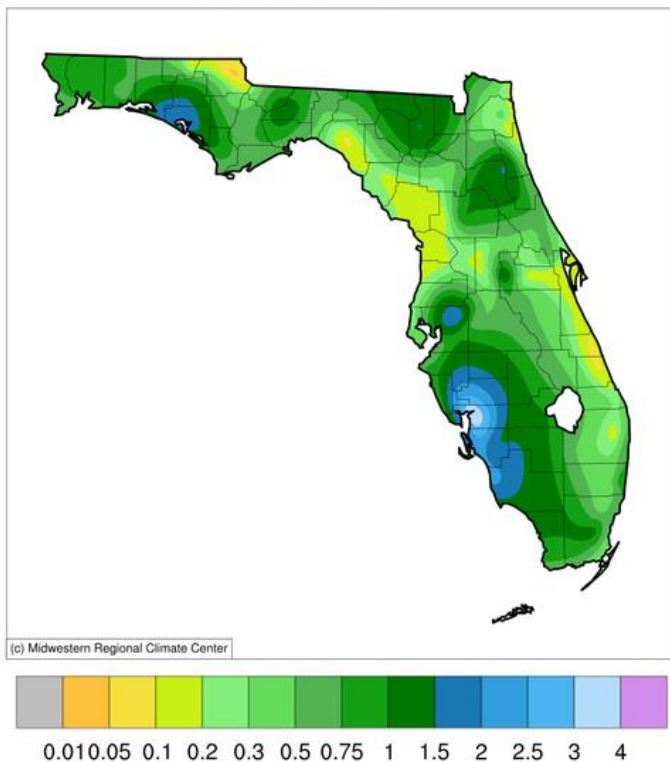
Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/08/22

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	15	4	10	17
Peanuts - Planted.....	35	27	35	37

Conditions for Week Ending 05/08/22

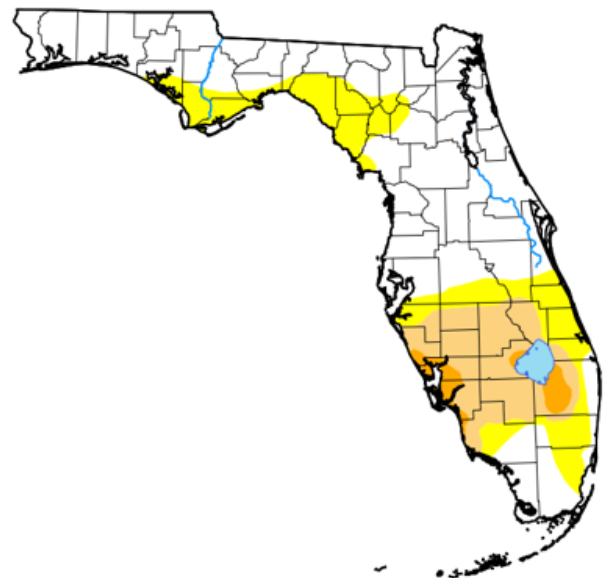
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	4	30	58	7
Pasture & range	6	17	40	29	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 02, 2022 to May 08, 2022



<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE>

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>