



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, July 17th, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rainfall to 6.4 inches at Tampa International Airport (Hillsborough County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.6°F at Tarpon Springs Sewage Plant (Pinellas County) to 90.1°F at Naval Air Station Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonably warm in the citrus growing region last week, with highs in the low to mid-90s. The hottest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) with 95 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) with 94 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands County) with 93 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread moderate rainfall during the reporting period, as the wet-season pattern of afternoon thunderstorms formed by the collision of sea breezes combined with a low-pressure system to funnel more moisture over the peninsula. The most rain fell in Lake County, with the Clermont station reporting 2.51 inches and the Mount Plymouth station reading 1.90 inches. According to the July 14, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, except for a couple small patches in the northeastern part of the citrus growing area experiencing transitory abnormal dryness, the entire citrus producing region was drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run as needed in all areas. Next season's crop progressed as normal, with oranges about golf ball to tennis ball size and grapefruit approximately baseball size.

Crops

The southern portion of the state received moderate rainfall this week relieving dry conditions and improving crops. The northern part of the state received scattered, sometimes heavy rainfall accompanied by high temperatures. Crops in the northeast part of the state are still in need of cooler temperatures and rain. Soil moisture in the southern portion of the state was becoming more favorable with rain. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week including okra, mangos and avocados. Plastic was being put down for tomatoes and planting should start this week.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range remained in mostly fair and good condition. Pasture grass is beginning to catch up to cattle needs but will take time.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/17/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	1
Short.....	12	6
Adequate.....	74	84
Surplus.....	8	9

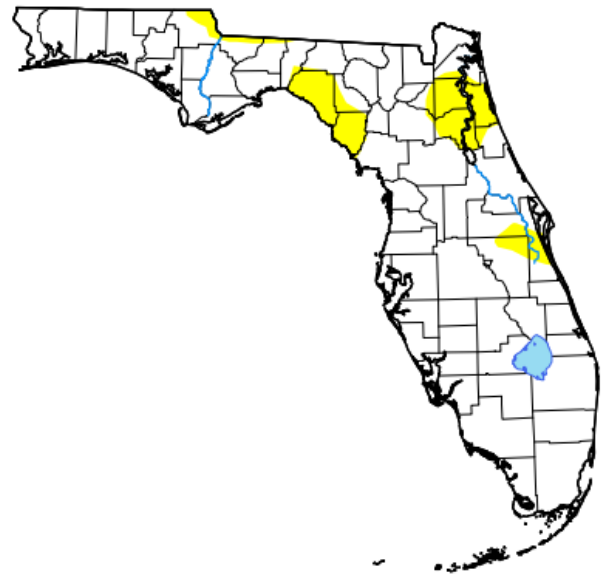
Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/17/22

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	71	55	70	69
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	19	14	29	29
Peanuts - Pegging.....	85	73	84	77

Conditions for Week Ending 07/17/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	5	19	56	20
Cotton.....	0	18	34	48	0
Pasture & range.....	2	3	22	38	36
Peanuts.....	0	1	23	75	1

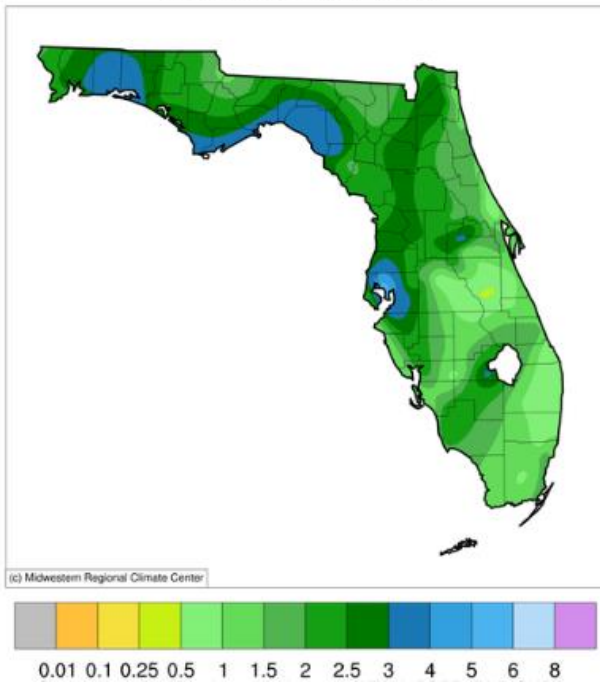
U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 11, 2022 to July 17, 2022



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

July 12, 2022 (Released Thursday, July 14, 2022)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>