



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 14, 2022.

**Special Note:** *At the time of publication, the 7-day observed precipitation and average temperature was unavailable.*

## Citrus

Temperatures were seasonably warm in the citrus growing region last week, with highs in the mid-90s. The hottest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) with 96 degrees, followed by Wauchula (Hardee County) and Kenansville (Osceola County), both registering 94 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread light to moderate rainfall during the reporting period, as a stalled frontal boundary fed moisture into the normal wet-season pattern of afternoon thunderstorms formed by the collision of sea breezes. The most rain fell in Winter Haven (Polk County), receiving 2.80 inches of precipitation, followed by Sebring (Highlands County), reporting 2.17 inches of rain. According to the August 11, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the area of abnormal dryness centered in northeastern Osceola County expanded to include all of the Indian River citrus growing area, in addition to the existing impacted portion of Orange County. The remainder of the citrus producing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, limited mowing, topping, hedging, skirting tree canopies, 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 baseball size and grapefruit baseball to larger than softball size. Field personnel observed color break on grapefruit in multiple areas of the state.

## Crops

Much of the state received a significant amount of rainfall the past week; the southeastern part of the state being the exception as it received very little precipitation. Soil moisture in both the northern and southwestern portions of the state continued to improve with the rainfall. Reporters in some locations noted that excessive rain has hurt row crops, while others noted that the rain made it difficult to cut and bale hay. Cotton squaring was completed while some locations saw bolls starting to open. Peanut pegging neared completion and some reporters noted that peanut digging began in the past week. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week including okra, bitter melons, and avocados. Rice harvest continued throughout the week.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions as well as pasture and range conditions remained mostly good to excellent. Pasture grass continued to progress and catch up with cattle needs.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/14/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	3
Short.....	12	13
Adequate.....	83	79
Surplus.....	2	5

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/14/22

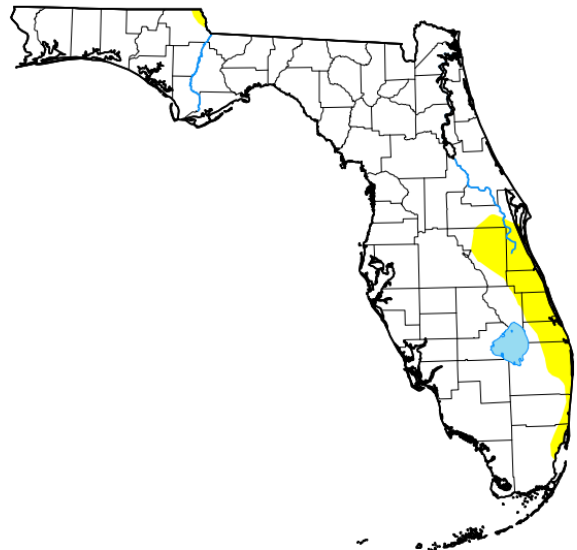
Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	83	77	90	87
Cotton – Bolls Opening...	4	2	6	5
Peanuts - Pegging.....	98	98	99	97
Peanuts - Dug.....	1	NA	2	0

NA – Not Available

### Conditions for Week Ending 08/14/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	2	22	51	24
Cotton.....	1	3	28	66	2
Pasture & range .....	3	2	23	43	29
Peanuts.....	1	2	17	79	1

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Intensity:**

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

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