



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, August 28, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rainfall to 7.4 inches at Fort Myers Airport (Lee County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.6°F at Naval Air Station Whiting Field (Santa Rosa County) to 90.7°F at Naval Air Station Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonably warm in all citrus production areas this past week with highs in the low to mid-90s. All citrus producing counties received above average rainfall. In the southern production area, Muse (Glades County) recorded 2.69 inches of rainfall. In the central production area, Davenport (Polk County) recorded 5.19 inches of rainfall. According to the August 23, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, the state drought team notes below normal levels in Lake Kissimmee and inflows into Lake Okeechobee in addition to dry soils and stressed vegetation. Except for Hendry County, all counties surrounding Lake Okeechobee, and several northern citrus production areas are abnormally dry. All western citrus producing counties and the remainder of the southern citrus producing counties are drought free.

Grove operations included normal spraying programs, limited mowing, and general grove maintenance. 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 continued to see color break on grapefruit and on early oranges.

Crops

The region from the southwestern part of the state to the north central part of the state received a significant amount of rain. Soil moisture in both the northern and southwestern portions of the state continued to improve with the rainfall. Reporters noted in some areas that the rainfall has negatively impacted the ability for operators to work in the field. Cotton bolls setting was nearly completed while more locations saw bolls starting to open. Peanut digging started to pick up pace while harvest began in some areas. Reporters noted dealing with increased disease pressure in peanut vines. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week including okra, bitter melons, and avocados. Tomato and watermelon planting began in the west central part of the state. Land preparation was also underway for fall strawberry and vegetable production.

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.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/28/22

| Crop | Prev year (percent) | Prev week (percent) | This week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cotton – Setting Bolls.. | 100 | 96 | 99 | 97 |
| Cotton – Bolls Opening | 15 | 11 | 16 | 22 |
| Peanuts – Dug..... | 6 | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| Peanuts – Harvested... | 2 | NA | 2 | 2 |

NA – Not available

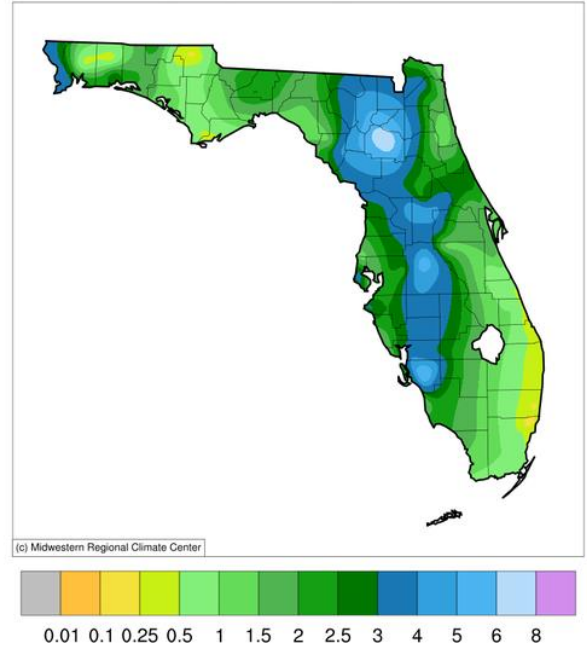
Conditions for Week Ending 08/28/22

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle..... | 0 | 1 | 18 | 61 | 20 |
| Cotton..... | 0 | 1 | 24 | 60 | 15 |
| Pasture & range... | 1 | 1 | 20 | 46 | 32 |
| Peanuts..... | 0 | 0 | 13 | 79 | 8 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/28/22

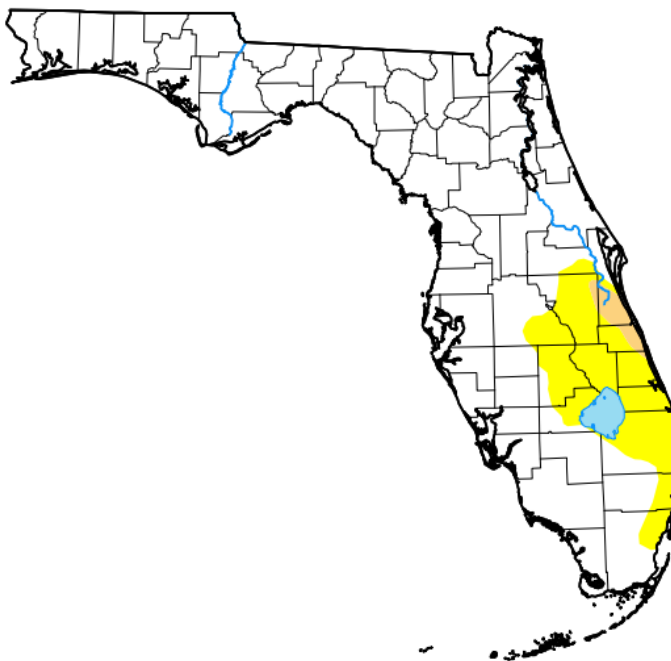
| Topsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Very short..... | 4 | 1 |
| Short..... | 14 | 7 |
| Adequate..... | 73 | 78 |
| Surplus..... | 9 | 14 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 22, 2022 to August 28, 2022



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



August 23, 2022

(Released Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 83.52 | 16.48 | 1.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 08-16-2022 | 88.56 | 11.44 | 1.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 05-24-2022 | 65.71 | 34.29 | 7.96 | 1.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022 | 76.97 | 23.03 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 09-28-2021 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 08-24-2021 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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