



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, June 11, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 5.1 inches at Northwest Florida Beaches Airport (Bay County). The average mean temperature ranged from 76.8°F in Hastings (St. Johns County) to 84.6°F at Marathon Airport (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonal in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs from the high 80's to the low 90's. The hottest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) reaching 91 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reading 90 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands County) hitting 89 degrees. The citrus belt received scattered light to moderate rainfall during the reporting period. The most rain fell in Muse (Glades County), measuring 3.8 inches of precipitation, followed by Lake Placid (Highlands County) reading 2.8 inches, and Frostproof (Polk County) registering 1.4 inches. According to the June 8, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions further improved, with moderate drought retreating to the west coast of the peninsula, and severe drought lingering in a pocket near the Big Bend region. Abnormally dry conditions clung close to the moderate drought affected locations, along with a small area centered in northern Lake County. The remainder of the citrus growing region was drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, topping, hedging, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, construction of screenhouses, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run statewide, while water levels in canals and ditches were low. Field personnel reported next year's fruit sizing well.

Crops

Most of the state received a small amount of rain last week, with the southeastern and northwestern regions of the state receiving the most precipitation. Areas that received notable amounts of precipitation reported delayed field work due to wet fields. In areas with drier conditions, operators neared completion of cotton and peanut planting. The first signs of cotton squaring and peanut pegging were seen in some locations. Crops that were harvested last week included watermelon, melons, potatoes, and okra. Reporters noted that rice planting was completed while sugarcane harvest neared completion.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported in mostly fair to good condition. Reporters noted visibly dry conditions in areas that had not received much precipitation the past few weeks. Hay continued to be cut when conditions allowed.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 6/11/23

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	94	88	95	90
Cotton - Squaring.....	2	0	4	6
Peanuts - Planted.....	98	91	96	97
Peanuts - Pegging.....	3	NA	3	4

NA – Not Available

Conditions for Week Ending 6/11/23

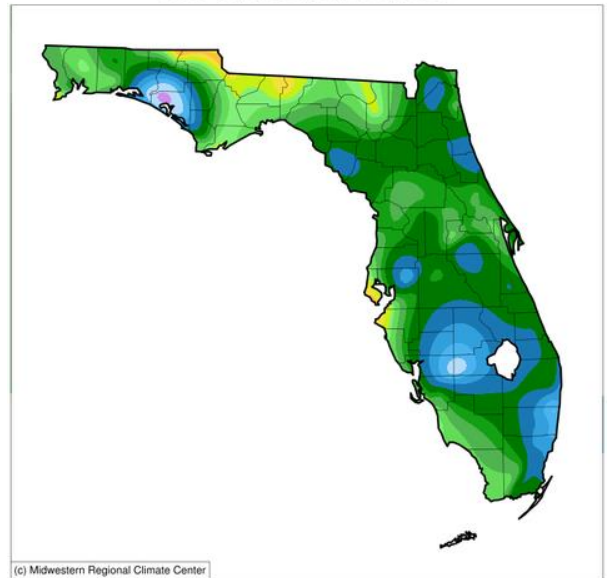
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	35	47	13
Cotton.....	0	2	24	71	3
Pasture & range....	2	8	35	38	17
Peanuts.....	1	1	19	78	1

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 6/11/23

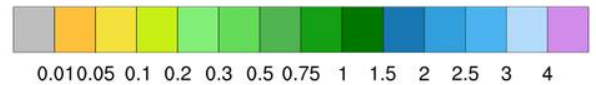
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....		3
Short.....		19
Adequate.....		64
Surplus.....		14

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

June 05, 2023 to June 11, 2023

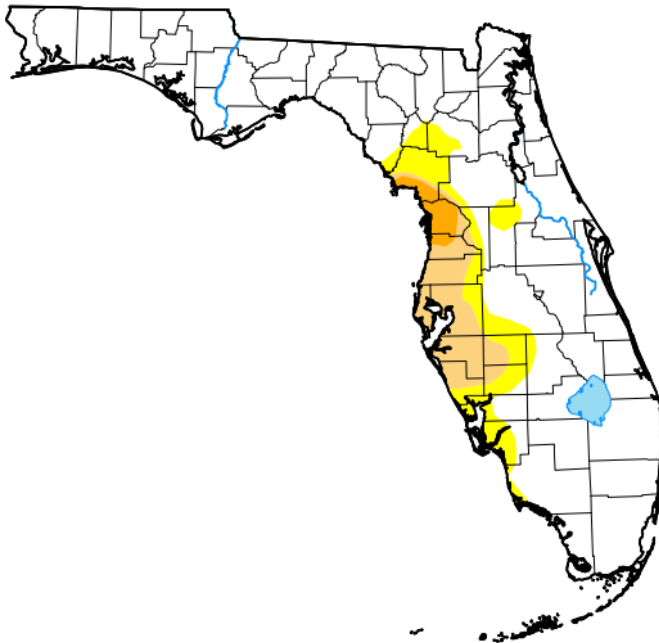


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



June 6, 2023

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.10	17.90	8.62	1.69	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-30-2023</i>	73.96	26.04	14.03	8.01	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>03-07-2023</i>	7.06	92.94	80.29	3.90	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	56.61	43.39	30.80	19.77	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	91.16	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>06-07-2022</i>	81.81	18.19	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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://ldroughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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