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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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 9, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 5.8 inches at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 82.4°F in Palm Coast (Flagler County) to 88.7°F at Marathon Airport (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the 90's. The hottest readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County), reaching 98 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reading 95 degrees, and Mount Plymouth (Lake County) hitting 94 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread light rainfall during the reporting period, though some moderately heavy rains were experienced in scattered instances. The most rain fell in Mount Plymouth (Lake County), measuring 3.2 inches of precipitation, followed by Muse (Glades County) reading 2.5 inches, and Winter Haven (Polk County) registering 1.9 inches. According to the July 6, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, insufficient rainfall coverage led to a deterioration in moisture levels along the west coast of the peninsula, resulting in an expansion of abnormally dry conditions and the reintroduction of moderate drought. The rest of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run as needed. Field personnel reported next year's fruit sizing well, with oranges approximately golf ball size and larger, while grapefruit were as large as tennis ball size.

Crops

Much of the state received a significant amount of rain last week, with many coastal areas receiving especially heavy precipitation. The rain combined with high heat prevented field work in certain areas of the state. Cotton squaring continued to make strong progress, while boll setting started to pick up steam. With the peanut crop fully planted, pegging continued to advance at a good rate. Crops that were harvested last week included okra, mango, hot peppers, and other tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly fair to good condition. Reporters noted some isolated instances of cattle death loss.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/9/23

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring……	51	42	60	52
Cotton - Setting Bolls…..	13	1	15	13
Peanuts - Pegging……..	70	55	66	65

Conditions for Week Ending 7/9/23

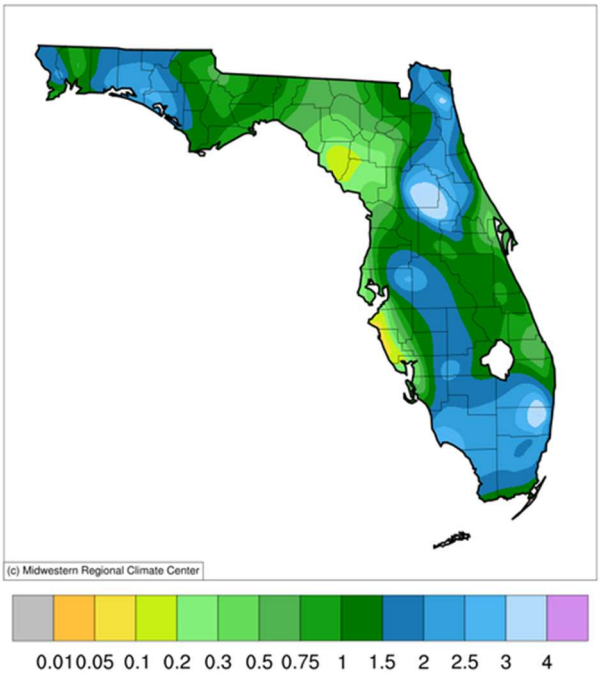
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle……..	0	1	23	57	19
Cotton……..	0	4	39	57	0
Pasture & range….	0	2	20	45	33
Peanuts……..	0	1	20	79	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/9/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short……..	2	3
Short……	15	15
Adequate……..……..	70	74
Surplus……..	13	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

July 02, 2023 to July 09, 2023



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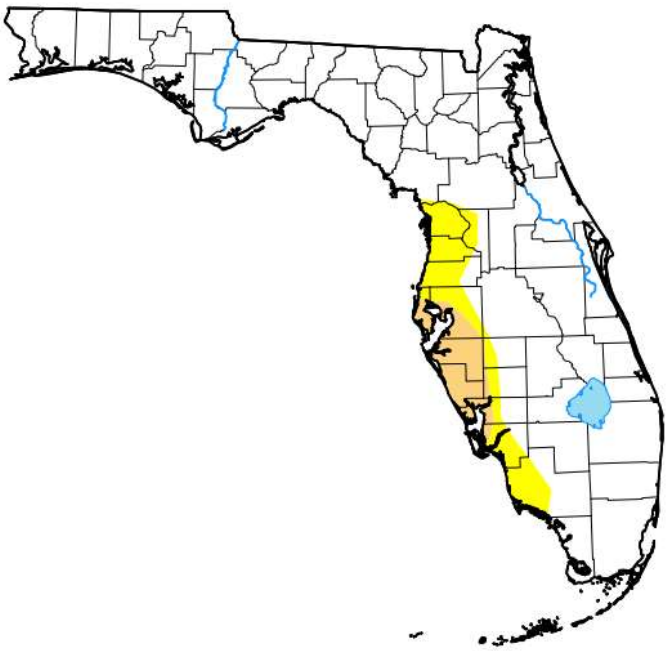

July 4, 2023

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.98	12.02	4.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 06-27-2023	93.84	6.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-04-2023	11.40	88.60	66.06	55.09	4.51	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	56.61	43.39	30.80	19.77	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	91.16	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-05-2022	76.50	23.50	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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