



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, July 2, 2023. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 5.6 inches at Hollywood (Broward County). The average mean temperature ranged from 80.9°F at Scottsmoor (Brevard County) to 87.3°F at Pensacola Regional Airport (Escambia County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonally warm in the citrus growing region last week. All station had several days in the low to mid 90s. Central Florida (Lake County) had average maximum highs recorded at 97 degrees for the week. Winter Haven (Polk County) and Oasis Florida (Collier County) both recorded average highs at 94 degrees. For the most part, citrus producing counties received very little rainfall for the week. A couple outlying stations had significant rainfall. Muse (Glades County) received 2.9 inches for the week. Moore Haven Lock 1 (Glades County) recorded 1.4 inches for the week. A few stations in the Indian River District, and neighboring Osceola County had afternoon thunderstorms producing one to two and a half inches for the reporting period. According to the June 29, 2023, U.S. Drought Monitor, continued improvement in soil moisture profiles decreased the coverage of abnormally dry conditions along the west coast of the peninsula, bringing relief to more grove properties in the western portion of the citrus belt. The remainder of the citrus growing region remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying summer oils, fertilizing, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting young 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

After the previous week's heavy rainfall, much of the northern and central part of the peninsula received little rainfall over the past week. Warm and dry conditions prevailed, which caused some crops to suffer and need irrigation. Peanut and cotton producers wrapped up planting activities while much of the crop had progressed into the pegging and squaring stages. Reports from the northern and central parts of the state noted that standing water in the fields had caused some damage to their peanut crops. Crops that were harvested last week included mango, potatoes, peas, squash, and sweet corn.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly fair to good condition. Some cattle producers noted the need for more consistent rainfall to promote growth in their pastures.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/2/23

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	27	26	42	38
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	5	0	1	6
Peanuts - Pegging.....	48	38	55	49

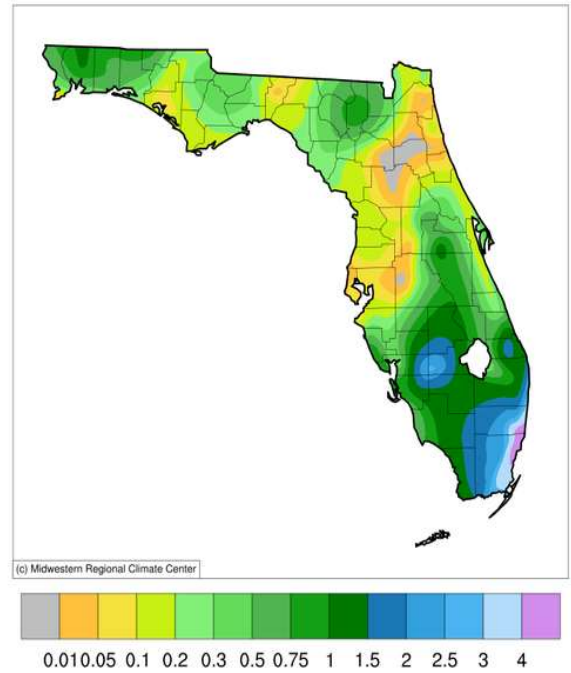
Conditions for Week Ending 7/2/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	26	49	20
Cotton.....	0	7	34	59	0
Pasture & range....	1	5	25	38	31
Peanuts.....	1	1	28	70	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/2/23

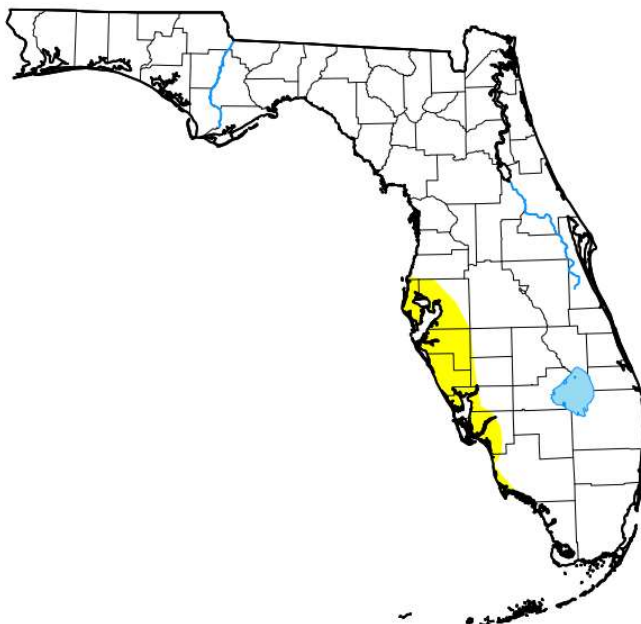
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	6	15
Adequate.....	74	70
Surplus.....	19	13

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 26, 2023 to July 02, 2023



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



June 27, 2023
(Released Thursday, Jun. 29, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	93.84	6.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 06-20-2023	83.10	16.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 03-28-2023	11.61	88.39	69.17	43.42	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 06-28-2022	77.32	22.68	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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