



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 9, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 5.2 inches of rain at Tallahassee Regional Airport (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 56.3°F at Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County) to 75.1°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

A few later variety tangerines are still being harvested. Grapefruit are winding down but are still trickling into the packinghouses and processing plants. Valencia oranges are beginning to come into the packinghouses as demand is increasing. Most plants are processing Valencia oranges, as the later variety orange gets underway.

**Citrus**

Temperatures began cooling early in the week and by early Friday morning lows dipped to the 30s and 40s across the citrus region. Daytime highs were in the 70s and 80s. A squall line of storm activity worked its way southeastward through the citrus region on Wednesday. Various stations in the citrus region received copious rainfall, while others barely saw any precipitation. Lakeland (Polk County) received 0.75 inches of rainfall. In the southern portion of the citrus belt, the most rainfall received was in Lake Placid (Highlands County) at 0.20 inches of rainfall.

According to the March 6, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, “some improvements to short-term moderate drought occurred in central Florida following heavy rainfall that fell near last week’s Tuesday morning cutoff”. With the exception the Indian River Area, which was mostly void of drought conditions, the complete citrus belt continues to be under moderate drought or abnormally dry conditions.

General maintenance included discing, mowing pre-harvest, spraying, and putting out fertilizer and nutritional through irrigation. Bloom is uniform with stages ranging from budding, to petals beginning to open, to semi-open flowers. Irrigation was being run on a robust schedule. Early and midseason varieties of oranges and tangerines for the fresh market are over.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Feb 16, 2025 (Final)	Feb 23, 2025 (Preliminary)	Mar 2, 2025 (Preliminary)	Mar 3, 2024 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	4	2	6	2
Navel oranges .....	66	82	321	195
Red grapefruit.....	53	45	55	77
White grapefruit.....	11	10	2	2
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	5	13	21	12
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>288</b>

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

**Crops**

The Panhandle received heavier amounts of rain while the rest of the state received more moderate rainfall totals throughout the week. The rain received slightly delayed watermelon planting in Levy County. The warmer temperatures improved cover crop conditions. In Jackson County, producers have started planting corn and expect to plant more corn, melons and vegetables now that soil moisture has improved. Most operators have completed planting decisions and were finishing field preparations in anticipation of spring planting.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Grazing improved with the rain received and warmer temperatures.

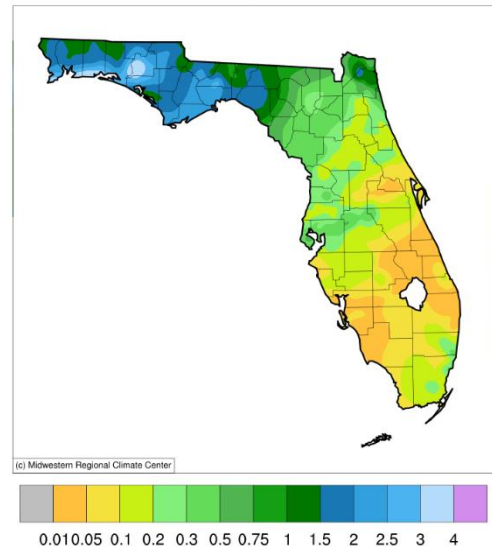
### Conditions for Week Ending 3/9/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	11	41	36	11
Pasture and range.....	2	20	40	26	12

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/9/25

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....		5
Short.....		36
Adequate.....		59
Surplus.....		0

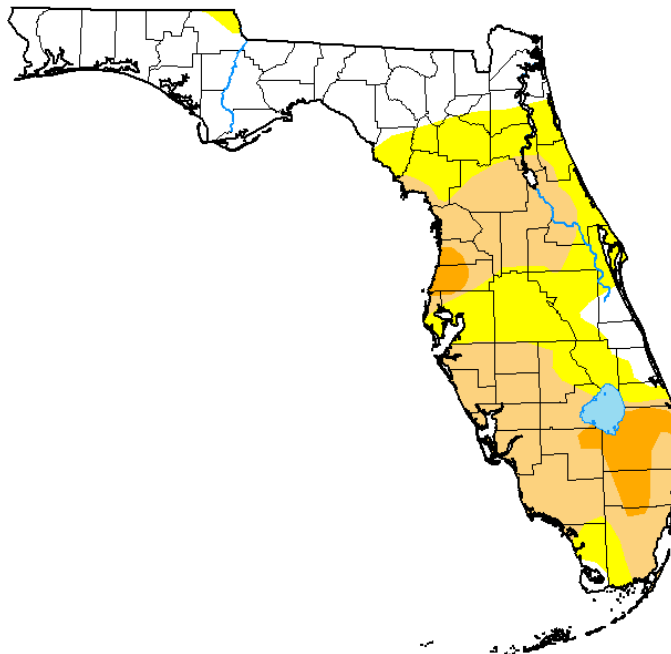
Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
March 03, 2025 to March 09, 2025



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

March 4, 2025  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 6, 2025)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



**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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