



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 16, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 5.2 inches of rain in Tallahassee (Leon County). The average mean temperature ranged from 61.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 76.9°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures gradually increased all week in the citrus growing region, reaching close to record heat over the weekend. Highs were in the mid to upper 80s in all counties. Combined with the heat, showers and storm activity made its way into the citrus region. Selected citrus counties received isolated scattered rainfall, while many continued to be void of precipitation. In the center of the citrus belt, Lake Placid (Highlands County) received 1.49 inches of rainfall. In the northern area, the most rainfall received was in Clermont (Lake County) at 1.01 inches of rainfall.

According to the March 13, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, some degradations in parts of central and southern Florida were noted. With the exception the Indian River Area, which was mostly void of drought conditions, the complete citrus belt is experiencing moderate drought or abnormally dry conditions.

General maintenance included discing middles, mowing pre-harvest, spraying, and putting out fertilizer and nutritional's through irrigation. Beekeepers are positioning hives in groves. The citrus bloom period is prolific with stages ranging from petals beginning to open, to fully opened flowers. Irrigation continues to being run on a robust schedule.

Packing houses are finishing up grapefruit and transitioning to Valencia oranges. Valencia processing is increasing and has reached over a half of million boxes per week.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Feb 23, 2025 (Final)	Mar 2, 2025 (Preliminary)	Mar 9, 2025 (Preliminary)	Mar 10, 2024 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	2	0	0	26
Navel oranges	82	327	642	830
Red grapefruit.....	45	55	36	56
White grapefruit.....	10	2	4	4
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	13	21	21	2
Total	152	405	703	918

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

Crops

Some parts of the Panhandle experienced localized, heavier rainfall while other parts of the state received lighter rainfall throughout the week. The rain received and warmer temperatures improved cover crops and winter grazing. In Jackson County, cover crops for cotton and soybeans were killed off to prepare for planting in April. In Palm Beach County, rice planting continued with only slight delays from the rain received, while sugarcane harvest continued. In Alachua and Levy County, watermelon planting continued as well. Producers in Putnam County harvested cabbage, broccoli, and greens. Other crops planted and harvested during the week included snap beans, squash and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

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

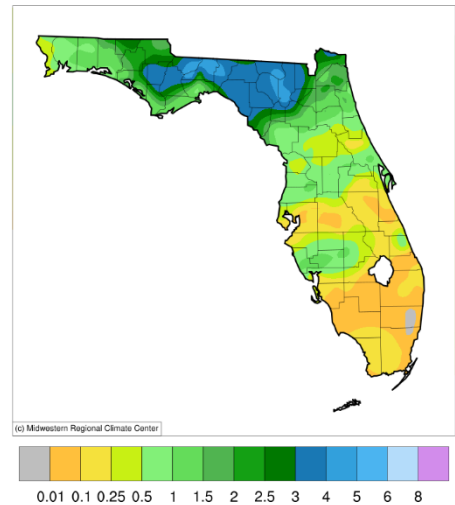
Conditions for Week Ending 3/16/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	11	35	37	16
Pasture and range.....	2	24	34	28	12

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/16/25

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....		5
Short.....	12	20
Adequate.....	28	67
Surplus.....	58	8

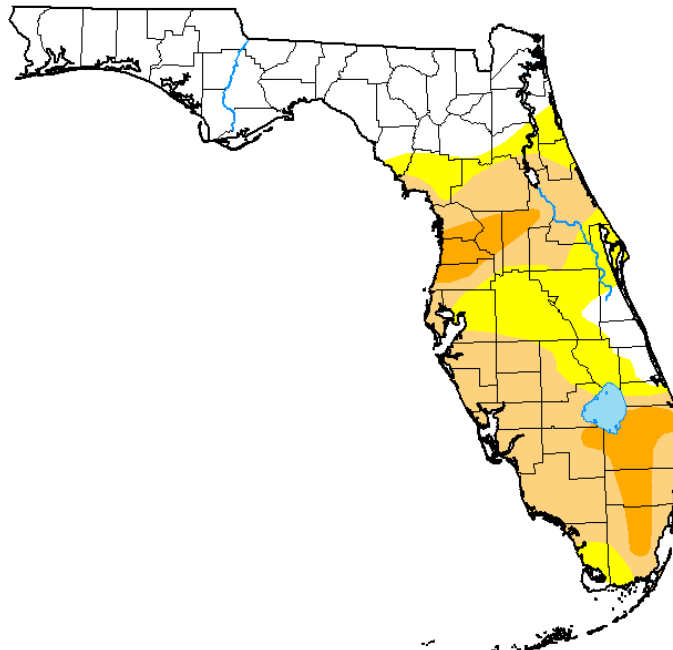
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 10, 2025 to March 16, 2025



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

March 11, 2025
(Released Thursday, Mar. 13, 2025)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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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