



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, March 23, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 1.9 inches of rain in Archer (Alachua County). The average mean temperature ranged from 54.9°F at Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County) to 73.9°F at Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures retreated to normal early in the week registering highs in the upper 70s to low 80s but fluctuated later in the week with an occasional reading in the high 80s to low 90s. A high-pressure system with a northerly flow brought limited showers to the citrus region. More Haven Lock (Glades County) received 0.60 inches of rainfall. In the central area, Lake Placid (Highlands County) received the most rainfall at 0.48 inches.

According to the March 20, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, “little rain fell across southern Florida, ... notably, the coverage of severe drought (D2) was expanded” in that area. Severe drought is now touching the most southern border of the citrus region. With the exception the Indian River Area, which was primarily void of drought conditions, the complete citrus belt is experiencing moderate drought or abnormally dry conditions.

General maintenance included spraying, taking out dead wood, putting out fertilizer, young tree care, and robust irrigation schedules. The citrus bloom period has progressed and is now showing fully opened flowers to petal drop stage. Packing houses are still running red grapefruit and Valencia oranges. All other varieties are over for the season. Growers and processors are keeping an eye on maturity but are working on getting Valenica oranges off the trees before they hit the ground.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 2, 2025 (Final)	Mar 2, 2025 (Preliminary)	Mar 16, 2025 (Preliminary)	Mar 17, 2024 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	0	0	0	7
Navel oranges	327	643	768	934
Red grapefruit.....	65	36	33	33
White grapefruit.....	3	4	7	3
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	22	21	7	3
Total	417	704	815	989

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. Cover crops and winter grazing continued to improve. Several corn producers across the state have begun planting corn and prepping land for peanuts and cotton. In Jackson County, melon planting was in full swing, and producers prepped for later row crop planting. In Palm Beach County, rain caused a short delay for rice planting but then continued throughout the week uninterrupted. Sugarcane harvest continued and was nearing completion. In Alachua, watermelons planting continued with blueberries almost ready for harvest. Other crops planted and harvested during the week included potatoes, snap beans, squash, tomatoes, ethnic vegetables and tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Pastures have begun to green up.

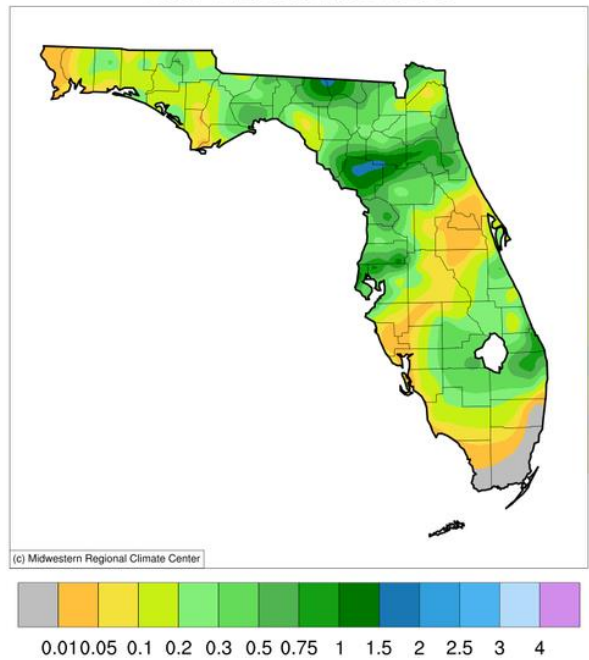
Conditions for Week Ending 3/23/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	33	49	12
Pasture and range.....	2	17	37	31	13

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/23/25

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

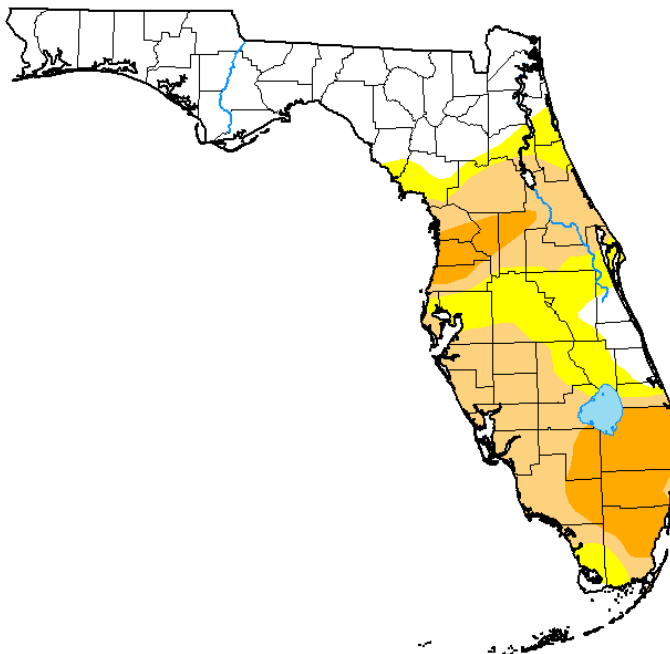
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 17, 2025 to March 23, 2025



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

March 18, 2025
(Released Thursday, Mar. 20, 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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