



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, March 2, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 8.5 inches of rain in Key West (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 56.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 73.0°F at Hollywood North Perry Airport (Broward County).

## Citrus

Temperatures surged ahead of spring, reaching the low to mid 80s in all areas. The warmest readings were in Bartow (Polk County) and Sebring (Highlands County) both at 83 degrees. Early week widespread rain and storm activity brought moderate to heavy precipitation. Totals were mostly between one and three inches. Lake Placid (Highland County) received 3.00 inches of rainfall. To the north, Frostproof (Polk County) recorded 2.51 inches of rainfall.

According to the February 27, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, recent rainfall eliminated severe drought in the western portion of the citrus region. With the exception a small portion of the Indian River Area, which was void of drought conditions, the complete citrus belt was under moderate drought or abnormally dry conditions.

General maintenance included mowing, hedging and topping, fertilizing, putting out herbicide and placing bee hives. Bloom is ranging from pinhead bloom to flowering. Irrigation was scaled back some but was still being run on a modified schedule. Harvest of fresh grapefruit is winding down and should finish in the next week or so.

Early and midseason varieties of tangerines for the fresh market are over. A few later varieties are still being harvested. Valencia oranges are beginning to come into the packinghouses at a meager assessable rate. A couple plants are processing Valencia oranges, but nothing of significant quantity yet.

## Crops

The northern part of the state received little rain last week, while most of the rest of the state received moderate to significant precipitation. Operators continued to make land preparations for upcoming spring planting. The colder temperatures caused strawberry losses for producers in Okaloosa and Walton Counties, but operators remained hopeful the crop could recover. In Levy County, watermelon planting continued, although there were reports of transplanting delays. In Palm Beach County, rice planting in organic fields continued while sugarcane and sweet corn harvest were mostly complete. Other crops planted and harvested include snap beans, squash, sweetcorn, 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. Winter pastures have been growing well with longer days.

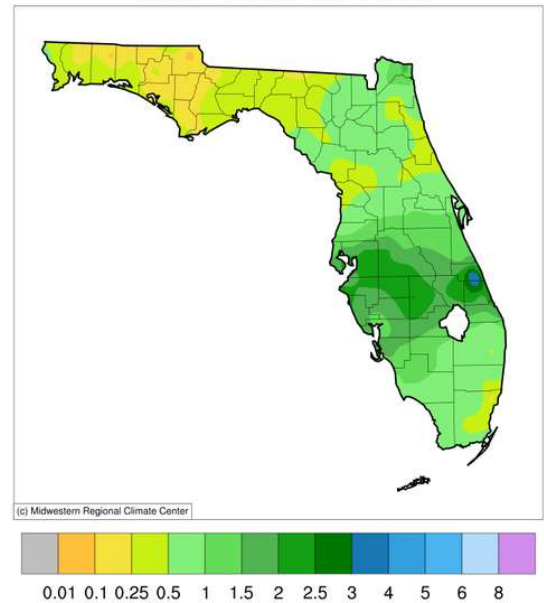
### Conditions for Week Ending 3/2/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	10	37	40	12
Pasture and range....	3	20	42	23	12

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/2/25

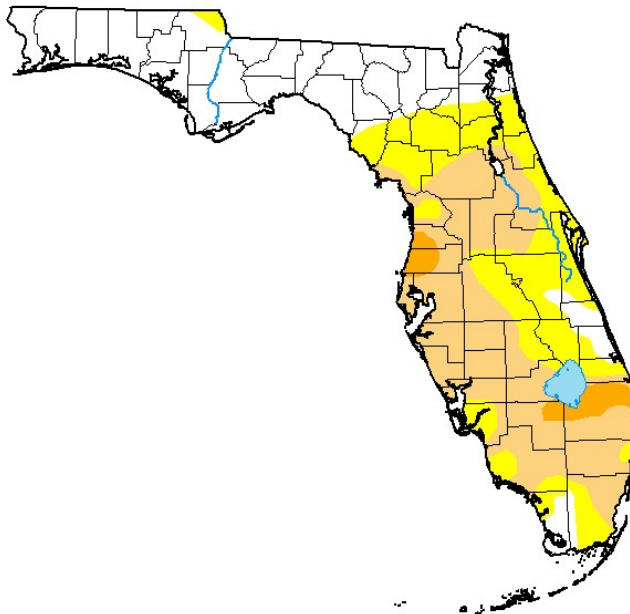
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	7	5
Short.....	30	36
Adequate.....	61	59
Surplus.....	2	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
February 24, 2025 to March 02, 2025



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

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



February 25, 2025  
(Released Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	36.43	63.57	37.40	3.61	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 02-18-2025	22.90	77.10	38.24	6.37	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 11-26-2024	47.79	52.21	15.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-07-2025	10.12	89.88	29.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2024	94.54	5.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 02-27-2024	96.72	3.28	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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