



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 30, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 3.8 inches of rain at Key West International Airport (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 64.3°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 80.3°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were warm all week with most days reaching the low to high 80s. The majority of the reporting period was relatively dry. On Sunday, a subtropical disturbance that quickly moved its way across the state brought precipitation to a few selected stations in the citrus growing region. More Haven Lock (Glades County) received the heaviest rainfall at 0.54 inches. In the central area, Lake Placid (Highlands County) received the most rainfall at 0.24 inches.

According to the March 27, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, dryness and drought conditions are essentially unchanged. Severe drought is touching the most southern border of the citrus region. With the exception of 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 widely observed spraying, hedging and topping, taking out dead trees, resetting, and robust irrigation schedules. The citrus bloom flowering stage is over, with trees emerging into the petal drop stage and developing small marble fruit. With an eye on maturity levels and high droppage, Valencia harvest is progressing slowly. Weekly utilization on Valencia oranges has not reached a million boxes this season.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 9, 2025 (Preliminary)	Mar 16, 2025 (Preliminary)	Mar 23, 2025 (Preliminary)	Mar 24, 2024 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges.....	0	0	0	10
Valencia oranges ..	643	768	926	1,239
Red grapefruit.....	36	33	19	20
White grapefruit.....	4	7	4	10
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	21	7	0	3
Total	704	815	949	1,282

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

Crops

Most of the Panhandle and some parts of the Peninsula experienced localized, heavier rainfall while other parts of the state received lighter rainfall or no rainfall throughout the week. Producers were able to continue field preparation for conventional tilled crops planted. In Jackson County, cover crops and winter grazing continued to improve. Producers made good progress planting spring crops such as tomatoes, melons and peppers. In Levy County, watermelon planting was completed, and plants were starting to vine. Other crops planted and harvested include squash, beans, ethnic vegetables, and some tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Pastures continued to improve with warmer temperatures.

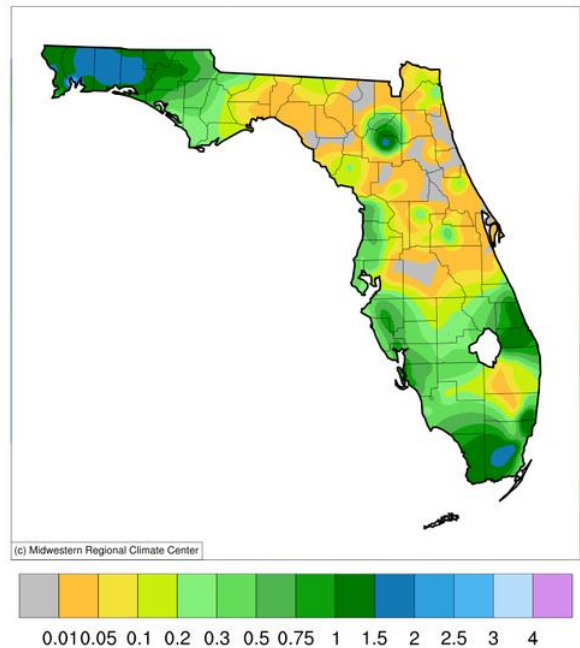
Conditions for Week Ending 3/30/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	35	48	10
Pasture and range.....	2	19	39	29	11

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/30/25

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	3	9
Short.....	22	29
Adequate.....	71	62
Surplus.....	4	0

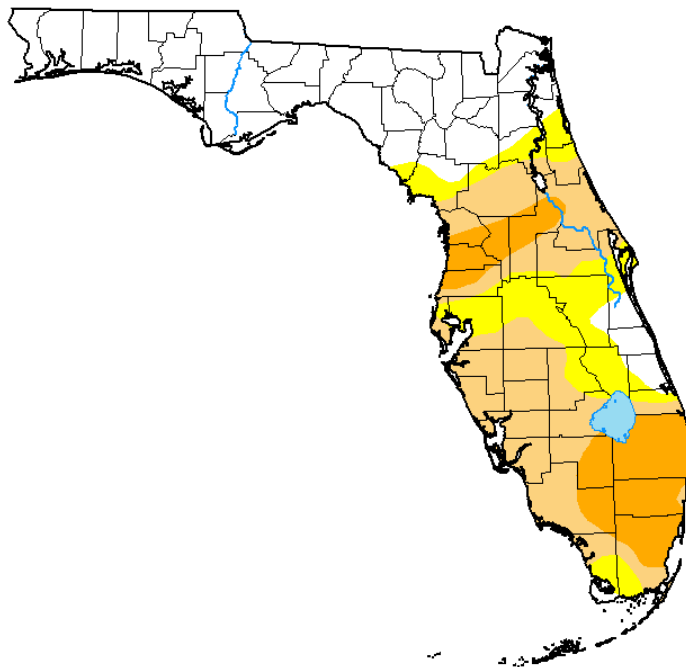
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 24, 2025 to March 30, 2025



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

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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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