



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Florida Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rainfall in several locations throughout the state to 0.38 inches in Jacksonville (Duval County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 73°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 80°F in Miami (Miami-Dade County). With a much dryer week across most of the state many farmers are anxious to receive rain soon before conditions deteriorate.

seeing irrigation running several days last week. Most trees are holding new fruit as large as golf ball size. Caretakers are very busy taking out old non-productive trees, and taking care of only the younger healthy trees. Growers continued the fight against greening and controlling psyllid population. Other grove activities included spraying, mowing and brush removal.

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/15/16**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	11	4	8
Short.....	41	32	34
Adequate.....	48	60	56
Surplus .....	0	4	2

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending		
	May 1, 2016	May 8, 2016	May 15, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	3,159	2,877	2,458
White grapefruit.....	3	0	0
Red grapefruit .....	5	5	0
Honey tangerines.....	11	6	4
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3,178</b>	<b>2,888</b>	<b>2,462</b>

**Citrus**

Temperatures were about average all week in citrus producing counties. Daily highs were in the upper 80s to lower 90s. Lows were mostly in the upper 50s to mid 60s. No counties in the citrus region received significant rainfall this past week. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated May 10, 2016, only Putnam County and a portion of Marion County in the most northern part of the citrus region were abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus growing counties were drought free.

**Fruit and Vegetables**

Leafy greens and cabbage are being harvested in Flagler County. Watermelon harvest is just beginning this week in Levy County. Potatoes are still being harvested in Flagler and Putnam Counties and some are showing decay issues due to the heat. Blueberries and peaches are winding down in Charlotte and Glades Counties. The vegetable season is winding down across many central and southern counties. Growers are cleaning up and fallowing harvested fields. Crops coming to market this week include boniato, bitter melon, cantaloupe, collards, cucumber, eggplant, herbs, kale, malanga, peppers, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, and watermelons.

Weekly Valencia orange harvest was beginning to slow down due to less availability. Most processing plants were planning on finishing up this week or next week. A couple are planning on running until the end of May.

With the season winding down, growers are turning their attention to next season's crop. Field workers reported

### Livestock and Pastures

Several southern and central counties reported pastures remain in good condition for now, but expressed concern about persisting dry weather and the potential for pasture conditions to deteriorate quickly if they do not receive rainfall soon. Dry conditions in the Panhandle counties have some cattle going back on hay. In general cattle seem to be content throughout the state and remain in mostly good condition.

### Condition for week ending 05/15/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	5	32	58	5
Pasture & Range...	5	11	40	41	3

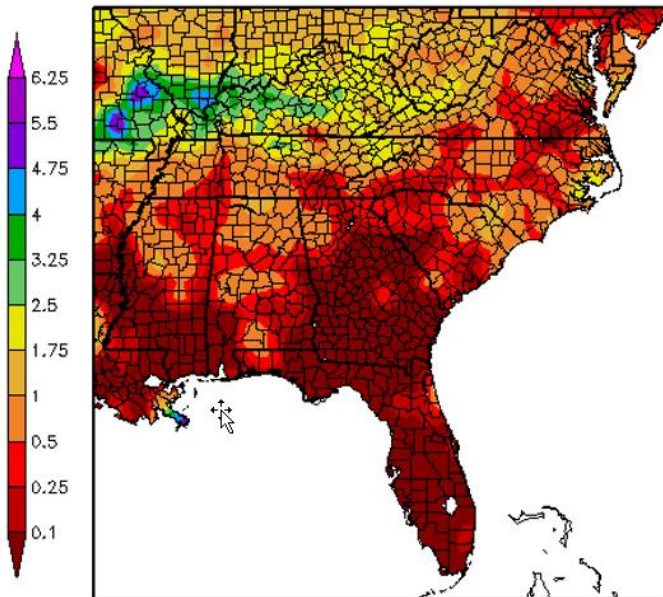
### Field Crops

The dryer weather this week has seen peanut and cotton planting progressing very quickly in Washington, Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa Counties, where conditions were reported to be favorable. Other areas, however, where the moisture level was already low, have halted plantings until some moisture is returned to the soil. Farmers in Jackson and Holmes Counties have stopped planting peanuts and cotton due to the lack of soil moisture. Corn is showing moisture stress in Escambia County. Sugarcane harvest, which is normally complete at the end of April, is ongoing in St. Lucie, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties. This is due to a wet fall producing a larger crop and delays during harvest caused by rain.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/15/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Planted.....	62	46	52	44

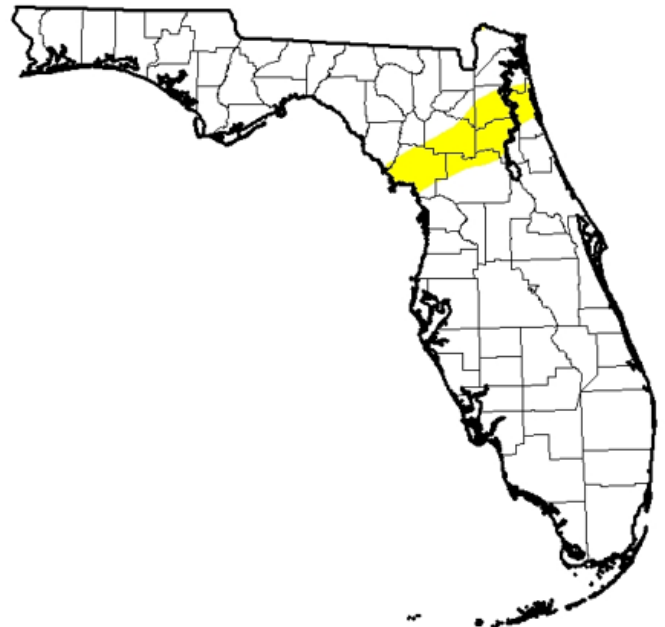
Precipitation (in)  
5/9/2016 – 5/15/2016



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<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



#### Intensity

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>