



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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 18, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.81 inches in Whiting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 7.12 inches in Jacksonville (Duval County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 75.4°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 83.9°F in Canal Point (Palm Beach County). The state continues to receive rainfall. Although many fields in the Panhandle are too wet to work in, and some pastures have standing water, the overall moisture conditions are improving and lifting many counties out of drought.

## Citrus

Daily temperatures in the citrus region were mostly average for the week. All stations had highs in the upper 80s, with some reaching the mid 90s. The highest recorded temperature was in Sebring, (Highlands County) at 95°F. Rainfall was widespread with all stations receiving significant rainfall during the week. Most counties had over two inches, with several receiving over four inches. The highest recorded amount was in Plant City (Hillsborough County) at 6.24 inches for the week. According to the June 13, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the heavy rainfall has diminished the widespread drought conditions. Only portions of the central and upper citrus growing region are still in moderate drought or abnormally dry. For the first time in several months, almost the complete southern area is drought free.

Ditches and canals are beginning to fill in most areas. Irrigation has been cut back significantly due to the recent rainfall. Some owners are replanting in existing groves, others are pushing old blocks and planting new varieties in existing land. One field person reported several adjacent abandoned groves which harbored citrus aphids being pushed. Most growers are concentrating on next season's crop. Many are spraying as weather permits, fertilizing, and performing general grove maintenance.

## Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetables, blackberries, and some watermelon were harvested in Hillsborough County. A variety of crops continue coming to market.

## Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality continues to improve dramatically with the rainfall received throughout the state. Ranchers in Brevard and Indian River Counties are no longer feeding hay and watering herds. The rapid increase in moisture levels has resulted in some flooded pastures in Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties. The cattle are mostly in good condition.

## Field Crops

Grain harvest in Jackson County was delayed this week due to the rain, and it was too wet to cut hay. Washington County also reported delays in planting due to the wet conditions. Cotton planting activities were reported in Lafayette County. Multiple counties reported limited access to fields which is impacting disease and pest control measures, and may present problems in the next few weeks. Sugarcane is entering its growth period and is growing rapidly. The sugarcane and rice crops seem to be handling the wet conditions well, and farmers have been able to move excess water off their lands as needed via the lateral canal system.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/18/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	4	1
Short .....	6	13	17
Adequate .....	69	66	72
Surplus.....	25	17	10

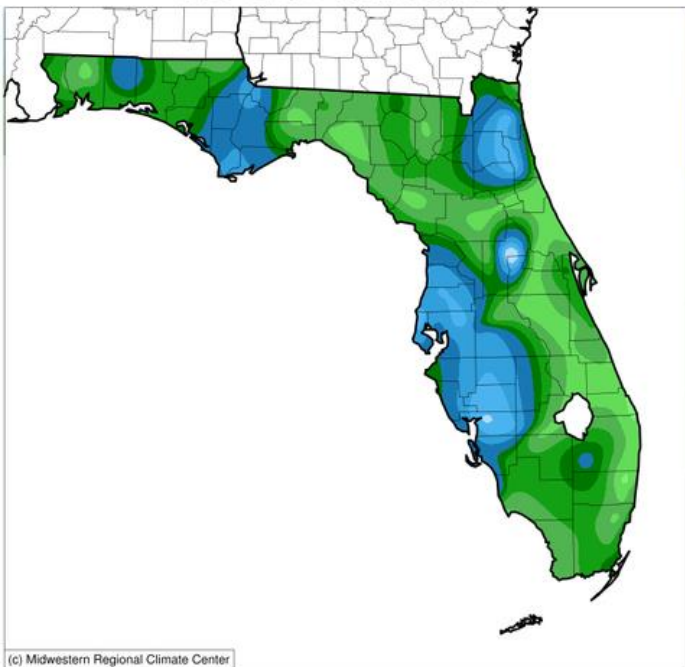
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/18/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	91	89	NA	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	17	12	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	96	94	100	98
Peanuts - Pegging.....	13	8	19	15

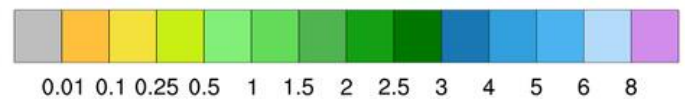
### Condition for week ending 06/18/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	7	30	58	3
Cotton.....	0	1	19	70	10
Pasture & range....	1	7	24	62	6
Peanuts.....	0	1	14	78	7

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
June 12, 2017 to June 18, 2017

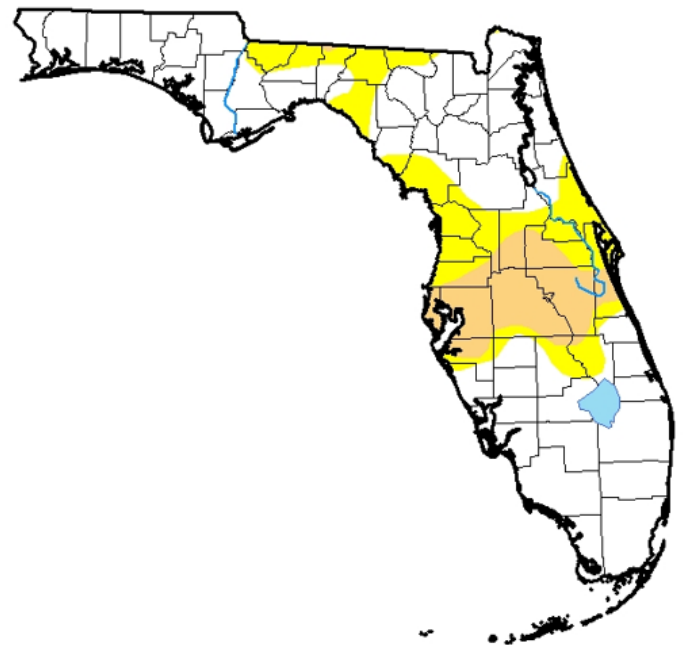


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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



**Intensity:**

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

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