



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 27, 2017. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts to 13.88 inches in Fort Meyers (Lee County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 81.1°F in Hollywood (Broward County) to 85.7°F in Whiting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County).

Citrus

Daily temperatures across the citrus region were slightly below average. Most areas had daily highs in the mid-80s to lower 90s. Clermont (Lake County) and Sebring (Highlands County) recorded the highest temperature, at 97°F. Rainfall was isolated with a few stations receiving several inches and some stations less than an inch. Arcadia (Desoto County) and Dover (Hillsborough County) both had more than seven inches of rainfall for the week, while Palmdale (Glades County) had only about an inch and Vero Beach (Indian River County) had less than half of an inch. According to the August 22, 2017, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus growing region remained drought free.

Growers maintained spray programs, continued young tree care, and conducted general grove maintenance. Mowing is taking place in well cared for groves. Canals in most areas have sufficient water for irrigation. Next season's crop looks good in well cared for groves. With generally good fruit sets and decently sized fruit, growers are optimistic about the new season's crop. Oranges are about golf ball size to baseball size; grapefruit are baseball to softball size. Field workers are reporting the fruit holding up well on healthy trees.

Fruits and Vegetables

Vegetable growers in southern Florida continue to prepare land and lay plastic. Rainy conditions in southwest Florida disrupted some land prep and planting schedules. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, malanga, mango, okra, and tropical fruit.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture quality remains in mostly good condition throughout the state. Rainfall and warm temperatures are keeping pastures green and growing in most of the state. Cattle producers in Holmes County, however, are experiencing dry conditions and may need to begin feeding hay soon. Cattle also remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Disease pressures are becoming an issue for cotton producers in Holmes County. Hay harvesting activities remain slow due to wet conditions in Lafayette and Taylor Counties. Sugarcane growers continue to prepare land for new plantings and will begin planting next month in Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Palm Beach Counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/27/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	0	1
Short	7	7	9
Adequate	69	77	64
Surplus.....	23	16	26

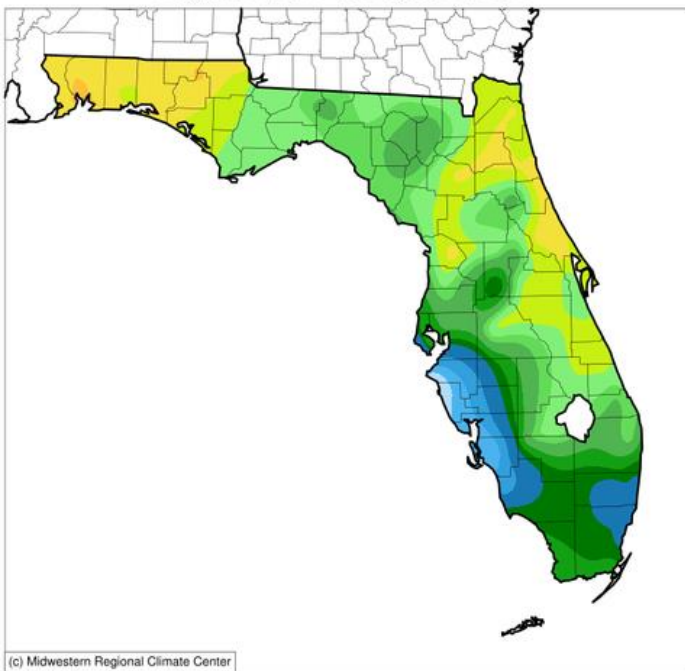
Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/27/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	97	94	NA	NA
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	29	20	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	1	NA	4	3

Condition for week ending 08/27/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	19	64	14
Cotton.....	2	10	29	43	16
Pasture & range....	1	5	21	51	22
Peanuts.....	1	5	18	55	21

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 21, 2017 to August 27, 2017



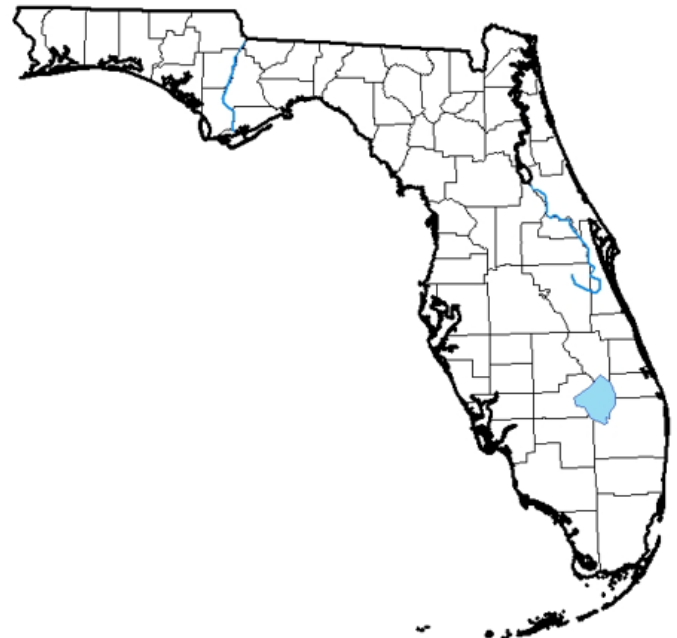
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Intensity:



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