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**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, February 4, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts of rain in multiple locations to 4.6 inches in Satsuma (Putnam County). The average mean temperature ranged from 48.2°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 71.9°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were average across the citrus region. Most afternoons were in the upper 60s to the upper 70s. A few monitored citrus producing counties recorded a high of 82°F during the week. Rainfall was recorded at most stations in the citrus region. Lisbon (Lake County) received the most rainfall at 2.38 inches for the week. In the southern area, the most rainfall recorded was in Palmdale (Glades County) at 0.72 inches for the week. According to the February 1, 2018, U.S. Drought Monitor, the complete citrus region remains drought free.

Grove operations included using discs, mowers, and choppers to clean row middles. Most growers were irrigating at regular intervals. Some caretakers observed fertilizing, and hedging and topping after harvest.

Early and midseason orange harvest is nearly over for the season. Earlier variety Valencia oranges, to include Vernia and Valquarius, were being harvested in small quantities. Most specialty fruit harvested for the fresh market is winding down. Fallglo and Sunburst are over for the season. A few mid-season tangerines are being harvested, to include Autumn Honey, Tango, and Orri. Royal tangerines and Honey tangerines are just getting started. Grapefruit continues to come in. A larger portion of the white grapefruit is going to the processed market, while red grapefruit is being equally distributed among the packinghouses and processing plants.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Jan 21, 2018	Jan 28, 2018	Feb 4, 2018	Feb 6, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	1,243	828	137	2,991
Navel oranges	3	4	1	6
Valencia oranges	23	25	14	59
White grapefruit	52	58	57	67
Red grapefruit	144	184	107	436
Tangerines and Tangelos	21	41	27	54
Total	1,486	1,140	343	3,755

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Fruits and Vegetables

Producers in Bradford County continue harvesting strawberries, along with planting and harvesting broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, greens, and rutabaga. The planting of oats and rye as wind breaks for melons continues in Dixie County. Producers in Levy County are preparing land for watermelon planting. A light volume of a wide range of vegetables is coming to market, including avocado, beans, bitter melon, cabbage, herbs, kale, leafy greens, peppers, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Nearly all counties in the Panhandle are experiencing severe drought. Pasture quality continues to decline throughout the state. Livestock producers are feeding supplements. Cattle remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Sugarcane harvest is ongoing in Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach Counties.

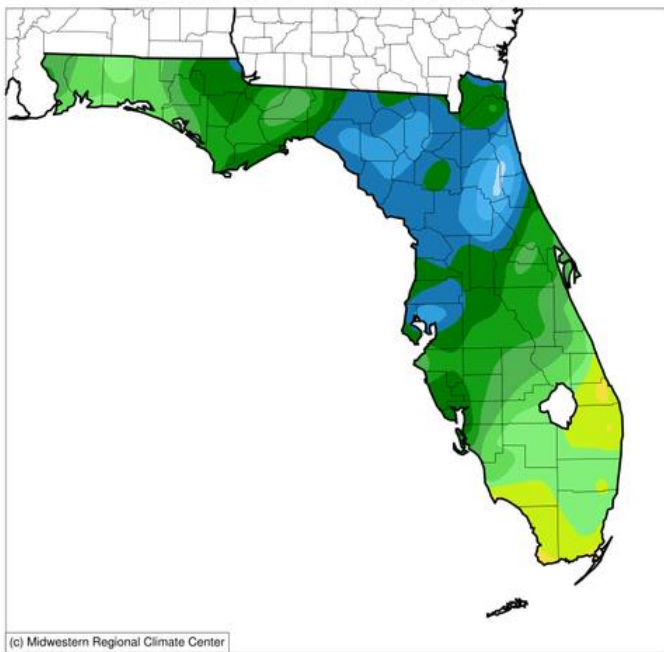
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/5/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	7	4
Short.....	25	33	25
Adequate.....	64	58	59
Surplus.....	3	2	12

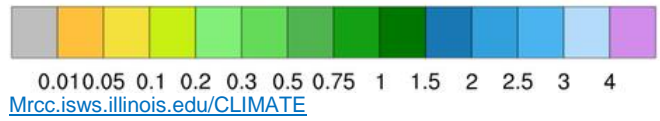
Condition for Week Ending 2/5/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	9	39	42	8
Pasture & range....	9	36	42	11	2

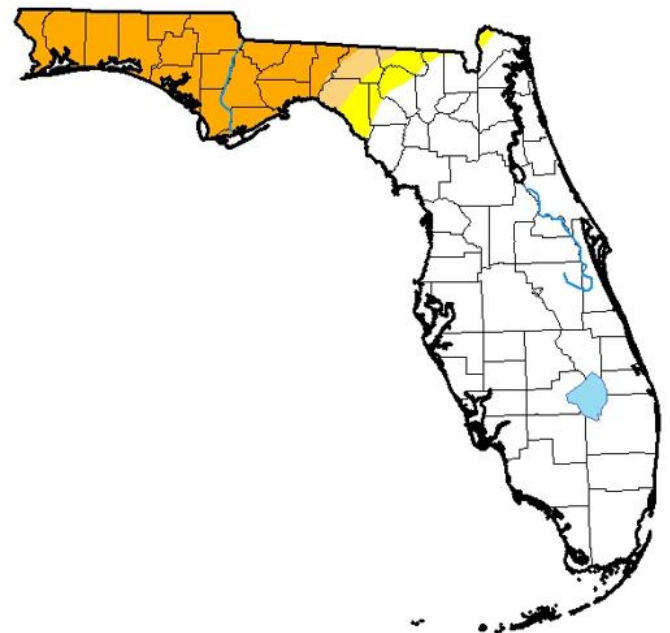
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 29, 2018 to February 04, 2018



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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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<http://droughtmonitor.unl>