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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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 11, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 7.95 inches in Pensacola (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 56.2°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 78.0°F in Fort Lauderdale Beach (Broward County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonably warm across the citrus region. Most afternoons reached the upper 70s, with several days in the lower to mid 80s. Clermont (Lake County), Arcadia (DeSoto County), and Bartow (Polk County) all reached 87°F during the week. The most rainfall was in the western and central areas. Lakeland (Polk County) and Valrico (Hillsborough County) both had over two inches of rainfall for the week. According to the February 8, 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 were observed fertilizing and hedging and topping.

Early and midseason orange harvest is relatively over for the season. Earlier variety Valencia oranges, to include Vernia and Valquarius, were being harvested in small quantities. Midseason tangerines are winding down. Minneola Tangelos, Royal and Honey tangerines are just getting started. Grapefruit continues to come in at a consistent pace. A larger portion of 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 28, 2018	Feb 4, 2018	Feb 11, 2018	Feb 13, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	833	168	59	2,451
Navel oranges	5	0	0	2
Valencia oranges	31	21	28	73
White grapefruit	56	61	37	73
Red grapefruit	195	146	146	390
Tangerines and Tangelos	44	20	29	56
Total	1,164	416	299	3,045

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Fruits and Vegetables

Producers in Bradford County continue harvesting onions and strawberries. Excessive rainfall created problems for Bradford County growers who were planting cabbage, cauliflower, and greens. Producers in Gilchrist and Levy Counties continue preparing land for melon plantings. A wide range of vegetables is coming to market, including avocado, beans, bitter melon, celery, herbs, leafy greens, radish, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Despite some rainfall this week, several counties in the Panhandle remain in severe drought conditions. Pastures in Jackson County lost fertilizer due to heavy rains this week. Some pasture growth was seen this week in Levy County. Pasture quality continues to decline throughout the state. Livestock producers are feeding supplements. Calves in Brevard and Indian River Counties are maturing. Cattle remain in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

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

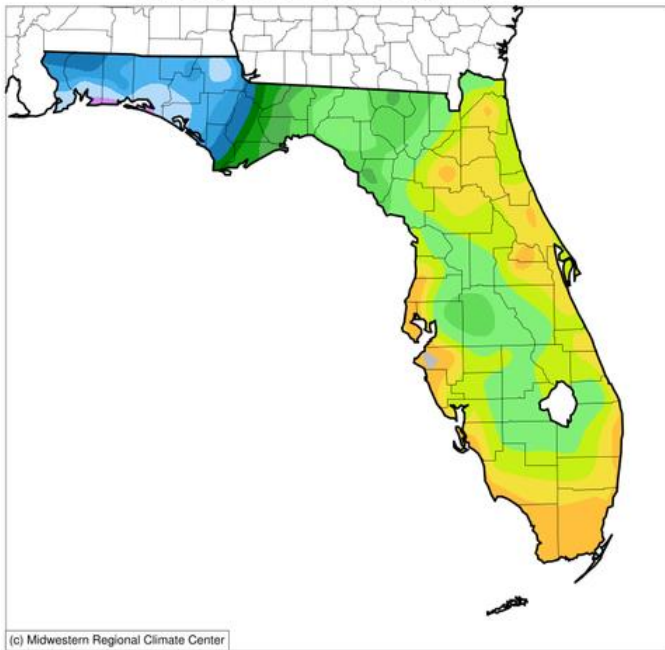
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/11/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	8	5
Short.....	27	25	23
Adequate.....	52	64	61
Surplus.....	10	3	11

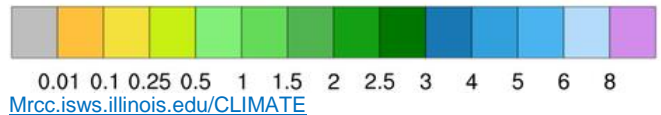
Condition for Week Ending 2/11/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	8	41	43	6
Pasture & range....	11	28	45	15	1

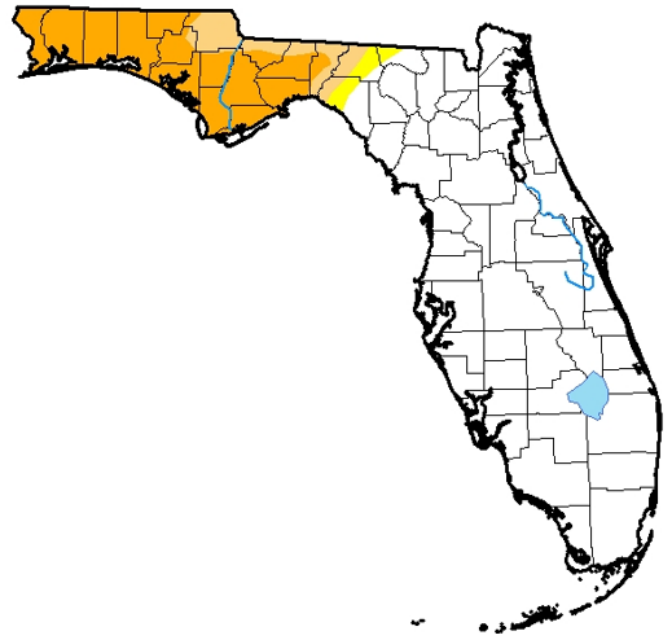
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
February 05, 2018 to February 11, 2018



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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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