



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 18, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 4.46 inches in Wacissa (Jefferson County). The average mean temperature ranged from 51.2°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 79.8°F in Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus**

Temperatures continued to be above average for this time of year in the citrus growing region, with highs ranging from the low to mid 80s. The citrus belt experienced very scattered rainfall, with Lakeland (Polk County) receiving the most at 0.72 inches of rain. Most other locations received little to no precipitation. According to the November 15, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions expanded in the citrus region, entering portions of Lake and Marion counties in the northern area. Abnormally dry conditions also continued in about half of the southern area and in the eastern portion of the central area. The Indian River District saw a deterioration of moisture availability, with half of the District falling into moderate drought and the remaining area maintaining abnormally dry conditions.

Grove caretakers sprayed for psyllids and applied fertilizers and herbicides according to schedule. Groves were mowed prior to harvest. Some topping and hedging activities also took place. Irrigation ran in all areas, with multiple observations of ditches being low. Fieldworkers reported early oranges coloring well across the entire citrus region.

The volume of harvested fruit continued to be low. Early varieties were picked for the fresh market. Processing plants continued to run packinghouse eliminations of oranges and grapefruit.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Oct 28, 2018 (Final)	Nov 4, 2018 (Final)	Nov 11, 2018 (Preliminary)	Nov 12, 2017
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	148	197	*	168
Navel oranges .....	28	51	*	29
White grapefruit .....	8	8	*	18
Red grapefruit .....	60	59	*	77
Tangerines and Tangelos .....	18	7	*	17
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>309</b>

\* not available at the time of publication  
[www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org](http://www.citrusadministrativecommittee.org)

**Fruits and Vegetables**

Cooler temperatures and scattered rain in central and south Florida benefited fruits and vegetables, but irrigation was still needed. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, carrots, green beans, herbs, malanga, peppers, tomatoes, and squash. Crops harvested included avocado, bitter melon, boniato, green beans, malanga, leafy greens, radish, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and watermelon.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Producers planted winter forages. Warm-season pastures underwent seasonal decline. Cattle were calving in Okeechobee County. Overall, cattle condition remained mostly good.

**Field Crops**

Rainy and cloudy weather further delayed row crop harvesting in the Panhandle as crops seasonally declined. Frost damage was noted on some peanut acres. In Suwannee County, planted rye emerged. Sugarcane planting and harvesting continued on schedule.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/18/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3	NA
Short.....	15	25	NA
Adequate.....	70	65	NA
Surplus.....	14	7	NA

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/18/18

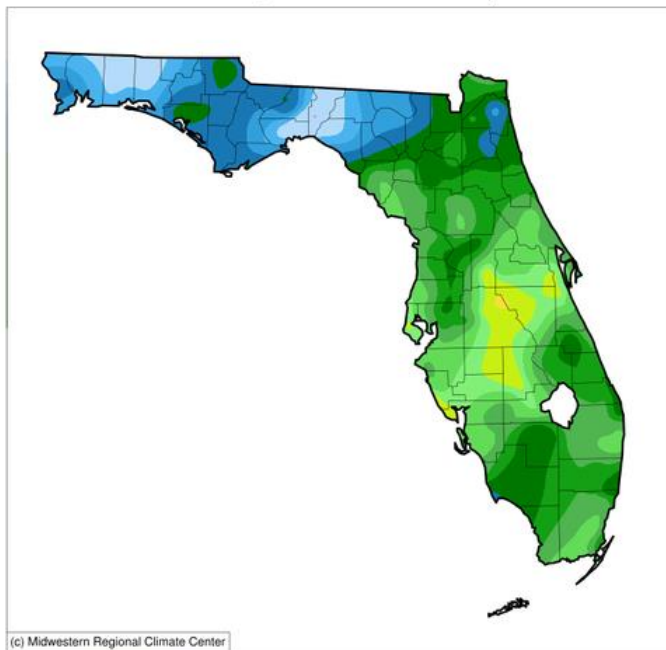
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	36	31	56	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	94	93	100	99

### Condition for Week Ending 11/18/18

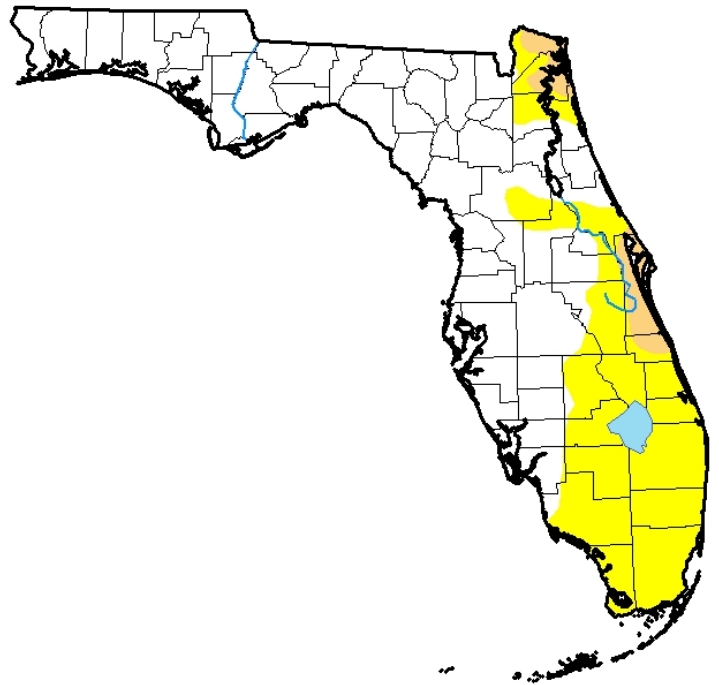
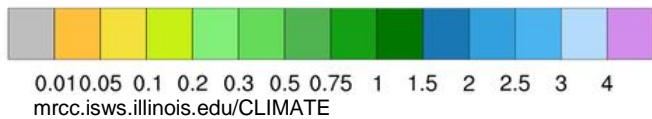
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	3	22	64	11
Cotton .....	14	10	39	25	12
Pasture & range .....	2	11	37	41	9

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
November 12, 2018 to November 18, 2018



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#### Intensity:

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

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl>