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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 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 21, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts in multiple locations to 3.53 inches in Quincy (Gadsden County). The average mean temperature ranged from 61.8°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 79.2°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were moderately warm in the citrus region. Highs on most days were in the high 70s to low 80s. One or two warmer days raised temperatures to the low 90s in some areas. Rain showers passed over the state toward the end of the week bringing significant rainfall to all citrus producing counties. Accumulated rainfall was between 0.5 inches to almost 2 inches in some localities. According to the April 18, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, recent rainfall is keeping drought conditions at bay. Only Indian River and Brevard Counties are showing abnormally dry conditions. The remaining citrus growing region is drought free.

The Valencia crop harvest has been very solid. Weekly harvest of the later variety oranges has been over three and a half million boxes for three weeks in a row. Tangerine and grapefruit harvest are nearly over for the season.

Next season's crop is doing well in cared for groves. Normal fruit drop is continuing as the trees are setting the new crop. Grove activities included spraying nutritionals, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was running regularly in all areas.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 31, 2019 (Final)	Apr 7, 2019 (Final)	Apr 14, 2019 (Preliminary)	April 15, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	6	8	0	0
Valencia oranges.....	3,779	3,666	3,506	2,778
Red grapefruit	134	98	36	0
White grapefruit..	11	2	1	0
Tangerines and Tangelos	25	27	12	2
Total	3,955	3,801	3,555	2,780

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Fruit and Vegetable Division

Fruits and Vegetables

A storm passed over the state late in the week and producers reported differing degrees of damage to fruit and vegetable crops. Some pest and disease pressures were reported for green beans, cantaloupe, tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, and watermelon. Crops planted included bitter melon, boniato, green beans, okra, tomatoes, and watermelon. Crops harvested included carrots, cucumber, green beans, okra, radish, sweet corn, tomatoes, yellow squash, and zucchini.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture conditions continued to improve thanks to warmer weather and improved soil moisture. Cattle condition was mostly good throughout the state.

Field Crops

A few counties have begun planting cotton and peanuts, but most were finishing land preparations and expect to begin planting soon. Corn planting was ongoing in multiple counties in the Panhandle and northern peninsula. Potato harvest started in Flagler and Putnam counties.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/21/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	6
Short.....	20	26
Adequate.....	69	64
Surplus.....	8	4

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/21/19

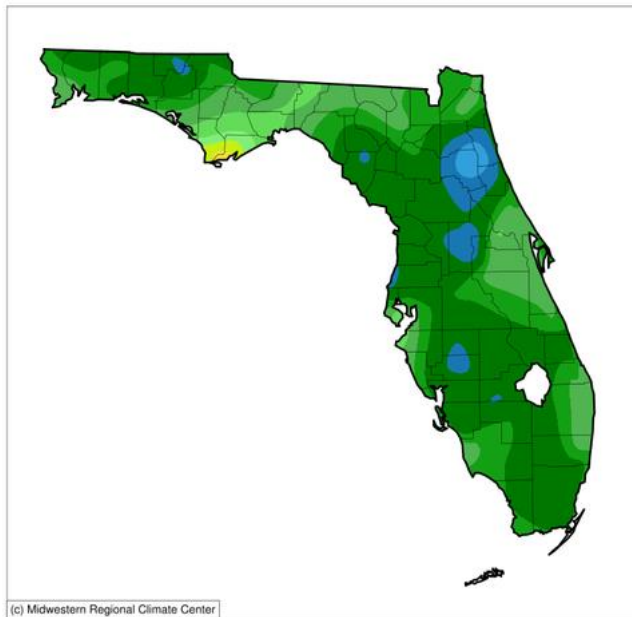
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	2	0	1	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	13	8	11	7

Condition for Week Ending 04/21/19

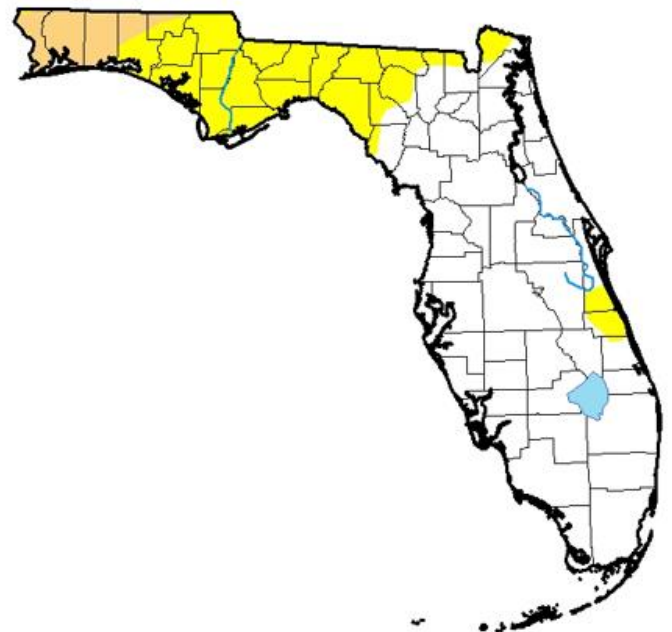
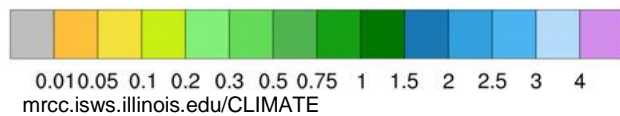
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	4	36	48	12
Pasture & range	2	9	45	31	13

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 15, 2019 to April 21, 2019



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



Intensity:

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

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<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>