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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, November 17, 2019. Precipitation estimates ranged from trace amounts to 5.85 inches in White Springs (Columbia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 46.4°F in Whiting Field NAS (Santa Rosa County) to 77.9°F in Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the low to high 80s. The highest maximum reading was in Palm Dale (Glades County), which reached 88°F. The greatest rainfall was in Fort Pierce (Saint Lucie County) at 1.12 inches, followed by Vero Beach (Indian River County) at 0.89 inches. According to the November 14, 2019, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions expanded in the citrus region, entering portions of Orange County. Abnormally dry conditions also expanded to most of the western, southern, central, and Indian River District growing areas.

This citrus crop continued progressing well. According to the Florida Department of Fruit and Vegetables, white grapefruit, red grapefruit, early oranges, Navels, Fallglo, and Early Pride tangerines were harvested. Grove activities included mowing, applying herbicides under the trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was run in all parts of the citrus growing region.

There were two processing plants that were processing packinghouse eliminations for oranges and grapefruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop		Previous Year		
	Oct 27, 2019 (Final)	Nov 3, 2019 (Final)	Nov 10, 2019 (Preliminary)	Nov 11, 2018 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-				
oranges	61	89	73	64
Navel oranges	16	30	32	43
Red grapefruit	97	73	78	107
White grapefruit	8	15	17	16
Tangerines and				
Tangelos	27	22	16	23
Total	209	229	216	253

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Fall vegetable harvesting increased significantly for the Thanksgiving holiday, with a wide range of vegetables coming to market. Fall vegetable harvesting was delayed in Volusia County due to the need for producers to replant some fields. Strawberry plant maturity continued progressing in Bradford County. Some whitefly and worm pressures were observed, but under control, in Manatee County. Frost cover was needed on some cool season crops in Suwannee County. Vegetable growers continued planting winter crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Moisture conditions were ideal in Santa Rosa County for producers who were putting in winter grazing. Cool season forages have been planted in many counties throughout the state. Hay was cut in Jackson County before the cold weather hit.

Field Crops

Peanut harvesting was completed in Jackson County. Sugarcane planting and harvesting continued as well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/17/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	
	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short Short Adequate Surplus	13 83	1 22 75 2	

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/17/19

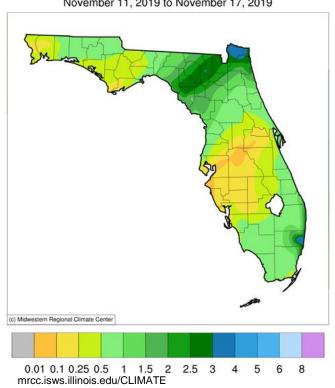
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Cotton - Bolls Opening	95	93	NA	NA	
Cotton - Harvested	74	59	35	NA	
Peanuts - Harvested	100	99	94	97	

Condition for Week Ending 11/17/19

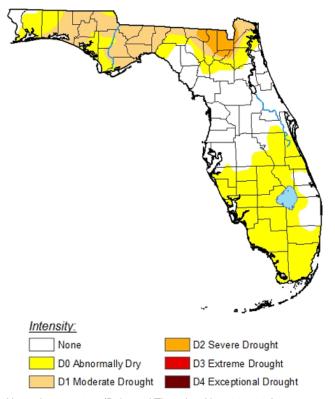
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Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Cattle Pasture & range	1 2	2 14	25 29	58 45	14 10		

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

November 11, 2019 to November 17, 2019



U.S. Drought Monitor **Florida**



November 12, 2019 (Released Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019) https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/