



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Florida Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this 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, April 25, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts in a few locations to 6.1 inches at Bob Sikes Airport (Okaloosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 62.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 80.9°F at Miami International Airport (Miami-Dade County).

**Citrus**

Maximum temperatures in the citrus growing region ranged from the mid 80s to low 90s during the reporting week. There were two to three days of rainfall in most citrus growing counties. The greatest rainfall was in Frostproof (Polk County), at 5.1 inches. According to the April 22, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire Southern area, along with small sections of the Northern and Central area are still experiencing abnormally dry conditions.

Valencia orange harvest is remaining at over two and a half million boxes a week. Harvesting is expected to continue on the late season oranges until the middle or later part of May.

The new fruit on the trees for oranges is marble size and larger. Normal fruit drop is beginning as the trees are setting the crop for the upcoming season.

Grove operations included mowing after harvest, hedging, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, spraying nutritionals, taking care of young trees, and performing general grove maintenance. Reports from the field indicated the pushing of old trees and replanting of new ones. Irrigation was being run in all areas.

**Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested**

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Apr 4, 2021 (Final)	Apr 11, 2021 (Final)	Apr 18, 2021 (Preliminary)	Apr 19, 2020 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges .....	1	0	0	0
Valencia Oranges	2,456	2,558	2,691	3,412
Red grapefruit ....	32	31	0	21
White grapefruit..	9	1	0	2
Tangerines and Tangelos.....	4	1	1	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>2,591</b>	<b>2,692</b>	<b>3,435</b>

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

**Crops**

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Much of the state received rainfall with the Panhandle and middle part of the state receiving the heaviest amounts. Some producers reported flood damage and field erosion to crops in the Panhandle. Corn and peanut planting continued but was delayed due to the weather conditions. In the southern part of the state, disease pressure was noted on vegetable crops. Sugarcane harvest continued.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition throughout the state. The rainfall helped green up pastures in the southern part of the peninsula.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/25/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	22	23
Adequate.....	69	63
Surplus.....	8	13

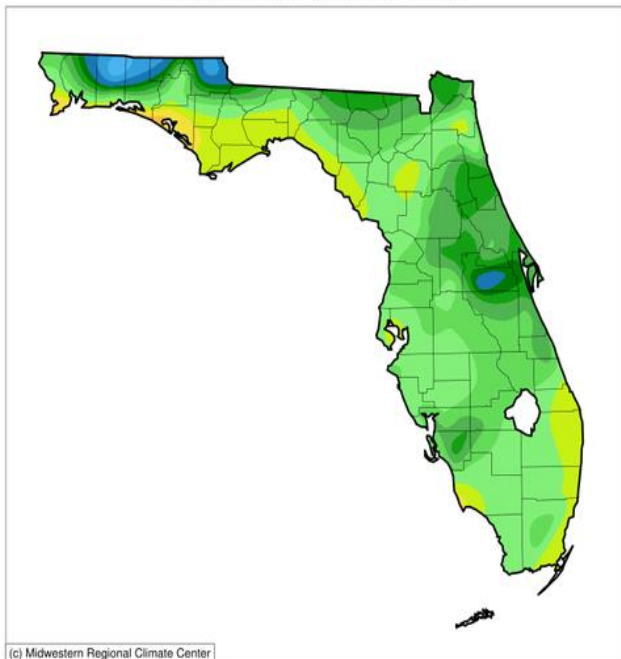
### Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/25/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	3	0	5	4
Peanuts - Planted.....	15	11	18	15

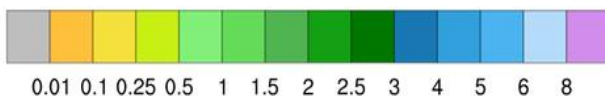
### Condition for Week Ending 04/25/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	5	35	53	6
Pasture & range .....	1	16	45	34	4

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 19, 2021 to April 25, 2021



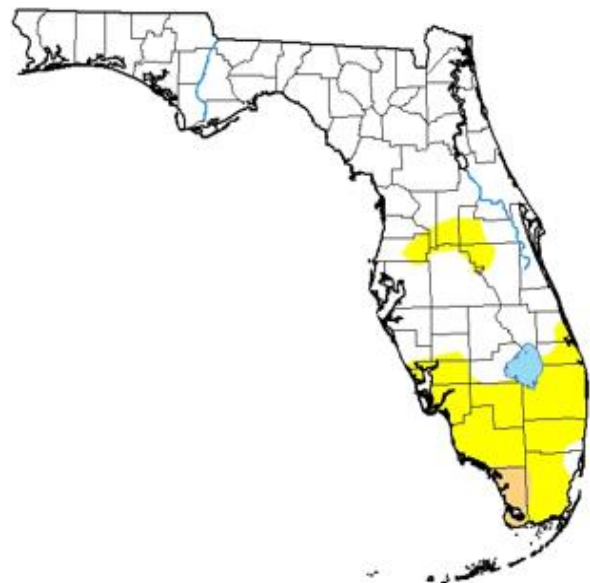
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### U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:



April 20, 2021 (Released Thursday, April 22, 2021)  
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>