



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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 18, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 5.4 inches in Hialeah (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.0°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 85.0°F in Tampa International Airport (Hillsborough County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced seasonal weather conditions this week, with high temperatures ranging from the mid-80s to low 90s. The hottest reading was recorded in Lakeland (Polk County) at 91°F. Significant rainfall was reported, with most stations receiving half of an inch or more of precipitation. The most rainfall was recorded in Mountain Lake (Polk County) at 3.0 inches. According to the July 13, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region was drought free.

Next season's crop progressed as normal, with oranges slightly larger than golf ball size and grapefruit approximately baseball size.

Citrus fieldworkers continued with spray programs on days with permissible weather. Caretakers applied summer oils and treated for greening. Other grove operations included mowing, applying herbicides under the trees, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run intermittently in areas that have received lesser amounts of rainfall.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Scattered showers across much of the state continued to saturate fields throughout the week. Some standing water was noted in the southern parts of the state as a result of the passing Tropical Storm Elsa. Cotton continued to progress but producers noted difficulties spraying fungicides and fertilizer due to wet conditions. The wet conditions slowed hay from being cut and baled in the Panhandle and northern part of the state. Vegetable growers prepared land for fall plantings.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture cattle conditions remained in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/18/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	4	3
Adequate.....	67	70
Surplus.....	29	27

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/18/21

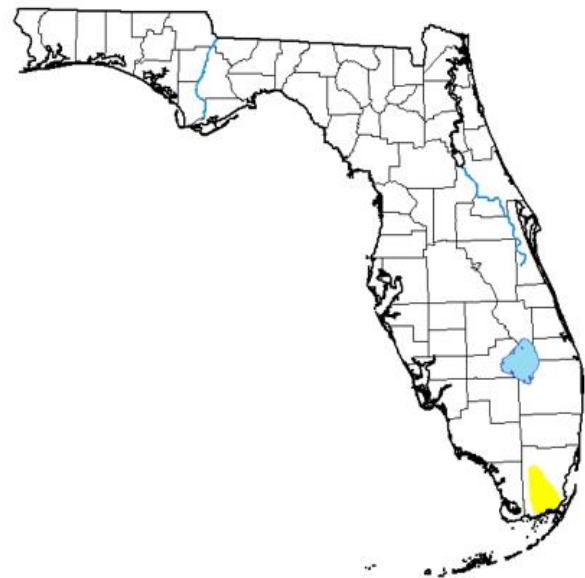
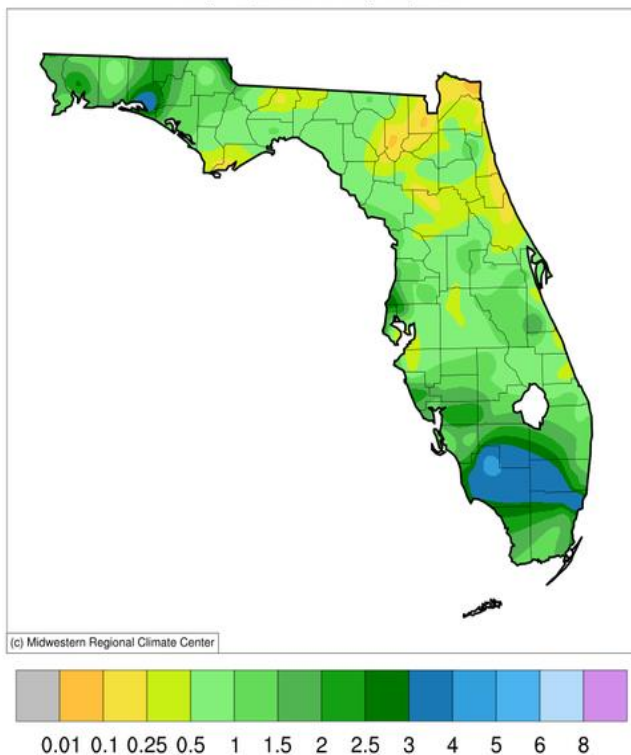
Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring.....	65	54	74	69
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	43	12	20	31
Peanuts - Pegging.....	82	75	87	79

Condition for Week Ending 07/18/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	22	55	17
Cotton.....	2	4	47	46	1
Pasture & range.....	1	4	21	55	19
Peanuts.....	3	3	26	66	2

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 12, 2021 to July 18, 2021



Intensity:

- None
- D2 Severe Drought
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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