



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 22, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from 0.17 inches at the Melbourne Intl Airport (Brevard County) to 2.39 inches at the Tallahassee Airport (Leon County). The average mean temperature ranged from 79.2°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 87.0°F in Plant City (Hillsborough County).

Citrus

The citrus growing region experienced warmer conditions this week, with maximum temperatures ranging from the high-80's to the mid-90's. The hottest reading was recorded at the Lakeland (Polk County) station with 94 degrees, followed by the Sebring (Highlands County) and Mount Plymouth (Lake County) stations, both with 93 degrees. Precipitation totals were further reduced across a drier citrus growing region, with most stations reporting rainfall receiving less than an inch. The most rain fell in Clermont (Lake County) at 2.00 inches. According to the August 19, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire citrus growing region remained drought free.

Next season's crop progressed as normal, with oranges tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit approximately softball size.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritional formulas, mowing, applying fungicide and herbicide, fertilizing, replanting of young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run in several areas.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were planted and marketed last week. Heavy rains from Tropical Storm Fred held back cotton and peanut crop condition and producers are concerned about wet conditions continuing. Cotton setting bolls is nearly complete and bolls starting to open is behind the 5-year average. Peanuts dug was off to a good start slightly ahead of the 5-year average, with nearly all peanuts completed pegging.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures remained in mostly good and excellent condition thanks to adequate moisture received. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/22/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	3	8
Adequate.....	68	75
Surplus.....	29	17

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/22/21

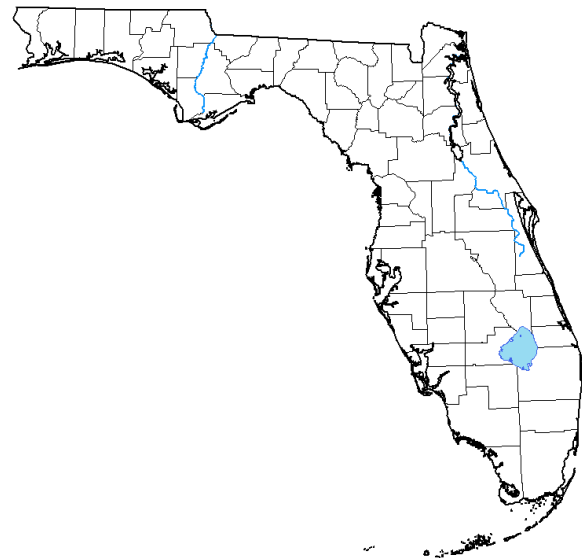
Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton – Setting Bolls.....	95	86	99	91
Cotton – Bolls Opening...	16	4	10	17
Peanuts - Pegging.....	99	98	99	99
Peanuts – Dug.....	4	N/A	3	1

N/A – Not Available

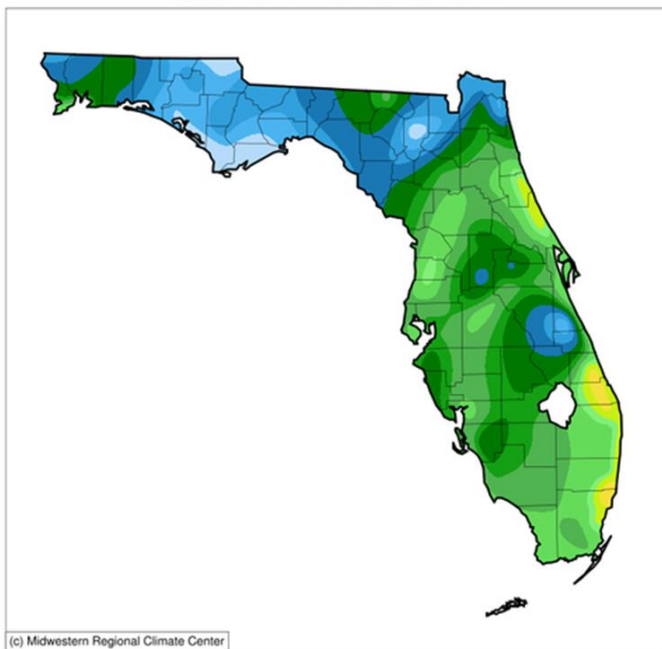
Condition for Week Ending 08/22/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	19	54	24
Cotton.....	2	3	61	33	1
Pasture & range	1	4	18	42	35
Peanuts.....	1	1	36	60	2

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 16, 2021 to August 22, 2021



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Intensity:



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