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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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 31, 2021. Precipitation for the state ranged from little rain to 3.2 inches in Perry (Taylor County). The average mean temperature ranged from 63.7°F in Whiting Field (Santa Rosa County) to 81.6°F at the Key West Airport (Monroe County).

Citrus

Maximum high temperatures continued to decline across the citrus growing region this week, with observations in the 80's. The hottest readings were reported at the Kenansville (Osceola County) and Vero Beach (Indian River County) stations, both hitting 87 degrees. With the passage of an active frontal boundary, the citrus growing region received some much-needed rain, though not enough to completely reverse accumulating precipitation deficits in some areas. The most rain fell in Clermont (Lake County) with 2.0 inches, followed by Bartow (Polk County) with 1.7 inches. According to the October 28, 2021, U.S. Drought Monitor, the majority of the citrus growing region remained drought free, however, abnormally dry conditions began to form along the upper Indian River area and adjacent counties in response to the continued lack of adequate rainfall.

The citrus crop progressed as normal, with oranges tennis ball to baseball size and grapefruit larger than softball size. Field reports indicated color break beginning in grapefruit groves as well as in early orange and early tangerine groves.

Growers engaged in limited harvesting for the fresh market, with varieties including Hamlin and Navel oranges, along with Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines, and red grapefruit.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritional formulas, fertilizing, applying herbicide, pollinating, mowing, discing row middles, removal of dead trees, replanting of young trees, and general grove maintenance including ditch clean-out. Irrigation was being run in all areas.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested and marketed last week including avocados which were harvested and marketed in Miami-Dade County. Wet weather increased soil moisture levels but did not substantially delay fieldwork. Cotton bolls opening and harvest progressed well. Peanuts have almost been completely dug and harvest was ahead of the previous year.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good and excellent condition while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/31/21

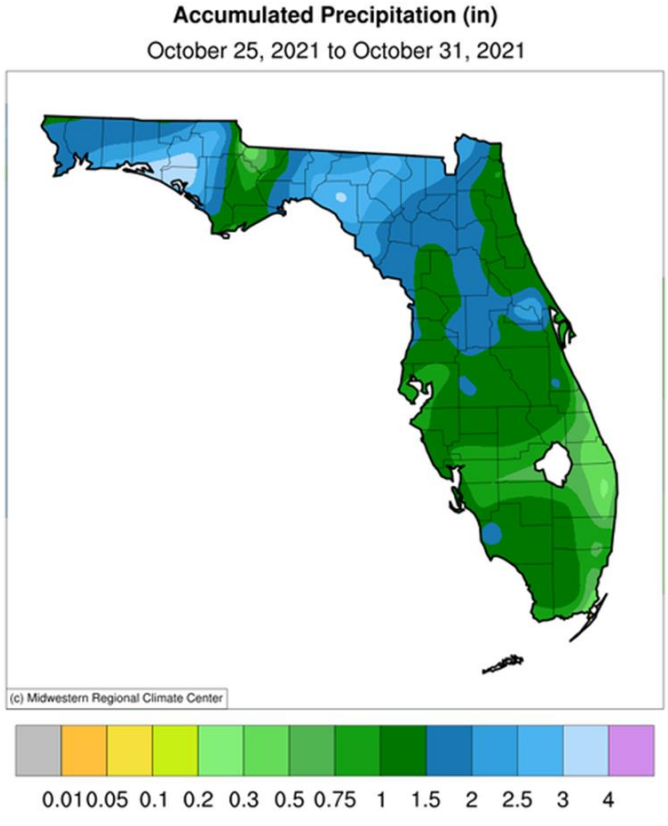
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	18	9
Adequate.....	65	74
Surplus.....	16	16

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/31/21

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening…	93	84	89	95
Cotton – Harvested……..	15	16	24	27
Peanuts – Dug……..	92	87	95	95
Peanuts – Harvested…...	82	69	84	90

Condition for Week Ending 10/31/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	20	60	17
Cotton……	0	26	47	27	0
Pasture & range	1	4	33	47	15



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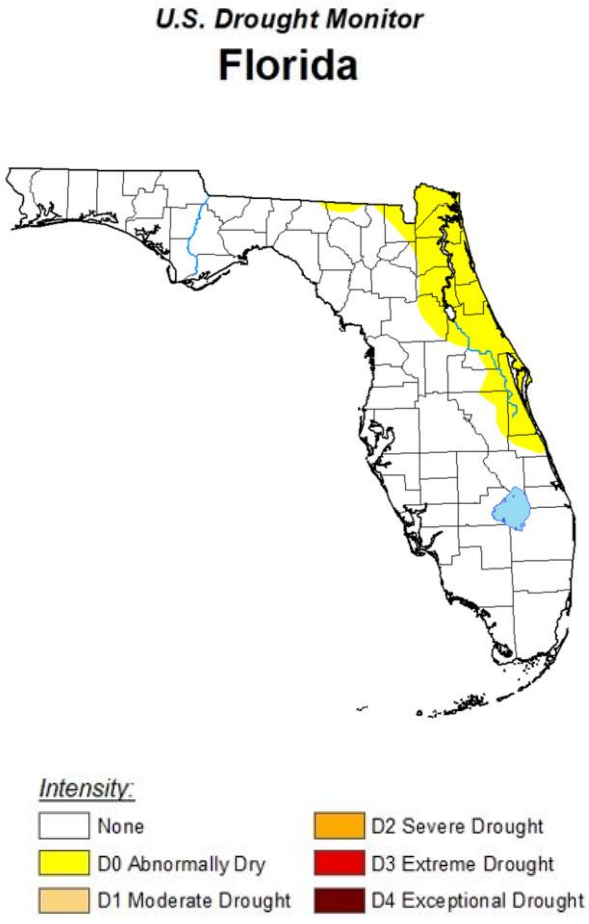

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