



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 10, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 3.6 inches in Juno Beach (Palm Beach County). The average mean temperature ranged from 62.5°F at Whiting Field (Santa Rosa County) to 82.1°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures remained warmer than usual in the citrus growing region this week, with highs in the 80s. Low to moderate amounts of precipitation fell across the state due to a passing cold front during the reporting period. The most rainfall was recorded in Clermont (Lake County), receiving 1.5 inches of rain, followed by Muse (Glades County) totaling 1.2 inches. According to the April 7, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, moderate drought conditions remained in the majority of the western, central, and southern citrus growing areas, while abnormally dry conditions continued to encompass most of the Indian River citrus growing area.

Varieties harvested for the fresh market included Valencia oranges, later variety tangerines, and red and white grapefruit. Processing plants were accepting field run Valencia oranges and packinghouse eliminations for grapefruit.

Reports from field personnel indicated bloom winding down and incipient fruitlets appearing in orange groves statewide. Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, fertilizing, spraying herbicides, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead trees, and general grove maintenance. Due to the lack of adequate rain over the past several weeks, irrigation was being run in all areas. The water level in canals and ditches remained low across the state.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

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

Crop	For week ending			Previous Year
	Mar 20, 2022 (Preliminary)	Mar 27, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 3, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 4, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and Mid-oranges	0	0	0	1
Valencia Oranges	1,242	1,887	2,163	2,456
Red grapefruit	124	102	76	32
White grapefruit..	15	16	22	9
Tangerines and Tangelos	134	7	5	4
Total	1,515	2,012	2,266	2,502

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

Crops

Cool temperatures moved in and much of the state got some level of rainfall. Producers in the Panhandle continued to plant corn as the weather permitted, while other producers began prepping or planting for peanuts. Producers planned on planting cotton in the next couple of weeks. Watermelon harvest continued and strawberry season was wrapping up. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week. Dry conditions in the southern part of the peninsula helped with sugarcane harvest.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range conditions remained in mostly fair and good condition. Despite improvement in conditions over the past few weeks, many pastures remained dry and needed additional rainfall.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/10/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	2
Short.....	9	12
Adequate.....	80	80
Surplus.....	8	6

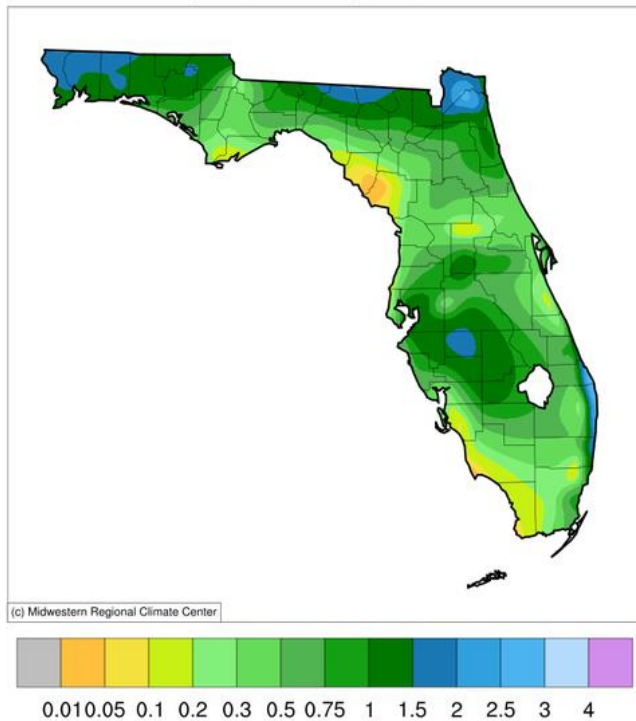
Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/10/22

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Planted.....	7	0	2	4

Conditions for Week Ending 04/10/22

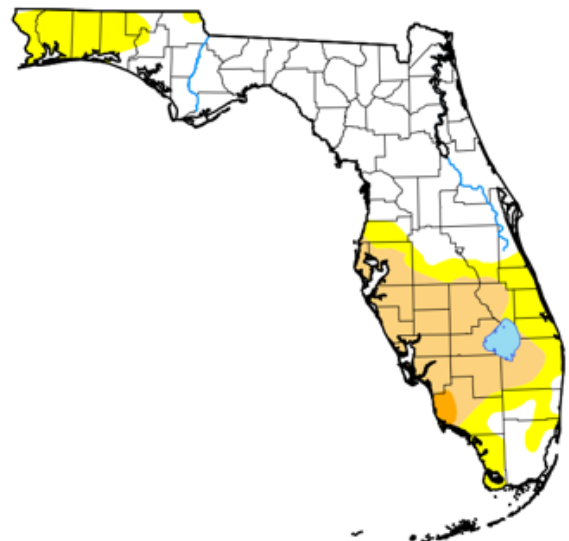
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	5	28	60	6
Pasture & range	5	18	38	31	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 04, 2022 to April 10, 2022



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity:

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

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