



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 17, 2022. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain in some locations to 2.6 inches in Naples (Collier County). The average mean temperature ranged from 66.7°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 83.6°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were seasonably warm in the citrus growing region this week. Most areas had days in the mid 80s, with several areas reaching the low 90s. Precipitation fell below typical monthly averages for this time of the year. Only Muse (Glades County) recorded over two inches of rainfall. Kenansville (Osceola County) recorded the second highest rainfall at 1.2 inches. According to the April 14, 2022, U.S. Drought Monitor, dryness and drought intensified and expanded somewhat across southern Florida, where most areas recorded little to no precipitation. Severe drought was introduced in southwestern portion of the citrus growing region with moderate drought stretching across most of the central and southern areas.

Varieties harvested for the fresh market included Valencia oranges, later variety tangerines, and red and white grapefruit. Grapefruit and tangerine harvest was winding down, while processing plants planned to finish processing oranges the beginning of May.

Reports from field personnel indicated bloom was over and fruitlets are copious in orange groves statewide. Grove operations included spraying, 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 27, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 3, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 10, 2022 (Preliminary)	Apr 11, 2021 (Actual)
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia Oranges	1,906	2,163	2,258	2,606
Red grapefruit	108	76	36	2
White grapefruit..	15	22	14	1
Tangerines and Tangelos	7	5	2	2
Total	2,036	2,266	2,310	2,611

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

Crops

Warm and dry conditions moved into the state with most locations receiving light rain or scattered showers. Corn continued to be planted in the Panhandle given the favorable planting conditions. More producers planted peanuts while others planned to pick up planting in the coming weeks. Similarly, many producers prepped and will begin planting cotton in the northern part of the state in the coming weeks. Watermelon harvesting continued and strawberry harvesting wrapped up for most producers. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the state last week. Wet conditions in some of the southern parts of the peninsula limited sugarcane harvesting activities.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range conditions remained in mostly fair and good condition. Many pastures still needed additional rainfall as dry spots started to show up in permanent pastures. Due to these conditions, supplemental hay was fed to cattle as some forages were not enough for grazing.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/17/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	5
Short.....	12	23
Adequate.....	80	64
Surplus.....	6	8

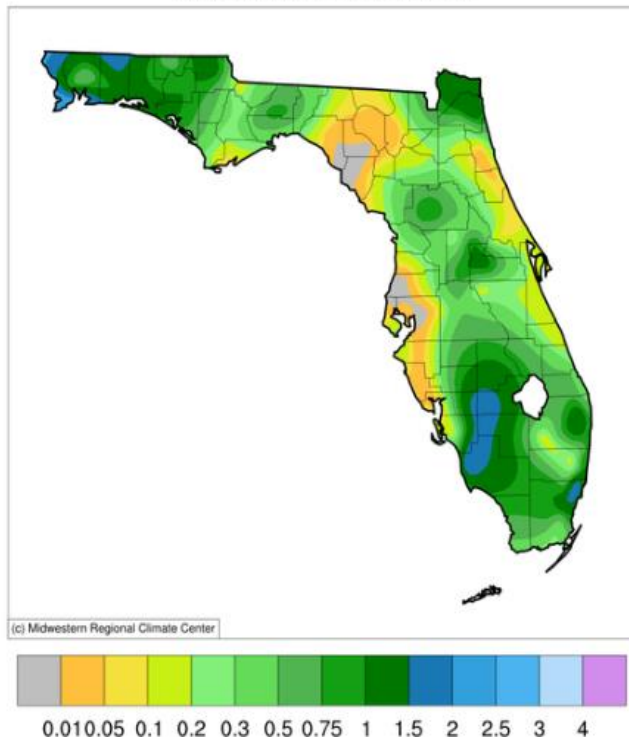
Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/17/22

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	1
Peanuts - Planted.....	11	2	10	10

Conditions for Week Ending 04/17/22

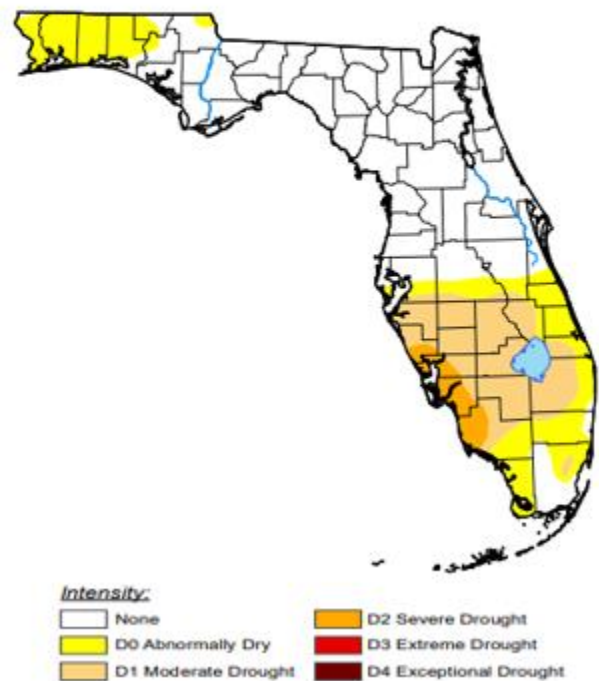
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	7	32	52	8
Pasture & range	9	18	29	37	7

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 11, 2022 to April 17, 2022



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Apr 12, 2022 (Released Thursday, Apr 14, 2022)
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>