



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 24, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 3.5 inches in Destin (Okaloosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 57.8°F at Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County) to 76.0°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures cooled down in the citrus growing region and by the end of the week lows were in the 40s, and highs were in the mid to upper-60s. An anticipated front pushing tropical rainstorm Sara towards Florida never developed and rainfall amounts reflected very little precipitation. Except for a couple monitored stations in the southern area of the citrus belt, totals for the week were between no rain and two-tenths of an inch. According to the November 21, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions remained fixed in the northernmost counties of the state. The complete citrus belt was drought free.

Grove operations included fertilizing, minimal spraying, mowing after harvest, applying herbicides and in several cases pushing abandoned groves and dead trees. Irrigation was being run regularly statewide. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from tennis ball to baseball size. Fruit coloration was proceeding nicely across all early and mid-season citrus varieties.

Harvest for the fresh market included Navel and early oranges, red grapefruit and several varieties of early tangerines. Growers were lining up trailers for field run in anticipation of a soon impending harvest. With at least one juice plant accepting packinghouse eliminations, a small amount of early oranges were processed. Processed lemons were ramping up expediently.

Crops

The state experienced mostly dry to light rain. A cold front moved through bringing cooler temperatures and much needed rain to the Panhandle area. Peanut harvest was all but wrapped up and cotton harvest continued and remained the focus for many producers last week. In Jackson County, producers were aiming to have harvests completed before Thanksgiving, but delayed plantings pushed harvest schedules back this year. With the little moisture received, farmers were able to plant some small grains. Other crops planted and harvested included strawberries, eggplant, squash, tomato, sweet corn, snap beans, ethnic vegetables and tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were reported to be enjoying the cooler temperatures and in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. In Jackson County, some producers continued planting winter grazing crops.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/24/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	79	58	72	72
Peanuts - Harvested	98	99	100	99

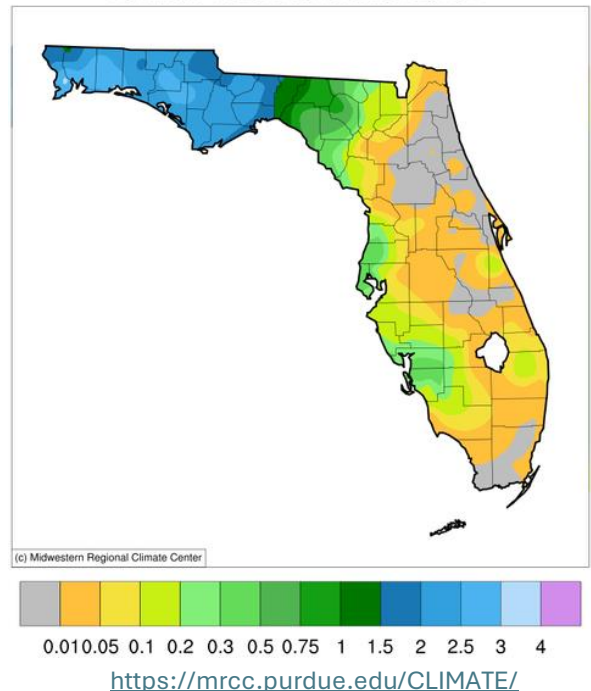
Conditions for Week Ending 11/24/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	33	53	12
Pasture and range.....	2	8	42	37	11

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/24/24

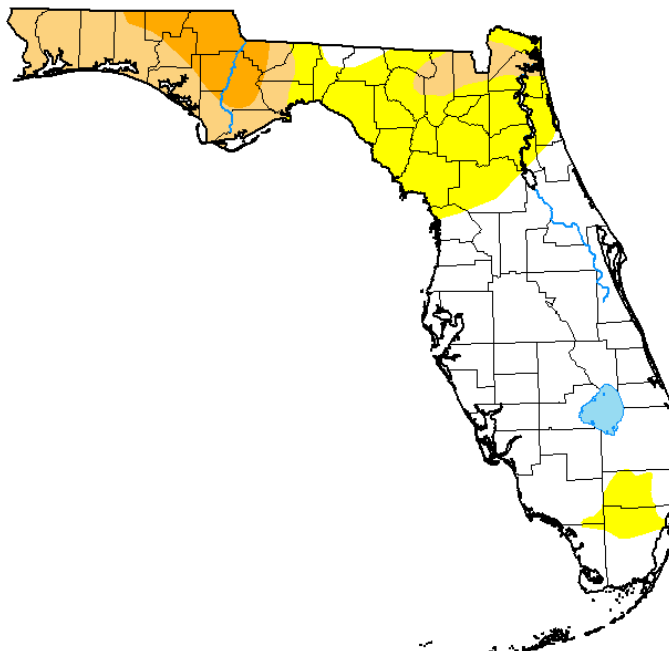
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	10	10
Short.....	25	30
Adequate.....	62	57
Surplus.....	3	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 18, 2024 to November 24, 2024



U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

November 19, 2024
(Released Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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