



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 3, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 2.7 inches in Biscayne Park (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 71.7°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 82.9°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

## Citrus

Temperatures were higher than normal in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the mid to upper 80s. The warmest average readings were recorded in Winter Haven (Polk County), hitting 88 degrees, followed by Clermont (Lake County) reaching 87 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands County) reading 85 degrees. The citrus belt again received little to no rainfall during the reporting period, with a continuing pattern of small, isolated storms swiftly drifting inland from the Atlantic coast. The most rain fell in Lake Placid (Highlands County), reporting 1.39 inches of precipitation, followed by LaBelle (Hendry County) registering 0.68 inches, and Fellsmere (Indian River County) measuring 0.53 inches. According to the October 31, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, the entirety of the citrus belt remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, laying herbicide, fertilizing, mowing, skirting tree canopies, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, installation of individual protective tree covers, construction of screenhouses, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run regularly statewide. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from tennis ball to softball size. Color break was observed in groves across the state for the following varieties: Navel, early, and midseason oranges, and red and white grapefruit.

Limited harvesting for the fresh market continued, comprising small amounts of Fallglo and Early Pride tangerines; Navel and early oranges; and red and white grapefruit. One processing plant was accepting packinghouse eliminations.

## Crops

The Peninsula area received light rain while the rest of the state remained mostly dry. Producers continued to make good progress with harvesting activities. Early planted and irrigated cotton fields were defoliated, and harvest continued. Peanut harvest was starting to wind down in most areas. In Palm Beach County, leafy vegetables and sweet corn were planted. Sugarcane growers entered the harvest phase of the crop cycle. Rice harvest was wrapping up for producers. In Hillsborough County, strawberry planting was wrapping up. Other crops planted and harvested included cabbage, broccoli, snap beans, squash, tomatoes, ethnic vegetables, and tropical fruits.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. Many farms have delayed winter forage planting because of the lack of moisture.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/03/24

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	98	93	95	95
Cotton - Harvested .....	44	34	41	34
Peanuts - Dug.....	95	91	96	96
Peanuts - Harvested .....	90	78	90	91

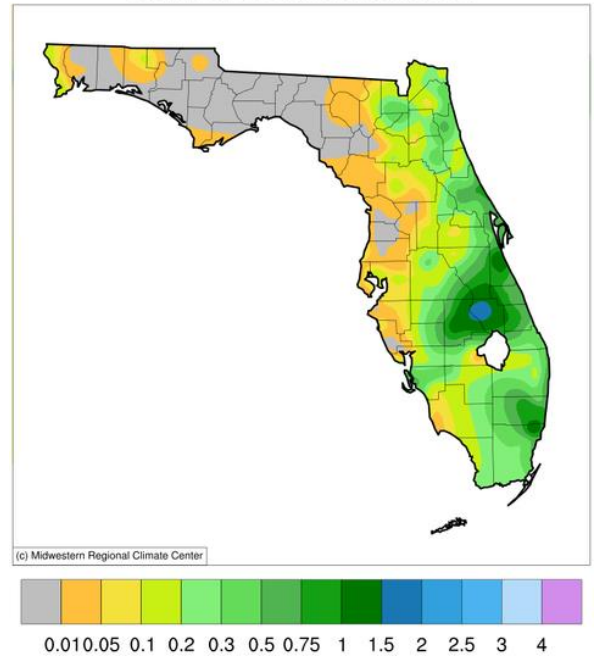
### Conditions for Week Ending 11/03/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	22	55	19
Cotton.....	1	12	64	23	0
Pasture and range.....	2	8	32	47	11

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/03/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very Short.....	7	11
Short.....	21	23
Adequate.....	62	62
Surplus.....	10	4

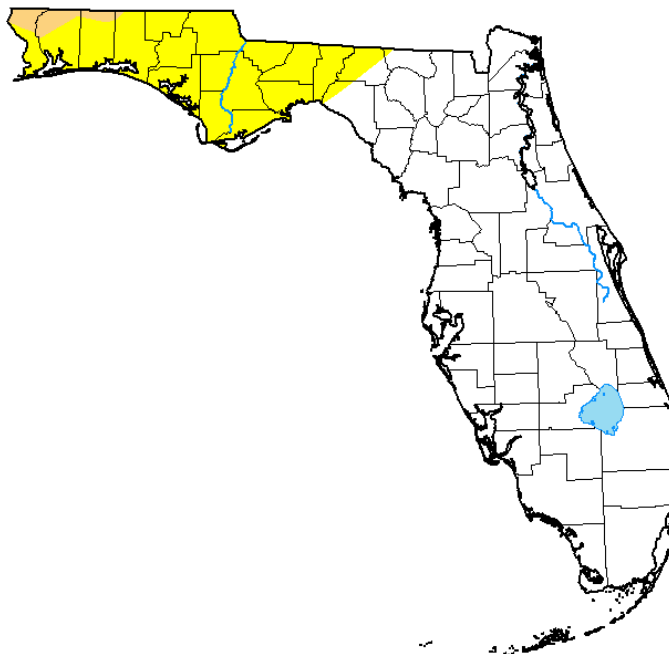
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 28, 2024 to November 03, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

**October 29, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**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 <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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