



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 1, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to trace amounts of rain at Tampa International Airport (Hillsborough County). The average mean temperature ranged from 56.8°F at Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County) to 75.6°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

## Citrus

Slightly cooler than normal temperatures were persistent in the citrus growing region. Daily lows were in the 40s and 50s, with highs mostly in the mid to upper 70s.

Continued dry weather plagued the citrus region. Precipitation amounts for most monitored stations was less than three tenths of an inch for the period, with several counties reporting no rainfall. A couple isolated stations in the western portion of the citrus belt recorded slightly more. According to the November 27, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions have crept into several southern counties of the state bordering the citrus region, however, the complete citrus belt continued to be drought free.

Grove operations included fertilizing, minimal spraying, mowing after harvest, applying herbicides and continued pushing of abandoned groves and dead trees. Irrigation was being run regularly statewide. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from tennis ball to baseball size. According to the Market News Bulletin dated November 25, 2024, "Most fruit varieties are measuring small this season, while grapefruit are small to medium sized."

Harvest for the fresh market included Navel and early oranges, red and white grapefruit and several varieties of early tangerines. Growers were just beginning to harvest fruit for the processed market. A couple plants have opened or are scheduled to open this week. Processed lemons continued at an accelerated rate.

## Crops

The state experienced mostly dry conditions with some light rain in some areas. A cold front continued through the state bringing cooler temperatures and wind. Many producers experienced several mornings of light frost but reported it did not impact crops. Cotton harvest continued and remained the focus for producers in Jackson County. In Palm Beach County, sugarcane planting and harvest continued. Leafy vegetable fields were planted and on schedule for producers. Other crops planted and harvested included strawberries, eggplant, squash, peppers, tomato, sweet corn, snap beans, ethnic vegetables and tropical fruits.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. In Jackson County, producers were feeding hay to livestock. The morning frost was causing pastures to brown and go dormant.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 12/1/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested .....	88	72	82	84

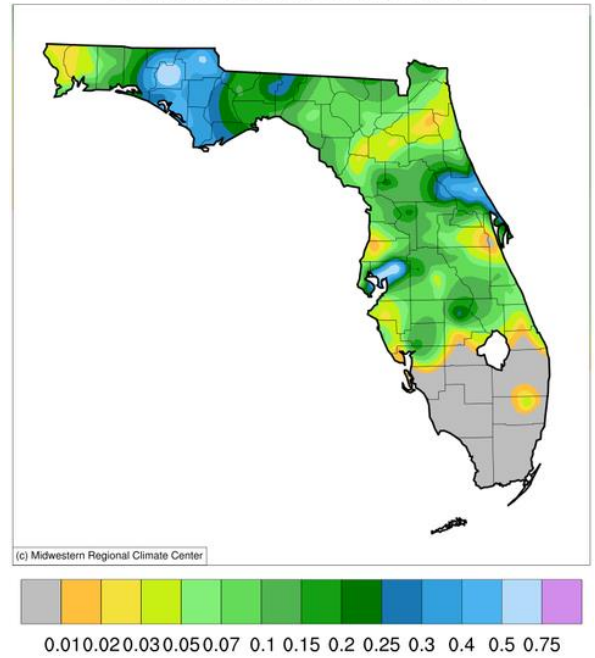
### Conditions for Week Ending 12/1/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	28	50	20
Pasture and range.....	4	12	34	39	11

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/1/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	10	9
Short.....	30	34
Adequate.....	57	56
Surplus.....	3	1

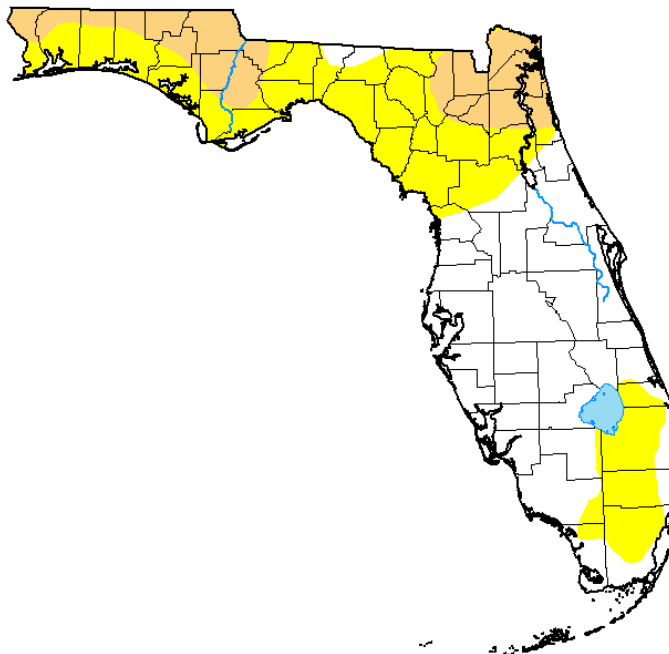
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
November 25, 2024 to December 01, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

**November 26, 2024**  
(Released Wednesday, Nov. 27, 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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