



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 29, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 3.30 inches of rain at Pensacola Regional Airport (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 52.5°F in Chipley (Washington County) to 75.6°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures were normal for this time of the year in the citrus growing region. Highs during the day were mostly in the mid-70s to lower 80s, cooling down to the upper 40s and low 50s at night.

Other than a few scattered rainstorms over the weekend, the citrus growing area received minimal rainfall. Labelle (Hendry County) received the most rainfall totaling 0.61 inches. Fellsmere (Indian River County) totaled 0.57 inches, while in the center of the citrus region, Sebring (Highlands County), had the most precipitation at 0.27 inches. According to the December 25, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, increasing 60-day precipitation deficits of more than four inches led to the addition of short-term moderate drought to portions of south Florida, however, the citrus region remained unchanged. The complete citrus region is still under abnormally dry conditions.

Harvest and grove activity was minimal during the reporting period due to the holidays. Irrigation was being run statewide. In groves where workers were present, observations of minimal spraying, V-discing middles, mowing pre-harvest, and tree removal was noticed. Color break was seen on some of the earlier Valencia varieties. Harvest for the fresh market included Navels, early oranges, grapefruit and several varieties of early tangerines.

Crops

Most of the state experienced light rain and cooler temperatures, which alleviated dry conditions for many producers. In Palm Beach County, sugarcane planting and harvest continued. Producers expected to finish sugarcane planting within the next few weeks. Vegetable and sweet corn crops continued to make good progress, especially with the rainy conditions.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Pastures were improving with the rain received.

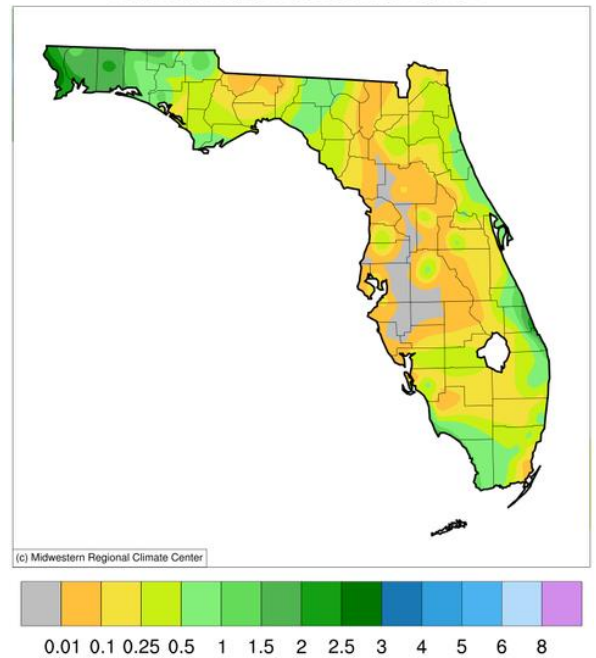
Conditions for Week Ending 12/29/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	5	29	56	8
Pasture and range.....	5	10	52	28	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 12/29/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....		15
Short.....		34
Adequate.....		51
Surplus.....		0

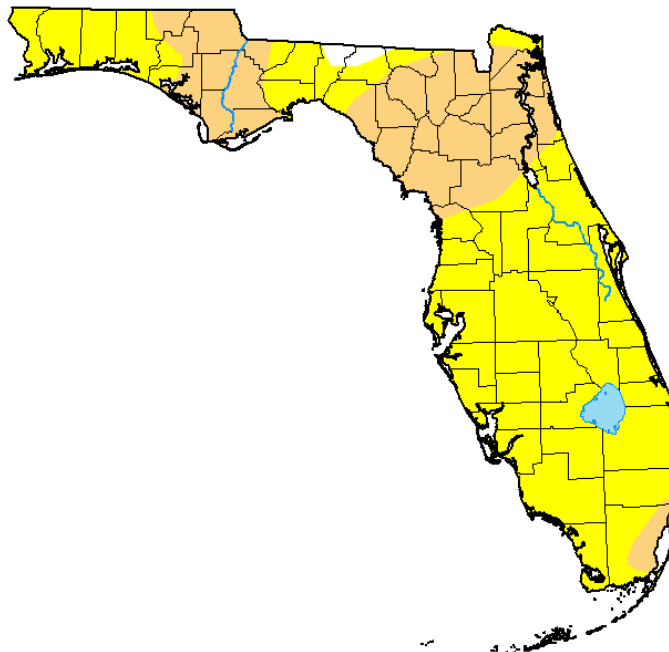
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
December 23, 2024 to December 29, 2024



<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

December 24, 2024
(Released Wednesday, Dec. 25, 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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