



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, June 9, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 2.4 inches at Miami International Airport (Miami-Dade County). The average mean temperature ranged from 78.8°F at Whitting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 87.4°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

In a now familiar pattern, temperatures ran above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the 90s. The hottest average readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) and Winter Haven (Polk County), both hitting 98 degrees, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) reaching 95 degrees. The citrus belt once more received negligible to no rainfall from scattered convective thunderstorms during the reporting period, though isolated locations experienced more favorable rainfall amounts. The most rain fell in Muse (Glades County), reporting 1.16 inches of precipitation, followed by LaBelle (Hendry County) registering 1.02 inches, and Clermont (Lake County) measuring 0.30 inches. According to the June 6, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, continued elevated temperatures paired with minimal rainfall led to further degradation of drought conditions across the peninsula, with abnormal dryness and moderate drought both increasing coverage to the north and south, and severe drought conditions undergoing a significant expansion in all directions to cover more than 20% of the state. Only a handful of groves in the north of the citrus area remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, laying herbicide, fertilizing, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run very frequently statewide. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from marble size to larger than golf ball size.

Crops

Most of the state experienced light rain and warm weather, with the largest rainfall totals localized to the southern part of the peninsula. Although many counties received light rain, many continued to report dry conditions in the fields. Drought conditions have spread and gotten more severe for counties in south Florida. Cotton and peanut planting were nearing completion; however, the weather conditions have made it a challenging season thus far for producers. Some producers were late applying peanut herbicides and fungicides due to wet fields. Cotton squaring and peanuts pegging have started. In Jackson County hay, wheat, and oat harvests took place once fields dried out. In Palm Beach County, sugarcane harvest and rice planting were completed. Other crops harvested included okra, boniato, bitter melon, long beans, squash, tomatoes, peppers, and tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly fair and good condition. As pastures improved with rainfall, cattle conditions remained stable.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/09/24

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	93	81	90	89
Cotton - Squaring.....	3	0	2	4
Peanuts - Planted.....	95	90	96	96
Peanuts - Pegging.....	2	NA	3	2

(NA) Not Available.

Conditions for Week Ending 06/09/24

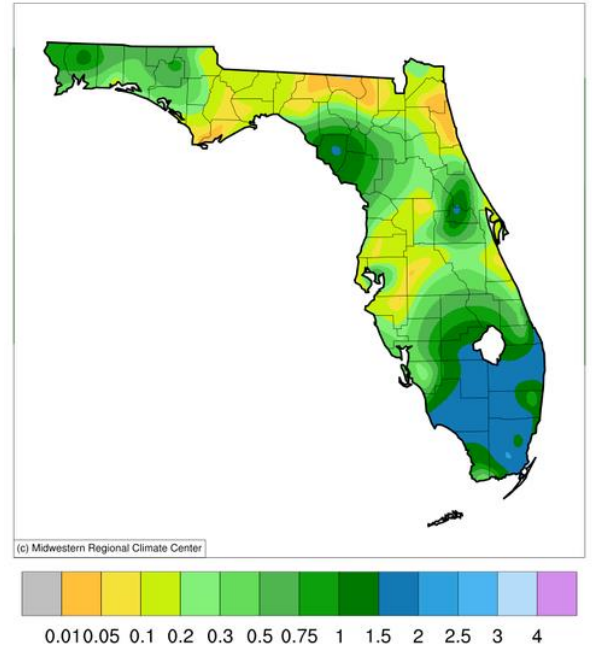
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	38	48	9
Cotton.....	1	2	48	49	0
Pasture and range.....	4	29	35	31	1
Peanuts.....	1	4	30	64	1

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/09/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very Short.....		8
Short.....		32
Adequate.....		56
Surplus.....		4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

June 03, 2024 to June 09, 2024



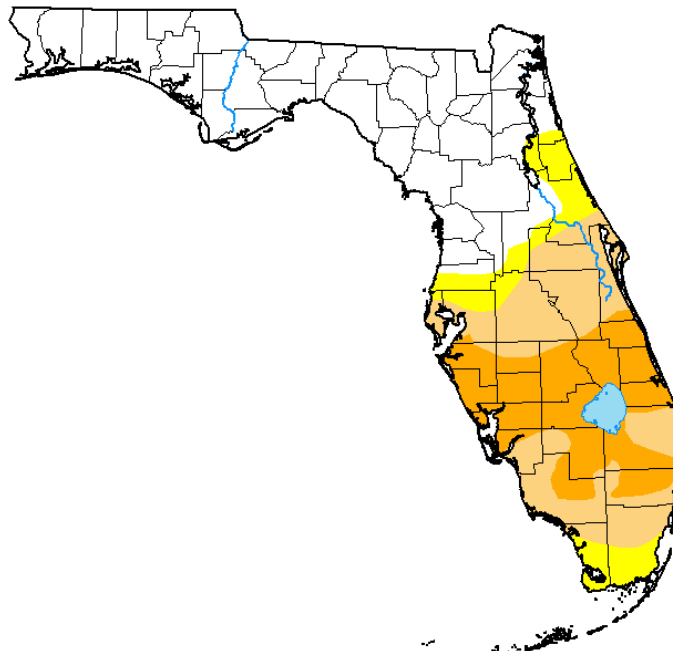
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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

June 4, 2024

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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 <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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