



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



Cooperating with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the UF/IFAS Extension Service
Southern Region, Florida Field Office · 851 Trafalgar Court Suite 310 E · Maitland, FL 32751 · (800) 253-4419 · (855) 271-9801 FAX
www.nass.usda.gov

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.

June 3, 2024

Media Contact: Mark Hudson

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 2, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 7.8 inches in Navarre (Santa Rosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 77.7°F in Crestview (Okaloosa County) to 88.4°F at Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures continued to be above average yet again in the citrus growing region, with average highs in the mid to high 90s. The hottest average readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County) and Bartow (Polk County), both hitting 97 degrees, followed by Sebring (Highlands County) reaching 96 degrees. The citrus belt again 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 Sebring (Highlands County), reporting 1.1 inches of precipitation, followed by Frostproof (Polk County) registering 0.5 inches, and Ruskin (Hillsborough County) measuring 0.2 inches. According to the May 30, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions further intensified across the peninsula, with abnormal dryness and moderate drought both expanding coverage in the citrus belt, while severe drought conditions had formed immediately west of Lake

Okeechobee and stretched to the Gulf Coast. Only select groves in the north of the citrus area remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, spraying herbicides, fertilizing, mowing, hedging, topping, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, bactericide trunk injection, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run frequently statewide. Field personnel reported next season's fruit between marble size and golf ball size.

Crops

Limited rainfall and warm conditions continued for much of the state over the past week. Drought conditions, particularly in the southern and middle parts of the peninsula, increased due to the lack of rainfall. Cotton and peanut planting progressed closer to completion. Cotton producers expected the early planted crop to begin squaring in the coming weeks. Rice producers finished planting their crop while sweet corn and sugarcane producers wrapped up harvest activities. Other crops harvested included bell peppers, chili peppers, squash, watermelon, potatoes, and cantaloupe.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. Pastures in the middle and southern parts of the state were dry due to lack of rain.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/02/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	85	62	81	78
Peanuts - Planted.....	88	79	90	91

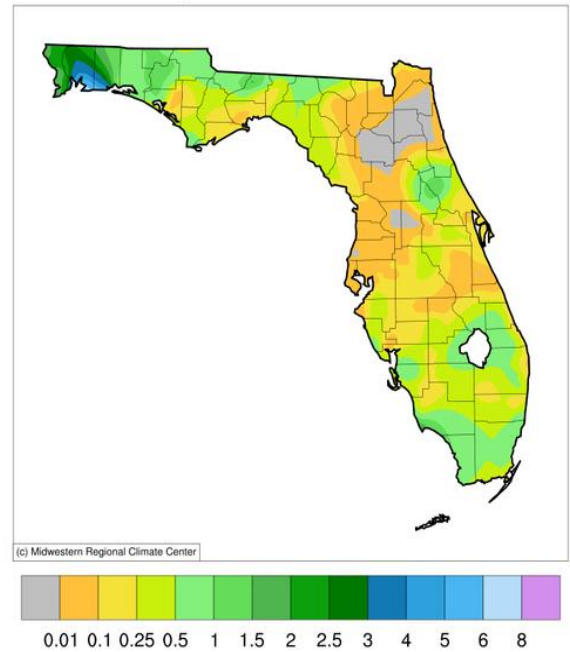
Conditions for Week Ending 06/02/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	35	54	8
Cotton.....	2	5	61	32	0
Pasture and range....	4	18	35	41	2
Peanuts.....	1	4	31	62	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/02/24

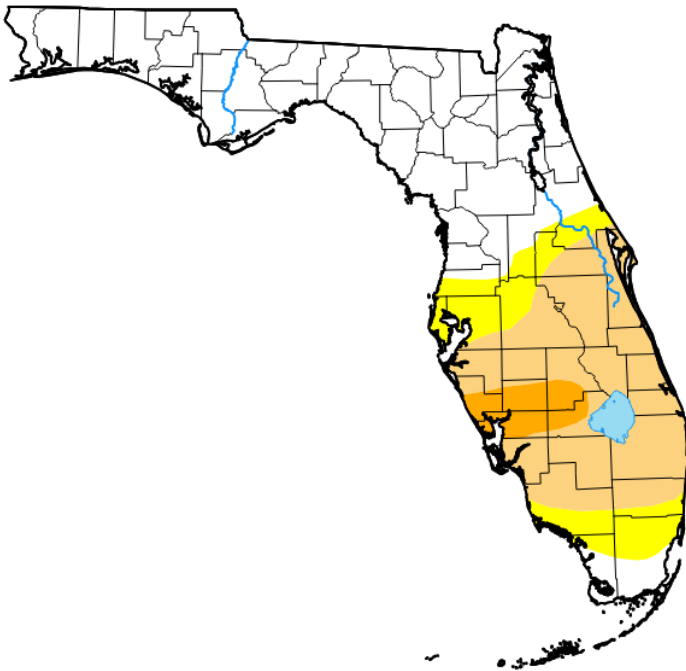
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	7	8
Short.....	23	32
Adequate.....	65	56
Surplus.....	5	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in) May 27, 2024 to June 02, 2024



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



May 28, 2024

(Released Thursday, May. 30, 2024)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.68	45.32	33.97	4.30	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-21-2024	57.96	42.04	20.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-27-2024	96.72	3.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	86.25	13.75	3.86	2.55	1.27	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	69.09	30.91	17.59	9.00	0.81	0.00
One Year Ago 05-30-2023	73.96	26.04	14.03	8.01	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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>

Author:

Rocky Bilotta
NCEI/NOAA



droughtmonitor.unl.edu