



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 28, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain to 5.6 inches at Gainesville Regional Airport (Alachua County). The average mean temperature ranged from 81.2°F at Gainesville Regional Airport (Alachua County) to 90.6°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County)

Citrus

Temperatures continued their above average run in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the 90's. The hottest average readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County), hitting 97 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) and Mount Plymouth (Lake County), both reaching 95 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread light to moderate rainfall during the reporting period resulting from thunderstorms forming along the sea breeze boundary. The most rain fell in Ruskin (Hillsborough County), reporting 2.99 inches of precipitation, followed by LaBelle (Hendry County) registering 2.97 inches, and Sebring (Highlands County) measuring 2.85 inches. According to the July 25, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, consistent storm activity resulted in greater reduction of drought conditions in the citrus area, further shrinking the existing band of moderate drought and abnormal dryness located across the center of the citrus growing region to two distinct impact zones: one located mostly in Polk and Hardee Counties approximately in the center of citrus cultivation in the state, and the other

confined to Brevard County and environs on the east coast. The rest of the citrus belt remained drought free.

Grove operations included spraying nutritionals, laying herbicide, mowing, removal of dead trees, replanting young trees, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run in areas that had missed recent rains. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from golf ball to larger than baseball size.

Crops

Most of the state experienced light to moderate rainfall accompanied by hot temperatures. Some producers reported ponding in low areas from the rain received. Cotton and peanuts were in mostly good condition with the much-needed rain. Cotton continued squaring and setting bolls. Peanuts pegging continued throughout the week. In Levy County, some peanuts were scheduled to be dug during the week. Hay harvest in many areas was delayed due to wet conditions. In Jackson County, armyworms were reported in bermudagrass hay fields. In Palm Beach County, rice harvest continued, and sugarcane crops were in the grand growth phase. Sugarcane planting is predicted to begin in a few weeks. Other crops planted and harvested include okra, boniato, long beans, and bitter melon.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition and pastures were in mostly good to excellent condition. Producers report that fertilized pastures were looking great with unfertilized pastures lagging behind.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/28/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring	94	80	88	90
Cotton - Setting Bolls	65	48	61	60
Peanuts - Pegging.....	97	84	89	94

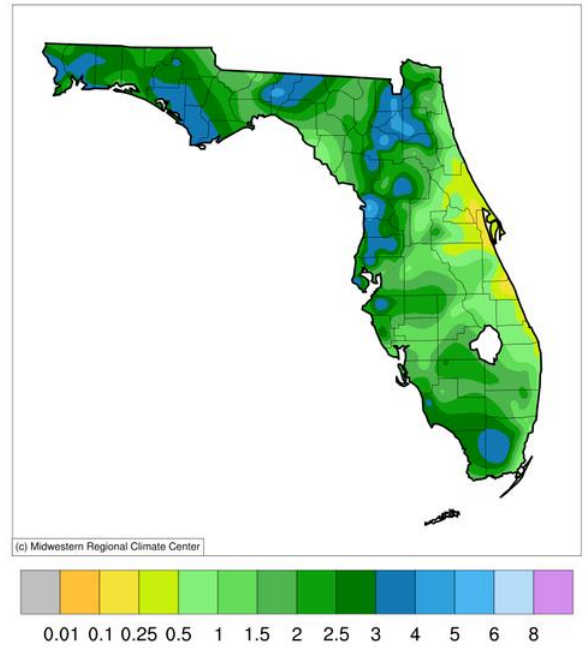
Conditions for Week Ending 07/28/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	18	62	17
Cotton.....	1	2	22	65	10
Pasture and range.....	0	2	15	56	27
Peanuts.....	0	1	13	77	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/28/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	0	0
Short.....	7	5
Adequate.....	85	87
Surplus.....	8	8

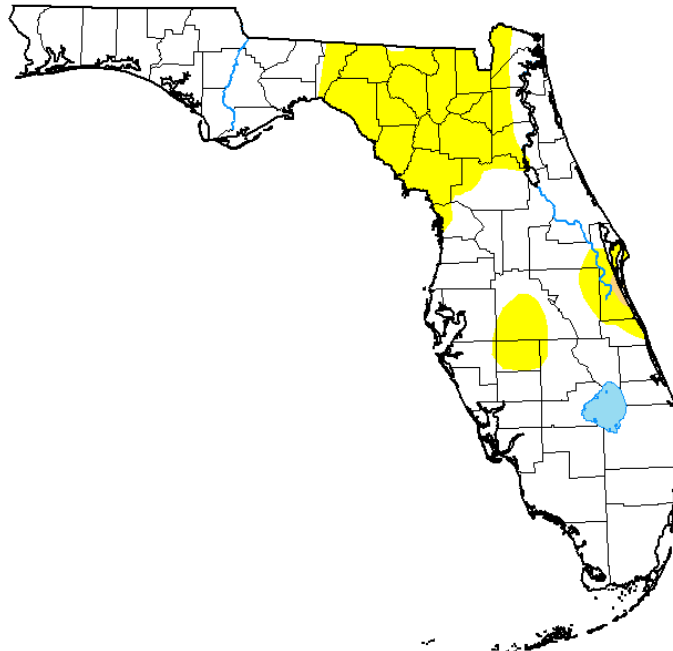
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 22, 2024 to July 28, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

July 23, 2024
(Released Thursday, Jul. 25, 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 <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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