



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 11, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain to 17.9 inches in Lakewood Ranch (Manatee County). The average mean temperature ranged from 76.5°F in Naples (Collier County) to 90.4°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures remained intractably above average in the citrus growing region last week, with average highs in the low 90's. The hottest average readings were recorded in Clermont (Lake County), hitting 93 degrees, followed by Winter Haven (Polk County) reaching 92 degrees, and Sebring (Highlands County) reading 91 degrees. The citrus belt received widespread moderate to heavy, and in several cases locally excessive, rainfall during the reporting period associated with the passage of Hurricane Debby and followed by typical afternoon thunderstorms formed from the collision of the sea breezes. The most rain fell in Ruskin (Hillsborough County), reporting 12.15 inches of precipitation, followed by Bartow (Polk County) registering 6.54 inches, and Clermont (Lake County) measuring 5.26 inches. According to the August 8, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, rainfall from the hurricane erased all abnormal dryness located in Polk and Hardee Counties, and shrank further toward the coast the area of moderate drought and abnormal dryness centered on Brevard County. The rest of the citrus belt continued to be drought free.

Grove operations included spraying pesticides and nutritionals, herbiciding, fertilizing, mowing, removal of dead trees, bactericide trunk injection, discing, and general grove maintenance. Irrigation was being run in areas that received lesser rainfall amounts. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from golf ball to larger than baseball size.

Crops

Much of the state experienced some rainfall due to Hurricane Debby. Some significant flooding and rising river levels was reported in the central part of the state. Some peanuts were flooded, and some cornfields received significant damage. Cotton and peanuts remained in mostly good condition. Cotton squaring and cotton setting bolls both neared completion. Other crops planted and harvested include okra, boniato, long beans, bitter melon, and some tropical fruit.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to excellent condition. Some producers reported flooded pastures from Hurricane Debby.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/11/24

Crop	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Squaring	98	94	98	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls	91	76	91	83
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	4	4	6	4
Peanuts - Pegging	100	94	96	97

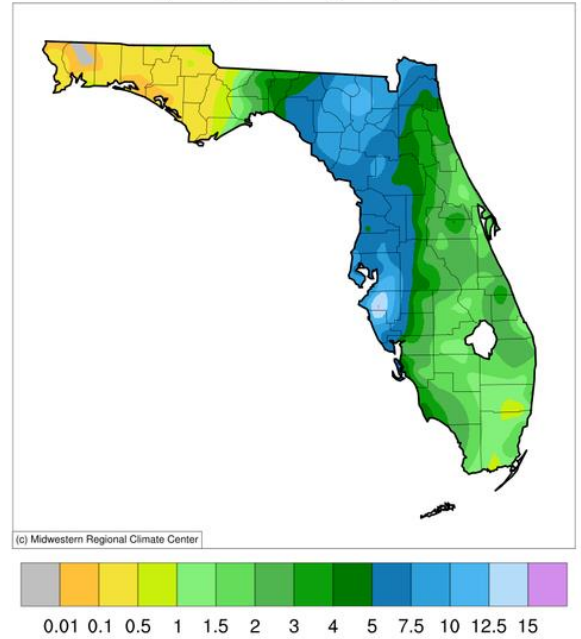
Conditions for Week Ending 8/11/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	18	59	21
Cotton	0	2	36	57	5
Pasture and range	0	3	17	54	26
Peanuts	0	1	32	64	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/11/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	1	1
Short.....	4	8
Adequate.....	76	66
Surplus.....	19	25

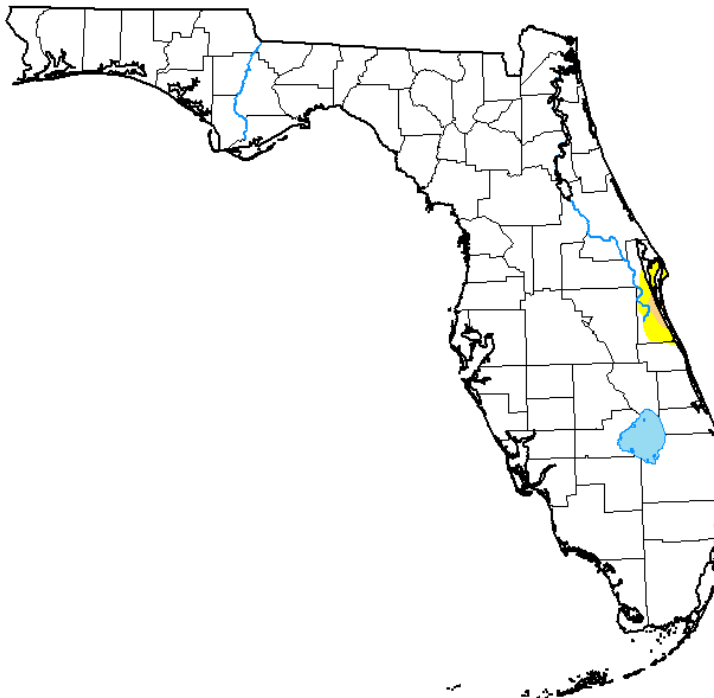
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 05, 2024 to August 11, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

August 6, 2024
(Released Thursday, Aug. 8, 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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