



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 4, 2024. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain to 7.2 inches in Tampa Bay Area (Hillsborough County). The average mean temperature ranged from 81.7°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 90.4°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County)

Citrus

Temperatures remained slightly warmer than normal in the citrus growing region. In the central portion of the citrus belt, Clermont (Lake County) had an average high temperature of 96.9 degrees. Wauchula, in the southern section of the citrus belt, had an average high temperature of 94.3 degrees.

As Hurricane Debby worked its way northward through the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday, August 4, 2024, it brought heavy rainfall and localized flooding. The highest totals for the week were in the western counties of the citrus region. Portions of Hillsborough and Sarasota counties, both located on the west coast of Florida, received over ten inches of rainfall. Ocoee (Orange County) and Lake Placid (Highlands County), more to the center of the state, both received just over six inches of rainfall. According to the August 1, 2024, U.S. Drought Monitor, the two previously existing areas of moderate drought and abnormal dryness, located in Polk and Hardee Counties and centered on Brevard County, respectively, remained static the past

week. The rest of the citrus belt continued to be 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 all areas earlier in the week. Field personnel reported next season's fruit from golf ball to larger than baseball size.

Crops

Most of the state experienced some rainfall due to tropical storm Debby. There was flooding in low lying areas as well as fallen tree branches from high winds, but no reported damages to crops. The tropical storm helped alleviate drought conditions for some areas of the state. Cotton and peanuts remained in mostly good condition. Cotton squaring neared completion and cotton setting bolls continued. Peanuts pegging was also nearly complete, and producers sprayed cotton and peanuts for pests as the weather allowed. Field corn continued maturing with harvest in full swing in Jackson County. Hay harvest continued but was limited due to wet conditions. In Palm Beach County, rice harvest continued, but may be slightly delayed. Other crops planted and harvested include okra, boniato, long beans, and bitter melon.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to excellent condition. Producers say cattle benefited from the cooler temperatures throughout the week.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/04/24

Crop	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Squaring	96	88	94	94
Cotton - Setting Bolls	79	61	76	71
Cotton - Bolls Opening	NA	NA	4	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	99	89	94	96

(NA) Not Available.

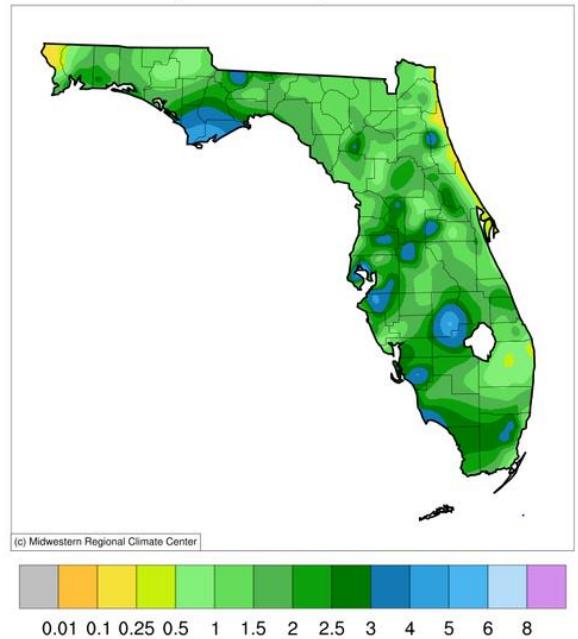
Conditions for Week Ending 08/04/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	17	57	25
Cotton.....	0	1	25	61	13
Pasture and range.....	0	2	19	46	33
Peanuts.....	0	2	19	68	11

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/04/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very Short.....	0	1
Short.....	5	4
Adequate.....	87	76
Surplus.....	8	19

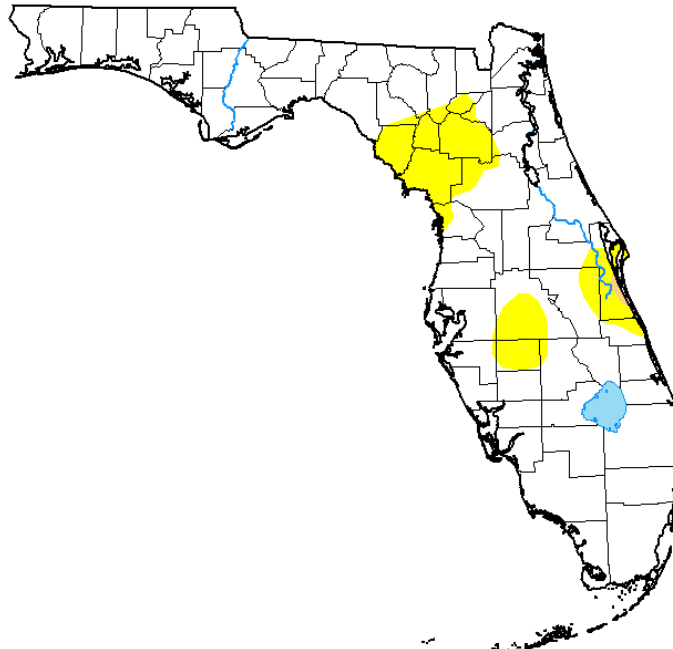
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 29, 2024 to August 04, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

July 30, 2024
(Released Thursday, Aug. 1, 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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