



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, January 12, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 3.04 inches of rain at Pensacola Regional Airport (Escambia County). The average mean temperature ranged from 41.1°F in Pensacola (Escambia County) to 68.4°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Frigid weather prevailed in the citrus region during the reporting period. Temperatures midweek were close to freezing in the western and central portion of the citrus belt. All reporting stations recorded temperatures in the mid-40s or lower in the early morning hours, moderating slightly over the weekend, but still 5 to 15 degrees below average. Plant City (Hillsborough County) had a low of 32 degrees. Lakeland (Polk County), in the center of the citrus growing area, registered 36 degrees.

The citrus region was relatively dry until a band of quick moving showers, associated with a cold front, brought light rainfall to the state. Totals were between no rain and three tenths of an inch in the citrus producing area of the state, with most stations under a tenth of an inch. According to the January 9, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, no changes were made this past week in the state. All counties in Indian River Area are partially void of drought conditions. The remainder of the citrus region is still abnormally dry.

Harvest and grove activity was back to normal after the holidays. General maintenance, pulling vines, spraying, fertilizing and irrigation was observed in the groves. Care takers were pushing and burning unproductive trees in established groves and resetting as trees became available. Old and abandoned groves were being taken out readily.

Harvest for the fresh market included Navels, early oranges, pink seedless and white grapefruit and several varieties of tangerines. Color was beginning to show on some of the early Valencia varieties. According to the Market News Bulletin, dated January 6, 2025 “plants expect to finish processing E&M oranges by the end of this week or the middle of next week”. The later orange variety, Valencia oranges, will most likely not begin ramping up for a few weeks.

Crops

Most of the state experienced light rain with most of the rain having been received in the Panhandle area. A cold front came through causing multiple nights of freezing temperatures in many areas, but there was no reported damage to crops. In Jackson County, producers started to level some fallow fields. Other crops planted and harvested include green beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, ethnic vegetables and tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition.

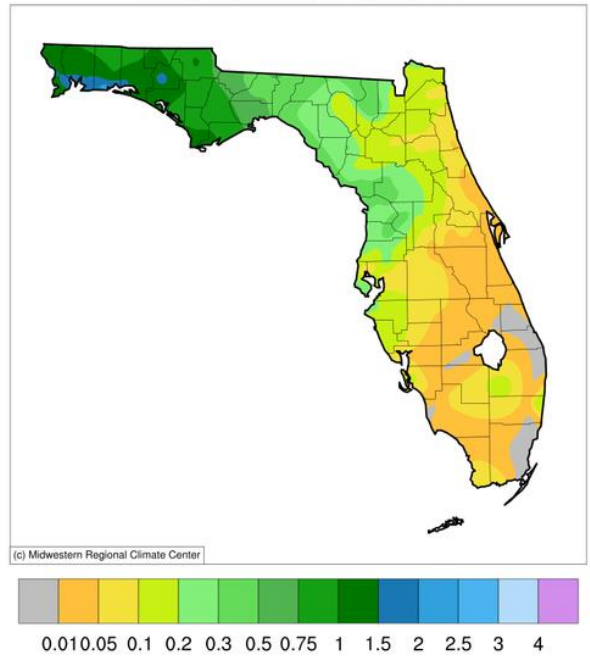
Conditions for Week Ending 1/12/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	40	45	11
Pasture and range.....	3	15	47	26	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/12/25

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....		5
Short.....		31
Adequate.....		60
Surplus.....		4

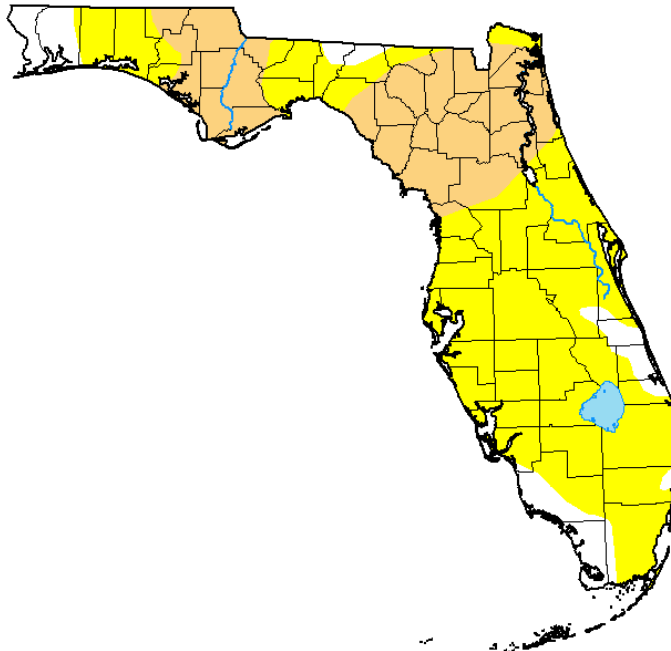
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 06, 2025 to January 12, 2025



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

January 7, 2025
(Released Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



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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