



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, January 19, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain to 5.33 inches of rain at Jacksonville International Airport (Duval County). The average mean temperature ranged from 46.9°F in Lake City (Columbia County) to 72.9°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Anticipated cool weather the first couple days gradually warming during the week and into the weekend was realized in all citrus counties. Temperatures increased about 10-15 degrees over the span of four to five days, reaching the mid to high 70s by Saturday and sustaining through Sunday.

No significant precipitation fell in the citrus region until Sunday when an unstable band of wind and rain passed over the state. Various stations recorded rainfall, most between a tenth of an inch to a half of an inch. According to the January 16, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, slight improvements were made to the northern part of the state, however the citrus belt was unaffected. Counties in the Indian River Area remain partially void of drought conditions. The remainder of the citrus region is still abnormally dry.

General maintenance included pulling vines, spraying, mowing and fertilizing. Irrigation was observed heavily across the citrus belt. Tenting of young trees seems to be common practice in most areas to preserve the trees from greening. Some caretakers are resetting trees when available.

Harvest for the fresh market included Navels, early oranges, pink seedless and white grapefruit and several varieties of tangerines. According to the Market News Bulletin, dated January 13, 2025 “There could be some Valencia oranges (i.e.: Vernia, an early Valencia variety) packed this week or next, as the E&M’s finish up.” Early and midseason orange harvest for processing is also winding down for the season. Speaking of processed oranges for field run, the Market News Bulletin states that “there will be a break until Valencia oranges are ready to harvest; at least a week or so, if not more for some plants.”

Crops

Most of the state experienced moderate rainfall, with heavier, localized rainfall in the northern part of the Peninsula. In Suwannee County, producers were able to make progress with prepping land for the upcoming planting season. In Palm Beach County, the much-needed rain caused minor delays for sugarcane harvest and vegetable operations due to muddy fields. Other crops planted and harvested include potatoes, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, snap beans, tomatoes, squash, sweet corn, 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.

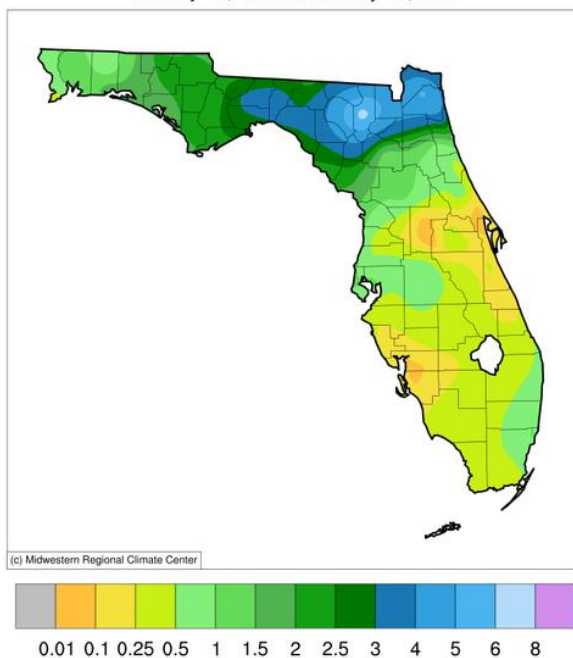
Conditions for Week Ending 1/19/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	38	44	16
Pasture and range.....	0	14	49	25	12

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/19/25

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....		1
Short.....		21
Adequate.....		59
Surplus.....		19

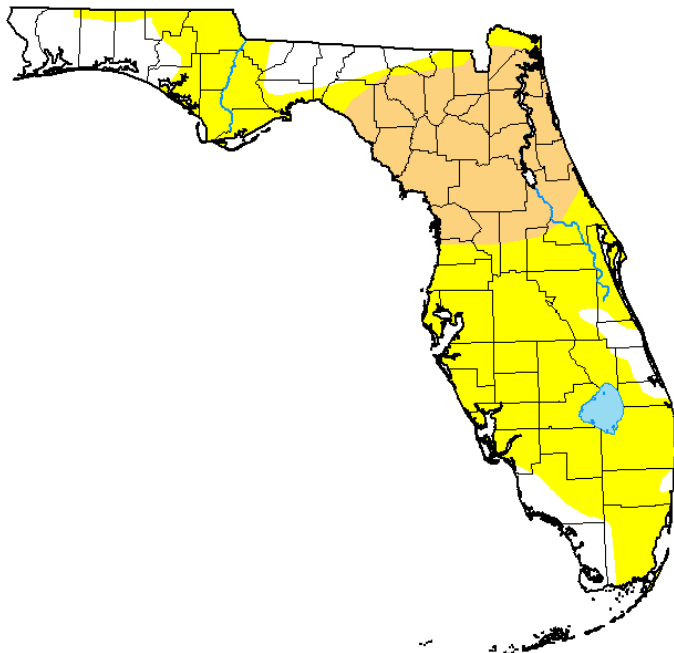
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 13, 2025 to January 19, 2025



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

January 14, 2025
(Released Thursday, Jan. 16, 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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