



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, January 5, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 3.82 inches of rain at John Pennekamp State Park (Monroe County). The average mean temperature ranged from 51.6°F at Crestview Airport (Okaloosa County) to 72.3°F at Curry Hammock State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Warmer than normal temperatures were eliminated mid-week with the passage of “arctic air” from the far north pushing its way across the U.S, and into the Florida Peninsula. Lows dipped to the mid-40s at the end of the week, with an occasional reading in the upper 30s recorded in some areas.

Light to moderate precipitation fell across the complete citrus region, with heavier amounts (a-half-an-inch to over an inch) falling across a few isolated areas. In the primary growing area, Frostproof (Polk County) recorded 1.42 inches of rainfall. To the north, numerous stations in the citrus growing region had significant rainfall, with Kenansville (Osceola County), taking the lead at 2.15 inches. According to the January 1, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, moderate drought was removed from southern Florida. Recent rainfall eliminated a portion of the dry conditions in citrus growing counties located in the Indian River Area. The remainder of the citrus region was still abnormally dry.

Harvest and grove activity was curtailed during the reporting period due to the New Year holiday. However, irrigation was being run statewide on a continual basis. Observed activity was mowing, putting out herbicides, fertilizing, 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, grapefruit and several varieties of tangerines.

Crops

Most of the state experienced light rain with cold temperatures. Many producers in the southern Peninsula were attempting to harvest crops before the cold front moved through. In Palm Beach County, sugarcane planting and harvest progressed well, with planting expected to wrap up at the end of the month. There were no reported delays in field operations for producers. Other crops planted and harvested include snap beans, squash, tomatoes, sweet corn, okra, 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. In Jackson County, producers started moving cattle to winter grazing, which primarily consisted of oats.

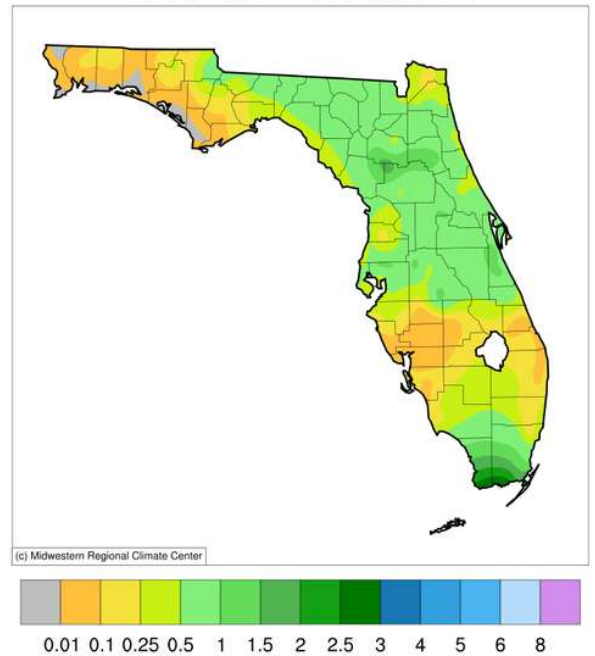
Conditions for Week Ending 1/5/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	32	58	7
Pasture and range....	3	13	42	35	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 1/5/25

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	9	3
Short.....	19	33
Adequate.....	57	63
Surplus.....	15	1

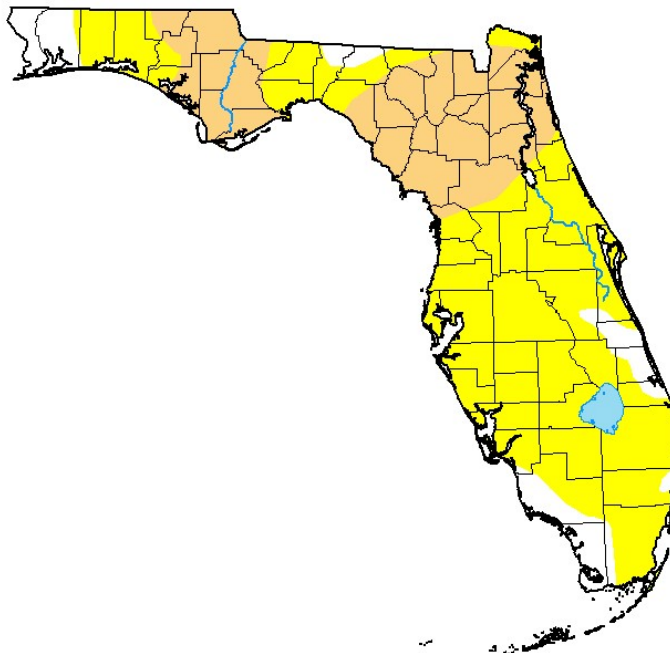
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
December 30, 2024 to January 05, 2025



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

December 31, 2024
(Released Wednesday, Jan. 1, 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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