



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 9, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 0.6 inches of rain at Usher Tower (Levy County). The average mean temperature ranged from 64.0°F in Niceville (Okaloosa County) to 79.7°F at Bahia Honda State Park (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures in the citrus growing area deviated from normal by 7-10 degrees in most areas. Highs attained in all stations were in the low to high 80s on several days. Rainfall totals for the week were insignificant, ranging from no rainfall to less than a tenth of an inch.

According to the February 6, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, "...with warmer-than-normal temperatures, Florida missed out on the precipitation and saw moderate drought expansion into the Tampa Bay and Miami-Dade areas". Only a portion the Indian River Area remains void of drought conditions. Moderate drought now exists in a large percentage of the western, southern and central citrus growing region. All other areas are abnormally dry.

General maintenance included mowing, spraying, pushing, burning unproductive trees, and in some cases transitioning citrus groves to other agricultural commodities. Tenting of trees and Citrus under Productive Screening (CUPS) is growing in the citrus region.

After several weeks of deficit rainfall, irrigation was being run daily. Harvest for the fresh market included late oranges (i.e.: primarily Vernia), pink seedless and white grapefruit and tangerines. Maturity test of Valencia oranges is ongoing. It is anticipated it will be another week or so for processors to begin field run for the season.

Crops

The state was mostly dry with localized rainfall along the Panhandle. The drier weather and warmer temperatures allowed producers more time for field activities. In Jackson County, winter grazing and cover crop fields improved with the warmer weather. Producers were prepping fields for planting melons and corn. In Palm Beach County, sugarcane planting was nearly complete, and harvest continued as planned. Preparation for rice field planting continued, with rice planting expected to start later this month. Other crops planted and harvested include snap beans, squash, tomatoes, ethnic vegetables and some tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to poor condition. Many producers reported irrigating pastures to help alleviate dry conditions.

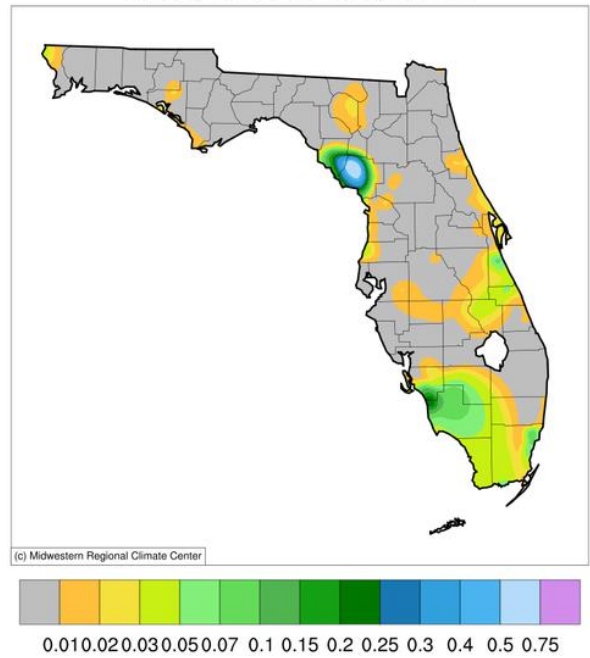
Conditions for Week Ending 2/9/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	39	44	10
Pasture and range.....	4	28	43	20	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/9/25

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	4	5
Short.....	20	36
Adequate.....	65	58
Surplus.....	11	1

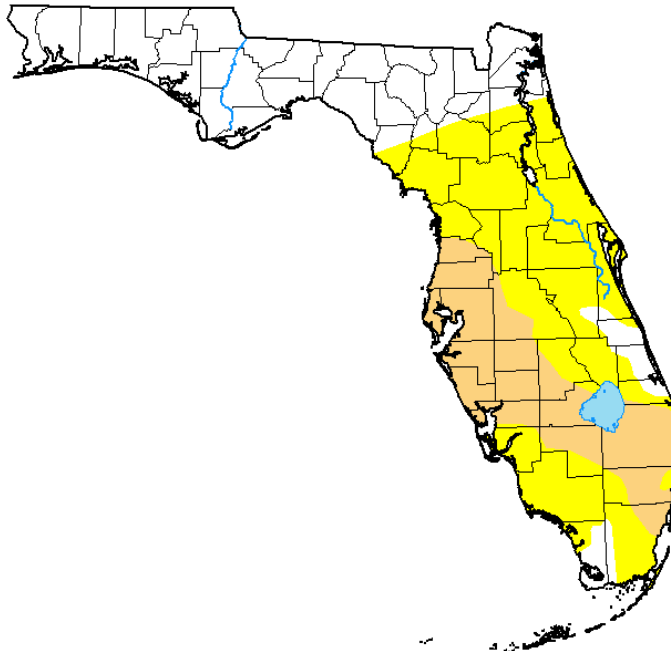
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
February 03, 2025 to February 09, 2025



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

February 4, 2025
(Released Thursday, Feb. 6, 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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