



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, February 16, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 2.5 inches of rain in Panama City Beach (Bay County). The average mean temperature ranged from 64.1°F at Whitting Field Naval Air Station (Santa Rosa County) to 80.3°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

## Citrus

Temperatures in the citrus growing area varied from 5-10 degrees above normal at the beginning of the week to about average on Friday. On Thursday, an atmospheric river from the west coast pushed its way eastward, yet staying far enough north to avoid central Florida. On Sunday, a minimal amount of storm activity capped off the weekend. Isolated showers in the upper portion of the citrus belt amounted to no rain to a tenth of an inch. Further south, a few stations received significant rainfall. The most was in Labelle (Hendry County), recording 1.37 inches of rainfall, followed by Moore Haven (Galdes County), receiving 0.95 inches of rainfall.

According to the February 13, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, much of Florida “missed out on all beneficial precipitation adding on to their weeks (and months for some areas) of dryness”. In its present condition, the better part of the citrus belt is under moderate drought or abnormally dry conditions. Only a portion the Indian River Area remains void of drought conditions.

General maintenance included hedging and topping, pushing and burning unproductive trees, and clearing out abandoned groves. Sporadic bloom was spotted, but nothing yet of any significance. 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 received light rainfall accompanied by warmer temperatures. The favorable weather conditions helped improve small grains, winter grazing, and cover crops. In Jackson County, producers were prepping and leveling land. In Levy County, producers put down mulch for watermelon fields with planting expected to begin soon. In Brevard and Indian River County, beekeepers were preparing for the citrus bloom season. Other crops planted and harvested include snap beans, squash, sweetcorn, tomatoes, ethnic vegetables, and topical fruits.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. The warmer weather and light rain helped green up pastures.

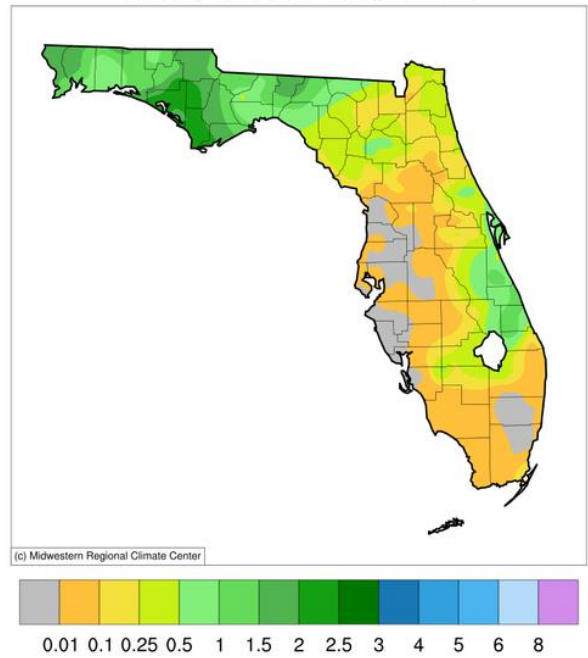
### Conditions for Week Ending 2/16/25

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	7	40	43	9
Pasture and range.....	2	20	47	21	10

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/16/25

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

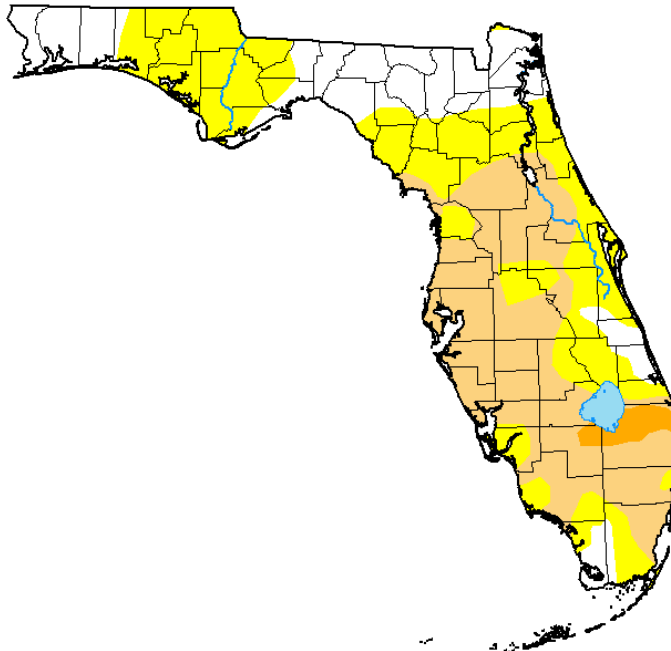
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
February 10, 2025 to February 16, 2025



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

## U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

**February 11, 2025**  
(Released Thursday, Feb. 13, 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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