



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, February 2, 2025. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 0.72 inches of rain in De Funiak Springs (Walton County). The average mean temperature ranged from 55.4°F in Chipley (Washington County) to 73.6°F at Key West Naval Air Station (Monroe County).

Citrus

Temperatures in the citrus growing area began on the warmer side the beginning of the week and gradually increased during the week. By Friday, highs attained in all stations were in the low to mid 80s. On Saturday and Sunday, a weak cold front dropped temperatures slightly, but still most stations were warmer than normal for this time of the year. Rainfall totals for the week were insignificant, ranging from no rainfall to less than a tenth of an inch.

According to the January 30, 2025, U.S. Drought Monitor, part of the Indian River Area remains void of drought conditions. Improvements have been noted in several northern citrus growing counties, going from moderate drought to abnormally dry. Moderate drought still exists in the western and southern part of the citrus growing area.

General maintenance included mowing, hedging and topping, discing middles, and spraying. Beehives were being placed in groves for pollination before bloom. Irrigation was being run on a scheduled basis.

Harvest for the fresh market included late oranges (i.e.: primarily Vernia), pink seedless and white grapefruit and tangerines. Early and mid-season orange harvest is about over for the season, both for fresh and processed. Valencia orange testing has begun, and harvest is just getting underway. It is anticipated it will be a couple weeks for them to begin ramping up for the season.

Crops

The state received little to no rain along with warmer temperatures. The favorable weather conditions allowed some producers to catch up on planting and harvesting activities. In Jackson County, winter grazing and small grains were recovering from the extreme weather conditions from the previous week. In Levy County, producers began preparing for watermelon planting. Other land preparation duties completed included fertility amendments and laying mulch. In Palm Beach County, sugarcane harvest continued normally without any delays. Fields were being prepped for rice planting, which is expected to start later this month. Other crops planted and harvested include snap beans, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, ethnic vegetables and some tropical fruits.

Livestock and Pastures

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

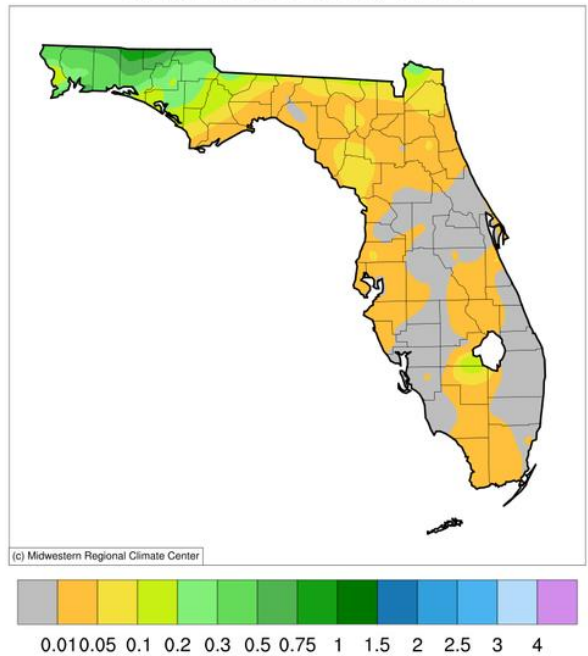
Conditions for Week Ending 2/2/25

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle..... | 2 | 5 | 45 | 36 | 12 |
| Pasture and range..... | 4 | 32 | 45 | 14 | 5 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 2/2/25

| Topsoil | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very Short..... | | 4 |
| Short..... | | 20 |
| Adequate..... | | 65 |
| Surplus..... | | 11 |

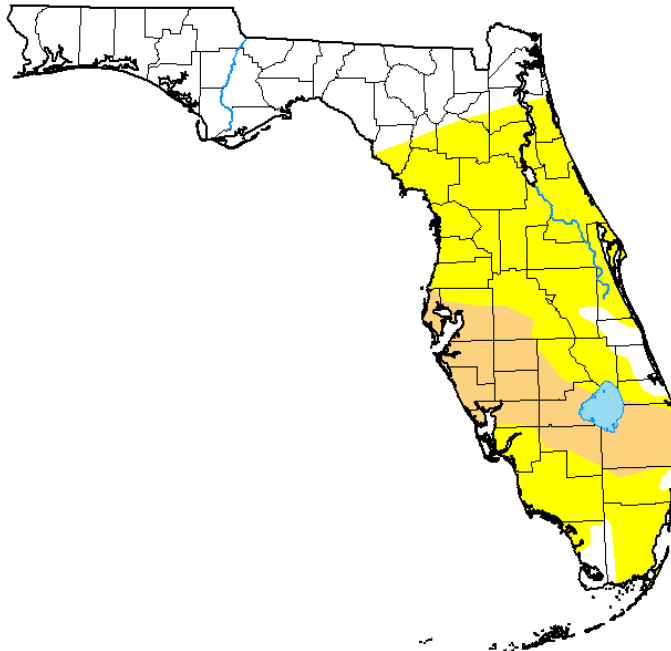
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
January 27, 2025 to February 02, 2025



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida

January 28, 2025
(Released Thursday, Jan. 30, 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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