

Extension Agricultural Weather Report

August 22, 2022 - August 29, 2022.

STATEWIDE CROP SUMMARY

(Data provided by the National Agricultural Statistics Service Crop Progress and Condition Report)

General

There were 6.2 days suitable for field work.

Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in some locations to 7.4 inches in Fort Myers (Lee County).

The average temperature ranged from 79.6°F in Milton (Santa Rosa County) to 90.7°F in Key West (Monroe County).

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle, pasture, and range condition remained mostly good to excellent.

Pasture grass continued to progress and catch up with cattle needs.

Crops

A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested last week, including okra, bitter melons, and avocados.

Rainfall continued to relieve dry conditions and improve soil moisture statewide, but negatively impacted field work in some locations.

Cotton boll setting was nearly complete, and some were beginning to open.

Disease pressure was noted on some peanut vines.

Tomato and watermelon planting continued in the west central part of the state.

Land preparation was underway for fall strawberry and vegetable planting.

Citrus

Maximum temperatures across the citrus growing region were in the mid 90s.

Davenport (Polk County) received the most rainfall at 5.19 inches, followed by Muse (Glades County) at 2.69

inches.

According to the August 23, 2022 U.S. Drought Monitor, all counties surrounding Lake Okeechobee, except for Hendry County, and several northern areas, were abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus growing region was drought free.

Below normal water levels in Lake Kissimmee and below normal inflows into Lake Okeechobee were noted.

Dry soils and stressed vegetation were noted.

Next season's crop was progressing well, with oranges about golf ball to baseball ball size, and grapefruit approximately baseball size and larger.

Grove activities included general spraying; limited mowing; and general grove maintenance.

Field personnel continued to observe color break on grapefruit and early oranges.

Soil Moisture Summary

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TOPSOIL	THIS WEEK (%)	PREVIOUS WEEK (%)
Very Short	4	1
Short	14	7
Adequate	73	78
Surplus	9	14



Weekly Temperature & Rainfall Data from FAWN Stations by District





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NWS 6-10 DAY OUTLOOKS



NWS 6-10 day Rainfall Outlook



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