



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending July 13, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 13, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 26 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 68.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria to 77.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. Highs ranged from 88.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle to 95.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 1.87 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 13, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	91	70	92	94
Corn, dented	64	40	59	-
Corn, mature	6	-	4	1
Cotton, squaring	92	82	96	97
Cotton, setting bolls	59	39	49	65
Hay, first cutting	99	97	99	100
Hay, second cutting	45	35	43	46
Peaches, harvested	69	65	73	69
Rice, headed	72	57	52	59
Sorghum, headed	93	87	82	91
Sorghum, coloring	49	25	44	45
Soybeans, emerged	100	97	99	100
Soybeans, blooming	85	77	71	79
Soybeans, setting pods	57	37	49	59
Sweet Potatoes, planted	100	98	100	99

Crop condition for week ending July 13, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	2	12	63	23
Cotton	0	1	11	64	24
Livestock	1	7	30	52	10
Pasture	0	8	29	51	12
Rice	0	1	19	57	23
Sorghum	0	2	26	53	19
Soybeans	2	6	15	49	28
Sugarcane	2	10	33	42	13
Vegetables	1	11	42	42	4

Comments from Extension Agents

“There have been scattered rains and typical July temperatures. It’s been a good growing season so far.”

– Richard Letlow, Ouachita Parish

“Rain is hampering most field activities. Vegetables are still coming in, citrus producers scouting orchards, and cattlemen are fertilizing pastures.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Crops are progressing well. Some farmers are still treating grain sorghum for sugarcane aphids. Fruit trees seem to be having a tough time this year in Avoyelles with disease and pests.”

–Justin Dufour, Avoyelles Parish

“Late afternoon showers in the week slowed all field work. Sugarcane continues to show good progress but is still a few weeks behind normal in terms of height in some fields. Soybeans continue to look good as pod counts seem good. Very little hay was cut due to rainfall.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“All crops are generally in good condition. Soybeans stands will be a weak spot for producers this growing season with poor stands in many areas due to rainfall during planting. Forages for crawfish ponds will be planted soon. Corn begins to dry down, grain sorghum is maturing, and rice is heading and reaching maturity. Weather conditions have been very favorable for sugarcane. Cattle markets are out of the roof and producers are selling calves early to prepare for fall and winter seasons.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 13, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	93.3	71.9	82.6	82.0	0.5	0.00	0	-0.93	1.09	-3.34
Mooringsport	95.0	73.9	84.4	83.0	1.4	0.00	0	-0.81	0.44	-3.66
Red River	93.2	74.4	83.8	83.0	0.9	0.00	0	-0.64	1.90	-2.09
Shreveport	94.1	71.3	82.7	82.7	0.0	0.00	0	-0.95	0.77	-3.41
Extreme/Average	93.9	72.9	83.4	82.7	0.7	0.00	0	-0.83	1.05	-3.13
North Central										
Calhoun	92.0	69.2	80.6	81.1	-0.5	0.00	0	-0.73	2.16	-1.56
Farmerville	90.7	71.7	81.2	82.2	-1.0	0.78	3	-0.12	1.47	-3.46
Extreme/Average	91.3	70.5	80.9	81.6	-0.7	0.39	3	-0.42	1.81	-2.51
Northeast										
St Joseph	89.4	71.0	80.2	82.6	-2.4	0.94	3	0.20	2.95	-0.66
Tallulah	90.8	72.3	81.6	81.9	-0.3	0.60	2	-0.30	2.32	-1.20
Winnsboro	90.4	70.6	80.5	82.6	-2.1	1.42	1	0.74	3.14	-0.74
Extreme/Average	90.2	71.3	80.8	82.4	-1.6	0.99	3	0.21	2.80	-0.87
West Central										
Ashland	91.4	69.2	80.3	81.3	-0.9	0.00	0	-0.65	3.64	-0.38
Hodges Gardens	93.0	72.0	82.5	82.3	0.3	0.00	0	-0.85	1.23	-2.87
Leesville	94.3	69.4	81.9	81.2	0.7	0.14	1	-0.86	1.86	-2.70
Natchitoches	91.9	73.1	82.5	83.6	-1.1	0.00	0	-0.91	1.31	-3.03
Extreme/Average	92.7	70.9	81.8	82.1	-0.3	0.04	1	-0.82	2.01	-2.25
Central										
Alexandria	93.1	68.9	81.0	83.1	-2.1	0.77	1	-0.31	2.72	-2.27
Bunkie	92.1	72.0	82.1	82.3	-0.2	0.95	2	-0.02	3.62	-0.97
Eunice	92.0	72.0	82.0	83.7	-1.7	0.14	2	-1.14	4.97	-0.32
Jonesville Locks	91.9	72.6	82.2	82.4	-0.2	1.04	4	0.06	3.47	-0.86
New Roads	91.0	71.6	81.3	82.9	-1.6	0.48	2	-0.59	3.78	-1.21
Extreme/Average	92.0	71.4	81.7	82.9	-1.2	0.68	4	-0.40	3.71	-1.13
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.13	3	1.60	6.67	0.21
Hammond	91.6	69.6	80.6	81.6	-1.0	2.50	3	1.44	4.75	-0.64
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.12	1	NA	3.32	NA
Slidell	89.4	71.7	80.6	NA	NA	1.74	2	NA	3.68	NA
Extreme/Average	90.5	70.7	80.6	81.6	-1.0	1.87	3	1.52	4.61	-0.22
Southwest										
Crowley	91.7	72.4	82.1	82.2	-0.1	0.44	3	-0.97	2.55	-3.80
DeRidder	91.4	72.0	81.7	82.1	-0.4	0.14	1	-1.18	4.43	-1.57
Jennings	91.9	73.1	82.5	82.1	0.4	0.23	5	-0.98	2.61	-3.30
Oberlin Fire	91.1	71.0	81.1	81.8	-0.7	0.75	2	-0.60	4.77	-1.39
Extreme/Average	91.5	72.1	81.8	82.0	-0.2	0.39	5	-0.93	3.59	-2.52
South Central										
Donaldsonville	89.6	70.0	79.8	82.0	-2.2	0.91	4	-0.65	5.35	-1.37
Jeanerette	90.1	71.0	80.6	82.2	-1.6	2.62	3	0.88	5.36	-2.42
Lafayette	92.0	73.1	82.6	81.7	0.9	0.11	3	-1.32	4.84	-1.43
Morgan City	91.9	74.1	83.0	82.1	0.9	2.09	4	0.48	5.92	-0.90
Extreme/Average	90.9	72.0	81.5	82.0	-0.5	1.43	4	-0.15	5.37	-1.53
Southeast										
Galliano	88.9	74.3	81.6	82.2	-0.7	2.49	5	0.69	5.45	-1.67
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.85	3	-0.61	5.31	-1.25
Grand Isle	88.3	77.0	82.6	NA	NA	2.46	3	0.62	7.37	0.98
New Orleans	93.3	75.9	84.6	NA	NA	1.37	3	NA	5.36	NA
Extreme/Average	90.2	75.7	82.9	82.2	-0.7	1.79	5	0.23	5.87	-0.65
State	91.4	72.0	81.7	82.2	-0.6	0.84	3	-0.20	3.50	-1.62

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal= Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.