



**United States Department of Agriculture  
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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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**Week Ending July 27, 2014**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 27, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 77.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. Highs ranged from 83.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle to 93.8 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 2.01 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending July 27, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	99	96	100	100
Corn, dent	85	77	94	-
Corn, mature	29	15	38	43
Cotton, squaring	97	94	99	100
Cotton, setting bolls	82	76	78	88
Cotton, open bolls	5	2	-	4
Hay, second cutting	63	51	68	67
Peaches, harvested	96	75	94	86
Rice, headed	86	82	86	85
Rice, mature	9	3	15	20
Sorghum, headed	98	97	96	99
Sorghum, coloring	74	62	73	80
Sorghum, mature	15	2	19	17
Soybeans, blooming	95	90	89	91
Soybeans, setting pods	80	70	76	79
Soybeans, turning color	3	-	2	8

**Crop condition for week ending July 27, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	1	10	65	24
Cotton	0	1	7	65	27
Livestock	1	6	30	53	10
Pasture	0	6	25	57	12
Rice	0	1	19	57	23
Sorghum	0	1	24	53	22
Soybeans	2	3	15	52	28
Sugarcane	2	10	34	42	12
Vegetables	1	14	42	40	3

### Comments from Extension Agents

“Corn is drying down; soybeans planted on sugarcane rows look great as well as soybeans planted behind wheat looking fair to good. Sugarcane is growing good but still behind considering the last two years.”

– Steve Borel, West Baton Rouge Parish

“Sugarcane farmers are preparing for planting and scouting of the crop. Cattlemen are trying to cut hay, with vegetable production winding down and getting fields ready for fall crops. Citrus producers are scouting for insects and disease.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Fields dried out during first part of week, but received rains during the second half. The recent rains only let farmers spray at end of week for insects where they could. Sugarcane farmers also worked fallow ground. If weather allows, some sugarcane could be planted this week at most but not all sugarcane appears tall enough for planting.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“This week scattered afternoon showers and hot temperatures provided moisture for good crop growth. Sugarcane planting will likely begin in a couple of weeks. Soybeans continue to make good progress but stands damaged earlier this year by flooding rains in some fields remain stunted. Rice harvest will begin for some growers in the next couple of weeks. Many fields have been drained in preparation for harvest.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rains have limited hay harvest and continue to stress soybeans. Sugarcane is making good growth as are pastures; however, pasture quality is becoming a concern as it begins to get rank. Sunnier days would help sugarcane make some better growth. Sugarcane planting is delayed by wet conditions and is shorter than normal this time of year. Rice harvest has begun with many fields being drained in the last two weeks. Cattle condition has improved with breeding season near an end.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 27, 2014**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	88.6	68.6	78.6	82.6	-4.0	0.02	1	-0.64	5.24	1.80
Mooringsport	87.4	69.4	78.4	83.3	-4.8	0.40	1	-0.24	4.33	1.39
Red River	87.6	68.0	77.8	83.4	-5.6	0.01	1	-0.52	3.30	0.13
Shreveport	88.6	68.3	78.4	83.0	-4.6	NA	NA	-0.93	2.88	-1.14
Extreme/Average	88.1	68.6	78.3	83.1	-4.7	0.14	1	-0.58	3.94	0.54
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	89.6	67.9	78.7	81.5	-2.8	0.06	1	-0.65	2.23	-0.90
Farmerville	88.1	70.0	79.1	82.4	-3.3	NA	NA	-0.73	3.52	-0.39
Homer	88.0	66.9	77.4	80.9	-3.5	NA	NA	-0.74	3.29	1.77
Extreme/Average	88.6	68.3	78.4	81.6	-3.2	0.06	1	-0.71	3.01	0.16
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	88.0	69.5	78.8	82.7	-4.0	0.03	1	-0.28	5.94	5.00
St Joseph	90.0	69.0	79.5	82.8	-3.3	0.00	0	-0.70	4.64	0.92
Tallulah	90.0	71.0	80.5	82.2	-1.7	0.00	0	-0.69	3.55	0.16
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.31	4.77
Extreme/Average	89.3	69.8	79.6	82.6	-3.0	0.01	1	-0.56	5.36	2.71
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.92	-0.01
Hodges Gardens	88.2	68.4	78.3	83.0	-4.7	0.07	1	-0.53	3.57	0.07
Leesville	91.3	69.4	80.4	81.7	-1.3	0.67	NA	-0.07	6.59	2.93
Natchitoches	88.7	70.7	79.7	83.7	-4.0	0.00	0	-1.00	4.04	0.38
Extreme/Average	89.4	69.5	79.5	82.5	-3.3	0.25	2	-0.53	4.03	0.84
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	90.9	72.1	81.5	83.5	-2.0	0.35	1	-0.51	5.89	1.85
Bunkie	90.4	72.7	81.6	82.6	-1.0	0.00	0	-0.75	4.55	0.93
Eunice	91.7	72.7	82.2	83.9	-1.7	0.85	3	-0.17	3.55	-1.20
Jonesville Locks	90.0	71.9	80.9	82.8	-1.8	0.93	NA	0.20	4.54	0.97
New Roads	90.4	72.2	81.3	83.0	-1.7	0.81	1	0.24	5.51	1.98
Extreme/Average	90.7	72.3	81.5	83.2	-1.7	0.59	3	-0.20	4.81	0.91
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.65	3	-0.60	11.30	5.62
Hammond	90.7	71.1	80.9	81.8	-0.9	0.47	1	-0.65	0.47	-2.59
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.85	2	NA	4.13	NA
Slidell	87.7	73.3	80.5	NA	NA	0.09	4	NA	4.84	NA
Extreme/Average	89.2	72.2	80.7	81.8	-0.9	0.52	4	-0.63	5.19	1.52
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	89.4	73.0	81.2	82.3	-1.1	0.90	2	0.12	5.94	1.03
DeRidder	90.1	71.7	80.9	82.4	-1.5	0.54	2	-0.33	6.68	2.07
Jennings	90.7	73.9	82.3	82.3	0.0	1.88	1	0.89	6.72	2.12
Oberlin Fire	89.9	72.1	81.0	82.1	-1.1	0.90	1	-0.13	5.91	0.91
Extreme/Average	90.0	72.7	81.4	82.3	-0.9	1.05	2	0.14	6.31	1.53
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	89.4	72.6	81.0	82.0	-1.0	1.72	1	0.40	6.75	0.90
Jeanerette	88.8	72.5	80.6	82.3	-1.7	0.03	1	-0.71	4.53	-0.90
Lafayette	91.0	74.3	82.6	81.9	0.8	0.26	4	-0.78	7.92	2.67
Morgan City	90.6	74.4	82.5	82.3	0.2	0.02	4	-1.37	6.45	0.14
Extreme/Average	89.9	73.4	81.7	82.1	-0.4	0.51	4	-0.61	6.41	0.70
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	86.3	75.6	80.9	82.4	-1.5	2.34	NA	0.60	8.65	1.65
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-1.30	4.20	-1.34
Grand Isle	83.7	77.7	80.7	NA	NA	4.45	4	3.13	8.91	2.42
New Orleans	93.8	77.2	85.5	NA	NA	1.25	NA	NA	5.40	NA
Extreme/Average	87.9	76.8	82.4	82.4	-1.5	2.01	4	0.81	6.79	0.91
<b>State</b>	89.3	71.7	80.5	82.4	-2.1	0.65	2	-0.25	5.14	1.09

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.