



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 3, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 9 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 78.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. Highs ranged from 82.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 92.7 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the north central and central part of the state; both averaging 2.17 inches of rainfall.

Crop progress for week ending August 3, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	100	99	100	100
Corn, dent	95	85	98	-
Corn, mature	48	29	76	85
Corn, harvested	1	-	5	19
Cotton, squaring	99	97	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	92	82	87	94
Cotton, open bolls	7	5	3	9
Hay, second cutting	69	63	78	73
Rice, headed	92	86	90	91
Rice, mature	21	9	33	36
Rice, harvested	3	-	17	14
Sorghum, headed	100	98	99	100
Sorghum, coloring	86	74	80	90
Sorghum, mature	42	15	36	44
Soybeans, blooming	97	95	93	95
Soybeans, setting pods	87	80	86	87
Soybeans, turning color	10	3	3	15
Soybeans, dropping leaves	2	-	-	2

Crop condition for week ending August 3, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	1	9	64	26
Cotton	0	2	6	65	27
Livestock	1	7	28	53	11
Pasture	1	6	24	56	13
Rice	0	1	20	56	23
Sorghum	0	1	24	53	22
Soybeans	2	3	14	53	28
Sugarcane	1	9	34	44	12
Vegetables	2	15	40	40	3

Comments from Extension Agents

“Drier conditions during the past week have allowed sugarcane producers to get back in the field to prepare for planting.”

-Mariah Bock, Saint John Parish

“The season is progressing towards harvest of many crops including sorghum, corn and rice. Bed preparation for fall sugarcane planting has been established. Abundant amounts of rainfall have set back some field work, but no damage to the crops has been mentioned.”

-Justin Dufor, Avoyelles Parish

“Rice harvest beginning slowly with rain interruptions as stinkbug pressure remains light in headed rice. Soybeans growing well with plenty of rain; most are setting and filling pods with some potash deficiency observed in soybeans. Disease pressure is light but fungicide sprays are ongoing with insect pressure in soybeans light so far. Armyworms in forage and hay fields are building up numbers again.”

-Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Rice, grain sorghum, corn, and early maturing soybeans are near harvest and some producers have picked a few fields but afternoon rains have slowed them down. Hopefully, better weather is in the future where harvest can get kicked off. Forages for grazing and haying are plentiful but many hay fields are over due to be cut and losing quality by the day and the chances of an additional cutting.”

-Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“During first part of the week; producers were busy working fallow ground and spraying for weeds and insects. Sugarcane continues to make good progress, but is still somewhat short for this time in the growing season. Nearly all soybeans planted in parish are on sugarcane rows and pod counts indicate that yields should be very good. Showers continue to hamper hay production and quality is becoming a concern. If fields can dry this week coming up; some sugarcane could be planted, and a harvest aid could be applied to some soybean fields. Livestock seem to be growing steady given the weather conditions.”

- Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 3, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	84.0	68.3	76.1	82.6	-6.5	2.94	4	2.30	8.18	5.16
Mooringsport	82.7	69.6	76.1	83.2	-7.1	0.16	2	-0.55	4.49	1.73
Red River	84.6	70.6	77.6	83.5	-5.9	1.56	4	0.80	4.86	1.69
Shreveport	84.0	69.3	76.6	83.1	-6.4	1.23	3	0.35	4.11	0.22
Extreme/Average	83.8	69.4	76.6	83.1	-6.5	1.47	4	0.72	5.41	2.20
North Central										
Calhoun	84.1	66.1	75.1	81.6	-6.5	2.12	4	1.36	4.26	1.19
Farmerville	83.0	68.1	75.6	82.4	-6.8	1.88	5	1.19	5.26	1.86
Homer	84.3	67.0	75.6	81.1	-5.4	2.50	4	2.08	5.79	4.86
Extreme/Average	83.8	67.1	75.4	81.7	-6.2	2.17	5	1.54	5.10	2.64
Northeast										
Lake Providence	82.4	68.4	75.4	82.8	-7.3	1.21	4	0.79	7.15	6.00
St Joseph	88.6	71.4	80.0	82.8	-2.8	0.18	1	-0.51	4.41	0.72
Tallulah	87.6	70.6	79.7	82.3	-2.6	2.20	2	1.61	5.25	2.29
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.24	5.68
Extreme/Average	86.2	70.1	78.4	82.7	-4.2	1.20	4	0.63	6.01	3.67
West Central										
Ashland	86.5	66.2	76.3	81.9	-5.6	1.86	1	1.27	3.12	1.09
Hodges Gardens	88.8	70.2	79.5	83.1	-3.6	0.30	3	-0.39	3.87	0.45
Leesville	88.3	69.9	79.1	81.8	-2.7	0.19	3	-0.66	6.46	3.04
Natchitoches	84.1	69.3	76.7	83.6	-6.9	2.91	2	2.00	6.95	3.05
Extreme/Average	86.9	68.9	77.9	82.6	-4.7	1.31	3	0.55	5.10	1.91
Central										
Alexandria	88.6	71.7	80.1	83.6	-3.5	2.31	3	1.32	7.40	3.56
Bunkie	88.4	72.4	80.4	82.7	-2.3	2.32	1	1.59	6.87	3.59
Eunice	90.3	72.4	81.4	84.0	-2.6	1.01	3	0.03	4.56	0.18
Jonesville Locks	85.7	70.1	77.9	82.9	-5.0	5.20	2	4.43	9.67	6.36
New Roads	89.0	72.4	80.7	82.9	-2.2	0.01	1	-0.96	5.52	1.82
Extreme/Average	88.4	71.8	80.1	83.2	-3.1	2.17	3	1.28	6.80	3.10
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.64	NA	-0.74	11.94	6.45
Hammond	88.4	69.0	78.7	81.8	-3.1	0.00	0	-1.35	4.52	-0.97
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.62	2	NA	4.61	NA
Slidell	87.7	71.6	79.6	NA	NA	0.26	2	NA	5.10	NA
Extreme/Average	88.1	70.3	79.2	81.8	-3.1	0.38	2	-1.04	6.54	2.74
Southwest										
Crowley	88.7	73.1	80.9	82.4	-1.4	1.92	2	0.82	8.38	3.56
DeRidder	87.0	71.0	79.0	82.5	-3.5	0.19	2	-0.80	5.34	1.24
Jennings	90.4	72.4	81.4	82.4	-1.0	1.32	2	0.57	8.02	4.04
Oberlin Fire	87.6	71.1	79.4	82.2	-2.8	0.72	3	-0.36	6.63	2.02
Extreme/Average	88.4	71.9	80.2	82.4	-2.2	1.04	3	0.06	7.09	2.71
South Central										
Donaldsonville	88.0	71.9	79.9	82.0	-2.1	0.22	3	-1.11	6.97	1.39
Jeanerette	88.4	71.4	79.9	82.4	-2.5	2.63	2	1.23	7.17	1.83
Lafayette	90.0	73.0	81.5	82.0	-0.5	2.02	1	1.03	9.94	5.25
Morgan City	89.3	73.3	81.3	82.3	-1.0	2.48	3	1.01	8.92	2.96
Extreme/Average	88.9	72.4	80.7	82.2	-1.5	1.84	3	0.54	8.25	2.86
Southeast										
Galliano	88.1	75.0	81.6	82.5	-1.0	0.00	0	-1.85	8.65	1.43
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.20	NA	-1.18	4.20	-1.18
Grand Isle	87.5	78.7	83.1	NA	NA	0.55	NA	-0.72	9.46	3.26
New Orleans	92.7	77.3	85.0	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	5.40	NA
Extreme/Average	89.4	77.0	83.2	82.5	-1.0	0.19	1	-1.25	6.93	1.17
State	87.3	71.2	79.2	82.5	-3.5	1.31	3	0.34	6.40	2.56

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.