



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending August 10, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 10, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 71.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 80.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. Highs ranged from 88.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle to 96.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state averaging 1.21 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 10, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dent	99	95	100	-
Corn, mature	73	48	91	95
Corn, harvested	6	1	13	36
Cotton, setting bolls	96	92	95	98
Cotton, open bolls	11	7	9	20
Hay, second cutting	100	98	99	97
Rice, headed	95	92	94	95
Rice, mature	43	21	61	56
Rice, harvested	15	3	32	27
Sorghum, coloring	93	86	86	94
Sorghum, mature	65	42	55	71
Sorghum, harvested	8	-	11	36
Soybeans, blooming	99	97	97	98
Soybeans, setting pods	92	87	90	92
Soybeans, turning color	20	10	5	25
Soybeans, dropping leaves	7	2	1	7

Crop condition for week ending August 10, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	1	9	66	24
Cotton	0	1	6	66	27
Livestock	2	6	28	53	11
Pasture	1	6	25	56	12
Rice	0	1	19	54	26
Sorghum	0	2	26	51	21
Soybeans	2	3	13	56	26
Sugarcane	2	10	33	44	11
Vegetables	2	15	40	40	3

Comments from Extension Agents

“Farmers started cutting rice this week across the parish; yields have been good so far. A few sorghum fields have sugarcane aphid infestations. Ranchers cutting hay pastures in between rain showers with some fall armyworms infesting pastures.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Grain sorghum, rice, and corn are being harvested between persistent afternoon thunder storms. Black rot has been identified in a couple of soybean fields. Preparations for sugarcane planting are under way. Cattle prices remain high as spring born calves begin to make their way to market.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Wet conditions have delayed sugarcane planting and it is shorter than normal. Rice harvest got into full swing this week, with good yields being reported. Hay producers are looking for a good dry window to catch up with harvest. Breeding season is all but done and some producers will begin selling calves to market.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“A few producers have harvested some high moisture corn, while they have the ability to dry it on farm. High humidity and scattered rain has slowed grain drying. More harvest will start this week depending on grain moisture and weather. We have had good rainfall this summer which has reduced the amount of irrigation needed. The rainfall has grown a lot of forage for livestock producers but has made it difficult to harvest hay in a timely manner.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Rice harvest increased this week with it being uneven and slow to ripen. The rice that is ready to harvest is being slowed by daily showers. The showers have helped some soybean fields but have really frustrated hay producers trying to cut hay. Some reports of high stinkbugs in the later planted rice. There are no major insect problems in soybean fields yet.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 10, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	91.0	73.4	82.2	82.6	-0.4	0.00	0	-0.61	8.18	5.48
Mooringsport	91.0	73.7	82.4	83.2	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.72	4.49	1.82
Red River	91.7	74.7	83.2	83.4	-0.2	0.05	1	-0.68	4.91	1.86
Shreveport	91.9	73.4	82.6	83.1	-0.5	0.03	1	-0.80	4.14	0.37
Extreme/Average	91.4	73.8	82.6	83.1	-0.5	0.02	1	-0.70	5.43	2.38
North Central										
Calhoun	91.1	71.3	81.2	81.6	-0.4	2.60	2	1.85	6.86	3.88
Farmerville	89.1	72.7	80.9	82.3	-1.4	0.15	3	-0.53	4.63	1.58
Homer	91.0	71.0	81.0	81.1	-0.1	0.52	1	-0.06	6.00	4.64
Extreme/Average	90.4	71.7	81.0	81.7	-0.6	1.09	3	0.42	5.83	3.37
Northeast										
Lake Providence	90.1	73.4	81.8	82.7	-0.9	0.00	0	-0.62	4.82	3.28
St Joseph	93.4	73.6	83.5	82.8	0.7	0.46	1	-0.19	6.36	2.79
Tallulah	91.0	73.9	82.4	82.2	0.2	0.50	1	-0.19	5.15	2.40
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	0.00	0	NA	5.30	4.68
Extreme/Average	91.5	73.6	82.6	82.6	0.0	0.32	1	-0.33	5.41	3.29
West Central										
Ashland	90.6	71.6	81.1	81.9	-0.8	0.00	3	-0.72	3.12	1.02
Hodges Gardens	89.2	72.4	80.8	83.1	-2.3	0.70	2	0.02	4.15	0.77
Leesville	92.0	71.7	81.9	81.7	0.1	0.15	3	-0.70	6.47	3.20
Natchitoches	89.6	73.4	81.5	83.6	-2.1	1.29	0	0.65	8.24	4.61
Extreme/Average	90.3	72.3	81.3	82.6	-1.3	0.54	3	-0.19	5.50	2.40
Central										
Alexandria	91.9	72.1	82.0	83.6	-1.6	0.85	NA	-0.16	7.48	3.71
Bunkie	92.1	74.3	83.2	82.7	0.5	0.30	2	-0.49	6.22	3.12
Eunice	91.3	73.3	82.3	84.1	-1.8	1.47	1	0.50	5.89	1.82
Jonesville Locks	90.7	73.4	82.1	82.9	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.76	8.63	5.54
New Roads	92.7	73.2	82.9	83.0	-0.1	0.75	1	-0.09	5.79	2.32
Extreme/Average	91.7	73.3	82.5	83.3	-0.8	0.67	1	-0.20	6.80	3.30
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.96	3	-0.48	9.77	4.37
Hammond	93.6	71.4	82.5	81.9	0.6	1.25	3	-0.16	4.08	-1.35
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.80	4	NA	6.29	NA
Slidell	90.6	73.4	82.0	NA	NA	0.52	1	NA	3.88	NA
Extreme/Average	92.1	72.4	82.3	81.9	0.6	1.13	4	-0.32	6.00	1.51
Southwest										
Crowley	90.0	73.7	81.9	82.5	-0.6	3.10	3	2.02	11.04	6.55
DeRidder	90.6	73.3	81.9	82.6	-0.6	0.31	3	-0.69	5.51	1.73
Jennings	91.1	72.4	81.8	82.6	-0.8	0.60	3	-0.55	8.39	4.47
Oberlin Fire	89.1	73.4	81.3	82.3	-1.0	0.83	3	-0.23	6.71	2.39
Extreme/Average	90.2	73.2	81.7	82.5	-0.8	1.21	3	0.14	7.91	3.79
South Central										
Donaldsonville	91.1	73.0	82.1	82.0	0.1	0.10	1	-1.15	6.16	0.89
Jeanerette	91.5	74.0	82.8	82.4	0.3	0.36	3	-1.08	4.91	-0.13
Lafayette	91.9	75.4	83.6	82.0	1.6	2.02	NA	0.98	11.85	7.55
Morgan City	91.9	74.6	83.2	82.3	0.9	0.39	4	-1.24	7.22	1.24
Extreme/Average	91.6	74.3	82.9	82.2	0.7	0.72	4	-0.62	7.54	2.39
Southeast										
Galliano	90.4	76.9	83.6	82.6	1.0	0.35	1	-1.53	6.51	-0.79
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.43	NA	-1.06	3.78	-1.63
Grand Isle	88.5	80.0	84.3	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.84	7.00	1.60
New Orleans	96.0	78.5	87.0	NA	NA	0.38	2	NA	4.41	NA
Extreme/Average	91.6	78.5	85.0	82.6	1.0	0.29	2	-1.14	5.42	-0.27
State	91.2	73.7	82.4	82.5	-0.2	0.72	2	-0.28	6.30	2.53

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.