



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



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**Week Ending August 17, 2014**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 17, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 62.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 76.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 87.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Farmerville to 95.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the central part of the state averaging 1.48 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending August 17, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dent	100	99	100	100
Corn, mature	87	73	96	98
Corn, harvested	12	6	35	58
Cotton, setting bolls	97	96	99	99
Cotton, open bolls	17	11	24	37
Hay, second cutting	89	78	92	86
Rice, headed	98	95	97	98
Rice, mature	59	43	77	75
Rice, harvested	28	15	49	45
Sorghum, coloring	97	93	95	98
Sorghum, mature	82	65	75	86
Sorghum, harvested	38	8	36	54
Soybeans, blooming	100	99	99	99
Soybeans, setting pods	94	92	94	96
Soybeans, turning color	38	20	15	38
Soybeans, dropping leaves	17	7	7	18
Soybeans, mature	7	3	-	-
Sugarcane, planted	13	5	17	22
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	5	-	-	-

**Crop condition for week ending August 17, 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	0	9	68	23
Cotton	0	1	7	65	27
Livestock	1	6	27	55	11
Pasture	0	6	24	57	13
Rice	0	1	14	61	24
Sorghum	0	2	24	52	22
Soybeans	1	3	14	57	25
Sugarcane	2	10	36	38	14
Vegetables	2	17	38	41	2

### Comments from Extension Agents

“Rice harvest is in full swing. Hay producers made a lot of progress this week.”

– Randy Bellon, Allen Parish

“Corn harvest has begun; early reports are of good yields per acre and good cup weights. Never thought I would say this in August but we need to miss a rain so early soybeans and late corn can continue to dry down.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Sugarcane farmers planting cane, crawfish farmers planting forage, cattlemen cutting hay, vegetable producers getting ready for fall planting, and citrus producers scouting for insects and disease.”

– B Barton Joffrion JR, Terrebonne Parish

“Farmers dodged sporadic showers as field conditions improved this week allowing for sugarcane to be planted, soybeans to be harvested and some hay to be made. Sugarcane farmers are finding good seed to plant that is straight and seems to have decent height. Early reports indicate soybean yields are in the 40-50 bushel range. Insect pressure appears below average for this time of year.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Rice harvest made excellent progress last week. Although rain did interfere somewhat. Yields have been very good. Sugarcane planting began but progress limited by rain. Cattle producers are beginning to wean and market spring born calves. Hay harvest has been slowed by rains. Hay quality will suffer in many cases due to lack of timely harvest.

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 17, 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	90.7	67.7	79.2	82.4	-3.2	0.03	1	-0.52	2.99	0.53
Mooringsport	92.3	67.8	80.1	83.0	-3.0	0.02	1	-0.55	0.58	-2.06
Red River	91.0	67.4	79.2	83.2	-4.1	0.14	1	-0.31	1.76	-0.94
Shreveport	92.0	67.4	79.7	83.1	-3.3	NA	0	-0.60	1.26	-1.98
Extreme/Average	91.5	67.6	79.5	82.9	-3.4	0.06	1	-0.49	1.65	-1.11
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	89.4	62.8	76.1	81.4	-5.3	0.00	0	-0.52	4.78	2.04
Farmerville	87.4	68.6	78.0	82.1	-4.1	0.11	1	-0.57	2.14	-0.64
Homer	88.2	63.8	76.0	81.0	-5.0	0.45	2	0.02	3.47	0.98
Extreme/Average	88.3	65.1	76.7	81.5	-4.8	0.19	2	-0.36	3.46	0.79
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	88.4	67.3	77.9	82.5	-4.6	0.02	1	-0.74	1.26	-0.64
St Joseph	89.6	66.4	78.0	82.6	-4.6	2.76	2	2.10	7.00	3.50
Tallulah	88.7	68.7	78.7	82.1	-3.3	0.50	1	-0.12	3.20	0.61
Winnsboro	90.2	65.5	77.9	82.6	-4.8	0.77	2	0.35	2.84	0.03
Extreme/Average	89.2	67.0	78.1	82.4	-4.3	1.01	2	0.40	3.58	0.87
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	91.4	68.6	80.0	81.8	-1.8	0.47	1	0.06	2.33	-0.05
Hodges Gardens	89.2	69.4	79.3	82.8	-3.6	0.56	1	-0.08	1.68	-1.73
Leesville	91.9	66.6	79.2	81.6	-2.3	0.96	3	0.18	1.97	-1.25
Natchitoches	88.6	69.1	78.9	83.5	-4.6	0.53	2	-0.03	4.73	1.62
Extreme/Average	90.3	68.4	79.3	82.4	-3.1	0.63	3	0.03	2.68	-0.35
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	92.6	69.4	81.0	83.5	-2.5	0.80	2	-0.15	4.31	0.50
Bunkie	90.7	69.4	80.1	82.5	-2.5	2.18	2	1.35	4.80	1.70
Eunice	91.6	68.7	79.9	84.1	-4.2	0.55	2	-0.41	3.88	-0.05
Jonesville Locks	90.0	69.6	79.8	82.9	-3.1	2.89	3	2.13	9.02	6.00
New Roads	89.8	68.0	78.9	83.0	-4.1	0.99	2	0.08	3.25	-0.41
Extreme/Average	90.9	69.0	79.9	83.2	-3.3	1.48	3	0.60	5.05	1.55
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.50	2	-0.91	2.75	-2.73
Hammond	91.2	70.6	80.9	81.9	-1.0	0.50	2	-0.54	2.38	-2.72
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.08	3	NA	6.35	NA
Slidell	89.9	71.9	80.9	NA	NA	0.34	2	NA	1.21	NA
Extreme/Average	90.6	71.3	80.9	81.9	-1.0	1.10	3	-0.73	3.17	-2.73
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	89.0	70.2	79.6	82.6	-3.0	0.19	1	-0.58	6.63	2.59
DeRidder	92.1	70.4	81.3	82.6	-1.3	0.13	2	-0.83	1.17	-2.65
Jennings	90.7	72.7	81.7	82.7	-1.0	3.40	1	2.25	7.20	3.16
Oberlin Fire	89.1	69.6	79.4	82.3	-2.9	0.17	1	-0.78	2.62	-1.50
Extreme/Average	90.2	70.7	80.5	82.5	-2.0	0.97	2	0.02	4.41	0.40
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	88.9	69.7	79.3	82.0	-2.7	0.18	3	-1.06	2.22	-2.92
Jeanerette	89.0	70.2	79.6	82.4	-2.8	1.04	2	0.08	4.07	-0.85
Lafayette	90.9	72.0	81.4	82.0	-0.6	0.27	2	-0.77	4.57	0.46
Morgan City	90.6	73.7	82.1	82.3	-0.2	0.06	1	-1.58	2.95	-3.18
Extreme/Average	89.8	71.4	80.6	82.2	-1.6	0.39	3	-0.83	3.45	-1.62
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	90.0	75.5	82.8	82.7	0.1	0.81	4	-0.67	3.50	-3.45
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.20	NA	0.76	2.83	-2.78
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	NA	5.00	1.15
New Orleans	95.5	76.3	85.9	NA	NA	0.47	2	NA	2.46	NA
Extreme/Average	92.8	75.9	84.3	82.7	0.1	1.16	4	0.04	3.45	-1.69
<b>State</b>	90.4	69.7	80.1	82.4	-2.6	0.85	2	-0.08	3.63	-0.25

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.