



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



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**Week Ending August 31, 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 31, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 68.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 77.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 86.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 95.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state averaging 3.41 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending August 31, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	99	94	100	100
Corn, harvested	67	38	85	89
Cotton, open bolls	63	32	59	68
Hay, second cutting	95	93	97	93
Rice, headed	100	99	100	100
Rice, mature	90	84	93	93
Rice, harvested	69	46	76	74
Sorghum, mature	98	95	92	97
Sorghum, harvested	84	64	71	82
Soybeans, setting pods	98	97	99	99
Soybeans, turning color	74	61	52	63
Soybeans, dropping leaves	56	42	30	43
Soybeans, mature	46	33	-	-
Soybeans, harvested	23	6	6	20
Sugarcane, planted	42	26	48	50
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	15	11	9	7

**Crop condition for week ending August 31, 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	11	71	18
Cotton	0	1	12	68	19
Livestock	0	6	28	56	10
Pasture	0	7	26	56	11
Rice	0	1	14	58	27
Sorghum	0	2	22	53	23
Soybeans	1	2	14	57	26
Sugarcane	2	10	35	39	14
Vegetables	2	18	41	37	2

### Comments from Extension Agents

“6-8 inches of rain in some areas of the parish this weekend. Soybeans were really growing well before these rains. Pastures need to dry out for more ranchers to cut hay pastures.”

– James ‘Jimmy’ Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Corn harvest has been slow due to high grain moisture and rain showers. Early planted soybeans maturing quickly. Producers need to get corn harvest so they can move to soybeans harvest.”

– Carol Pinnel, Franklin Parish

“Heavy rains have limited progress on sugarcane planting, hay and rice harvest. Hay quality will be affected significantly due to delayed harvest. Cattle producers are weaning and marketing spring calves.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Rice producers made excellent progress this week on rice harvest. Harvest has been slowed by wet fields and down rice but most producers should finish up by next week if we don't receive too much rain. Soybeans look really good.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia Parish

“Rains have slowed all field work. Sugarcane planting is behind schedule with approximately 40% planted. Planting ratios are slightly below average. This week's weather also caused sugarcane to lodge. Early brix test indicate above average sugar values. Approximately 40 percent of soybeans are harvested with yields in the 50-60 bushel range with good tests at market. No hay was made due to rain and cattle continue to do well with strong market prices.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 31, 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	94.7	71.7	83.2	80.9	2.3	0.00	2	-0.64	0.19	-2.24
Mooringsport	91.8	71.7	81.8	81.7	0.0	0.00	0	-0.52	0.14	-2.35
Red River	93.6	71.6	82.6	81.8	0.8	NA	NA	NA	0.46	-1.99
Shreveport	94.3	71.3	82.8	81.8	1.0	0.21	NA	-0.24	0.45	-1.99
Extreme/Average	93.6	71.6	82.6	81.6	1.0	0.07	2	-0.47	0.31	-2.14
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	91.1	68.7	79.9	80.0	-0.1	2.60	2	1.85	6.93	4.15
Farmerville	90.0	71.0	80.5	80.7	-0.2	NA	NA	NA	0.81	-2.24
Homer	89.7	69.7	79.7	79.5	0.2	0.16	3	-0.02	0.55	0.21
Extreme/Average	90.3	69.8	80.0	80.1	0.0	1.38	3	0.92	2.76	0.71
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	90.1	71.7	80.9	81.0	-0.1	2.24	3	1.89	2.85	2.26
St Joseph	95.4	72.8	84.1	81.4	2.5	NA	NA	NA	5.21	1.87
Tallulah	91.7	72.9	82.3	80.8	1.4	1.47	NA	0.80	2.47	-0.28
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	81.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.83	-0.34
Extreme/Average	92.4	72.5	82.4	81.2	1.3	1.85	3	1.34	2.84	0.88
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	90.7	69.1	79.9	80.6	-0.7	0.06	3	-0.48	0.53	-2.08
Hodges Gardens	93.5	72.0	82.8	81.2	1.3	0.07	1	-0.38	1.76	-1.42
Leesville	90.3	69.9	80.1	80.3	-0.3	3.41	2	2.66	5.17	1.99
Natchitoches	89.0	72.0	80.5	82.5	-2.0	1.49	3	0.56	5.14	2.22
Extreme/Average	90.9	70.8	80.8	81.2	-0.4	1.26	3	0.59	3.15	0.18
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	93.9	73.1	83.5	82.5	1.0	NA	NA	NA	6.12	2.46
Bunkie	93.0	73.2	83.1	81.3	1.7	1.25	3	0.44	3.73	0.39
Eunice	89.7	72.8	80.8	83.3	-2.5	NA	NA	NA	5.04	1.19
Jonesville Locks	94.0	71.0	82.5	81.8	0.7	0.00	2	-0.11	3.13	0.78
New Roads	90.4	73.0	81.7	82.4	-0.7	1.17	2	0.10	3.78	-0.49
Extreme/Average	92.2	72.6	82.3	82.2	0.1	0.81	3	0.14	4.36	0.87
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.26	2	1.92	5.43	-0.20
Hammond	90.0	72.0	81.0	81.1	-0.1	1.85	3	0.35	4.68	-1.18
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.34	2	NA	6.22	NA
Slidell	90.3	73.7	82.0	NA	NA	2.02	2	NA	2.90	NA
Extreme/Average	90.2	72.8	81.5	81.1	-0.1	2.12	3	1.14	4.81	-0.69
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	90.8	74.2	82.5	81.9	0.5	1.12	4	0.30	7.28	3.13
DeRidder	91.2	72.6	81.9	81.7	0.2	3.88	3	2.95	5.20	1.29
Jennings	88.7	74.3	81.5	82.0	-0.5	3.14	3	1.89	9.48	4.68
Oberlin Fire	87.3	72.6	79.9	81.5	-1.5	5.51	1	4.54	8.12	4.13
Extreme/Average	89.5	73.4	81.5	81.8	-0.3	3.41	4	2.42	7.52	3.31
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	89.1	74.1	81.6	81.4	0.3	2.70	4	1.49	3.69	-1.24
Jeanerette	89.8	73.8	81.8	81.7	0.0	1.91	4	0.90	5.63	0.44
Lafayette	90.1	74.9	82.5	81.3	1.2	3.06	3	1.81	6.38	1.88
Morgan City	88.2	75.8	82.0	81.9	0.1	2.05	2	0.58	3.11	-3.12
Extreme/Average	89.3	74.6	82.0	81.6	0.4	2.43	4	1.20	4.70	-0.51
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	86.7	77.0	81.9	82.3	-0.4	3.38	4	1.84	6.83	0.31
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.71	4	0.46	4.93	-0.57
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.84
New Orleans	90.7	76.3	83.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.92	NA
Extreme/Average	88.7	76.7	82.7	82.3	-0.4	2.54	4	1.15	4.42	-0.37
<b>State</b>	90.7	72.8	81.7	81.5	0.1	1.83	3	1.00	4.17	0.51

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.