



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



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Week Ending September 14, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 14, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 67.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun and Ashland to 81.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. Highs ranged from 82.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 95.8 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration of 3.12 inches recorded in Morgan City.

Crop progress for week ending September 14, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	90	82	100	99
Cotton, open bolls	88	82	80	89
Cotton, harvested	6	0	6	21
Hay, second cutting	97	96	100	97
Rice, mature	99	95	100	99
Rice, harvested	87	76	92	90
Sorghum, harvested	94	91	90	96
Soybeans, turning color	88	81	83	84
Soybeans, dropping leaves	76	66	67	69
Soybeans, mature	67	57	-	-
Soybeans, harvested	48	34	36	45
Sugarcane, planted	68	57	80	78
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	25	17	29	18

Crop condition for week ending September 14, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	0	1	14	67	18
Livestock	0	6	29	54	11
Pasture	0	7	25	57	11
Soybeans	2	3	15	52	28
Sugarcane	2	10	34	41	13
Vegetables	2	18	41	35	4

Comments from Extension Agents

“With good weather conditions last week, rice harvest is near complete.”

– Randy Bellon, Allen Parish

“Harvesting greens, peanuts, squash and cucumber. Preparing ground in strawberry fields.”

– Sandra Benjamin, Tangipahoa Parish

“Reported corn yields have been good; cotton picking has started in northern parts of the parish. Heavy rains late last week have slowed down harvest again.”

– Donna Morgan, Rapides Parish

“Sugarcane continues to be planted but farmers incurring added expenses by moving from location to location looking for dry ground to plant. Spring calf sales are in full swing as cattlemen take advantage of good calf prices. Soybean harvest is being hampered by scattered showers.”

– Michael C. Hebert, Lafourche Parish

“Rice producers are finishing harvest. Yields are still really good. Second crop rice looks pretty good as well. More soybeans are starting to turn color. Some areas reporting stink bugs. Soybean producers are starting to apply desiccants. Some cattle producers were able to get some hay cut this week.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia Parish

“Sugarcane planting has been delayed by wet conditions and time is short before harvest begins. Rice harvest is nearing completion, but has been slowed by rain and wet conditions have reduced ratoon crop potential. Cattle producers are continuing to wean and market calves. Fall cattle work is ongoing. Hay harvest has been hindered with constant rain. Although there is plenty of forage to harvest and if the weather allows hay will be of poor quality.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 14, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	86.0	68.4	77.2	77.3	-0.1	0.00	0	-0.85	2.05	-0.86
Mooringsport	85.3	68.4	76.9	78.0	-1.1	1.59	1	0.72	1.96	-0.91
Red River	92.0	73.4	82.7	78.2	4.2	1.40	1	0.87	2.13	-0.14
Shreveport	87.3	69.1	78.2	78.1	0.1	0.74	2	-0.05	2.24	-0.15
Extreme/Average	87.7	69.8	78.7	77.9	0.8	0.93	2	0.17	2.09	-0.52
North Central										
Calhoun	84.9	67.1	76.0	76.5	-0.5	0.04	1	-0.78	4.44	1.41
Farmerville	85.7	67.7	76.7	77.2	-0.5	0.03	1	-0.92	0.99	-2.62
Homer	87.5	69.2	78.3	75.8	2.4	NA	0	-0.74	1.18	-0.23
Extreme/Average	86.0	68.0	77.0	76.5	0.5	0.04	1	-0.81	2.20	-0.48
Northeast										
Lake Providence	86.3	69.7	78.0	77.7	0.3	0.00	0	-0.79	4.55	2.83
St Joseph	93.2	73.5	83.4	78.5	4.5	NA	NA	NA	3.69	0.62
Tallulah	89.5	74.2	81.8	77.7	4.0	0.00	0	-0.76	1.92	-1.24
Winnsboro	91.8	71.2	81.5	78.2	3.0	0.00	0	-0.61	2.15	-0.90
Extreme/Average	90.2	72.1	81.2	78.0	3.0	0.00	0	-0.72	3.08	0.33
West Central										
Ashland	82.9	67.1	75.0	77.3	-2.3	0.00	0	-0.90	0.50	-2.43
Hodges Gardens	88.8	71.8	80.3	78.3	1.6	NA	NA	NA	2.52	-0.74
Leesville	90.8	67.4	79.7	77.4	2.2	2.46	1	1.51	7.19	3.77
Natchitoches	84.0	69.3	76.6	79.2	-2.6	0.17	2	-1.07	4.70	0.37
Extreme/Average	86.6	68.9	77.9	78.0	-0.3	0.88	2	-0.15	3.73	0.24
Central										
Alexandria	87.1	70.0	78.6	79.7	-1.1	0.90	2	-0.08	6.08	2.49
Bunkie	92.3	70.3	81.8	78.3	3.4	0.11	1	-1.06	3.11	-0.96
Eunice	89.1	70.0	79.6	80.5	-1.0	0.83	3	-0.38	5.91	1.65
Jonesville Locks	89.2	68.7	78.9	78.9	0.2	0.52	2	-0.44	2.56	-1.00
New Roads	91.2	72.2	81.7	80.1	1.5	0.05	1	-0.90	3.04	-1.20
Extreme/Average	89.8	70.2	80.1	79.5	0.6	0.48	3	-0.57	4.14	0.20
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	-1.02	5.47	0.42
Hammond	90.3	70.8	80.6	78.7	1.8	0.55	2	-0.25	3.92	-0.25
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.75	1	NA	3.04	NA
Slidell	89.3	73.2	81.3	NA	NA	0.51	3	NA	3.52	NA
Extreme/Average	89.8	72.0	80.9	78.7	1.8	0.60	3	-0.64	3.99	0.08
Southwest										
Crowley	90.8	73.0	81.9	79.6	2.1	0.47	4	-0.46	8.84	4.33
DeRidder	91.2	70.0	81.2	78.9	2.1	0.74	1	-0.42	6.28	2.04
Jennings	89.0	72.0	80.5	79.6	0.9	0.88	3	-0.53	6.53	1.29
Oberlin Fire	89.6	72.0	80.8	78.8	1.7	0.00	0	-0.99	8.85	4.68
Extreme/Average	90.2	71.8	81.1	79.2	1.7	0.52	4	-0.60	7.63	3.08
South Central										
Donaldsonville	89.9	73.4	81.6	79.2	2.4	1.85	3	0.57	8.33	3.29
Jeanerette	90.6	72.8	81.7	79.4	2.1	0.06	2	-1.16	6.92	1.21
Lafayette	89.7	73.1	81.4	78.8	2.6	0.28	4	-1.03	5.80	0.70
Morgan City	88.9	74.0	81.4	80.2	1.3	3.12	3	1.62	7.68	1.62
Extreme/Average	89.8	73.3	81.6	79.4	2.1	1.33	4	0.00	7.18	1.71
Southeast										
Galliano	88.9	73.1	81.0	80.3	0.7	0.67	4	-0.90	7.64	1.22
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.10	1	-0.86	5.23	0.75
Grand Isle	90.0	81.0	85.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.06	-0.16
New Orleans	95.8	77.8	86.8	NA	NA	1.07	5	NA	8.74	NA
Extreme/Average	91.6	77.3	84.4	80.3	0.7	0.61	5	-0.88	5.42	0.60
State	89.2	71.5	80.4	78.7	1.2	0.55	2	-0.53	4.51	0.67

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.