



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 28, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 26 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 19 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 52.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 71.8 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 82.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 87.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state.

Crop progress for week ending September 28, 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	98	95	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	94	93	94	96
Cotton, harvested	28	12	28	46
Hay, second cutting	99	98	-	-
Rice, harvested	97	93	99	96
Sorghum, harvested	98	96	100	99
Soybeans, turning color	96	92	96	97
Soybeans, dropping leaves	90	84	87	87
Soybeans, mature	84	75	-	-
Soybeans, harvested	72	59	65	65
Sugarcane, planted	90	79	95	93
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	35	30	39	32

Crop condition for week ending September 28, 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	11	67	21
Livestock	0	6	30	54	10
Pasture	0	11	25	52	12
Soybeans	2	2	14	57	25
Sugarcane	2	10	32	42	14
Vegetables	2	18	39	38	3

Comments from Extension Agents

“Rice harvest is finished. Soybean harvest is in full progress. Hay producers are cutting and bailing.”

– Randy Bellon, Allen Parish

“Dry conditions during the week allowed the majority of sugarcane producers to complete planting.”

– Mariah Bock, Saint John Parish

“Made much progress planting cane this week. Planting ratios improved to around 4:1. Some hay was made but ground still too wet for most cattlemen to make hay. We are losing quality of the hay each week we can't bale. Lots of soybeans harvested this week with the dry weather. Experiencing severe armyworm infestations in pastures and crawfish ponds.”

– Michael C. Hebert, Lafourche Parish

“The drier conditions allowed for excellent sugarcane planting progress, hay harvest, soybean harvest progress. Cattle ranchers are beginning to plant ryegrass pastures and weaning calves for marketing. Cane farmers are preparing for sugarcane harvest.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Drier conditions this past week allowed growers to make large strides. Good progress was made in sugarcane planting, hay cutting, and soybean harvest. Sugarcane growers are preparing for the start of grinding this week. Most have finished planting. Preliminary testing seems to indicate good sugar levels. Growers are applying ripener to cane that will be harvested next month. Cattle farmers are planting winter pastures.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 28, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	86.3	59.3	72.8	72.0	0.8	0.00	0	-0.88	1.89	-1.42
Mooringsport	85.2	59.5	72.3	72.4	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.81	1.80	-1.32
Red River	87.3	59.4	73.4	73.1	0.3	NA	NA	NA	1.87	-1.10
Shreveport	86.9	58.1	72.5	72.7	-0.2	0.00	0	-1.01	1.82	-1.41
Extreme/Average	86.4	59.1	72.7	72.5	0.2	0.00	0	-0.90	1.85	-1.31
North Central										
Calhoun	83.7	52.8	68.3	71.2	-2.8	0.00	0	-0.67	1.84	-1.15
Farmerville	87.2	61.8	74.5	72.2	2.5	0.00	0	-0.57	0.44	-2.94
Homer	84.4	53.4	68.9	70.5	-1.6	0.00	0	-1.01	1.27	-1.99
Extreme/Average	85.1	56.0	70.6	71.3	-0.6	0.00	0	-0.75	1.18	-2.03
Northeast										
Lake Providence	85.1	62.3	73.7	73.0	0.8	NA	NA	NA	1.70	-0.99
St Joseph	87.4	60.8	74.1	73.9	-0.2	0.00	0	-0.54	2.43	-0.35
Tallulah	86.3	61.4	73.9	73.0	0.9	0.00	0	-0.81	0.45	-2.78
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	73.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.22	-0.87
Extreme/Average	86.3	61.5	73.9	73.3	0.5	0.00	0	-0.68	1.45	-1.25
West Central										
Ashland	86.3	57.2	71.8	72.2	-0.6	0.00	0	-0.65	0.44	-2.64
Hodges Gardens	87.5	62.2	74.9	74.2	0.2	0.00	0	-0.55	2.76	-0.77
Leesville	83.1	59.9	71.5	72.9	-1.4	NA	0	-1.01	3.40	-0.51
Natchitoches	83.3	61.6	72.4	73.8	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.79	1.37	-2.80
Extreme/Average	85.0	60.2	72.6	73.3	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.75	1.99	-1.68
Central										
Alexandria	86.3	64.1	75.2	75.2	0.1	NA	NA	NA	2.61	-1.07
Bunkie	85.4	63.9	74.6	74.0	0.7	0.00	0	-1.06	2.86	-1.62
Eunice	85.7	63.4	74.6	76.2	-1.6	0.00	0	-1.06	3.19	-1.32
Jonesville Locks	87.6	62.9	75.2	74.5	0.8	0.00	0	-0.8	0.81	-2.22
New Roads	84.1	65.7	74.9	75.9	-1.0	0.15	0	-0.74	2.54	-1.45
Extreme/Average	85.8	64.0	74.9	75.1	-0.2	0.04	0	-0.92	2.40	-1.54
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.01	2.39	-2.10
Hammond	84.6	62.0	73.3	74.6	-1.3	0.00	0	-0.82	2.34	-1.63
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	1	NA	1.84	NA
Slidell	83.7	64.6	74.1	NA	NA	0.03	0	NA	2.10	NA
Extreme/Average	84.2	63.3	73.7	74.6	-1.3	0.01	1	-0.92	2.17	-1.86
Southwest										
Crowley	84.1	64.7	74.4	75.8	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.98	3.88	-0.70
DeRidder	83.6	64.3	73.9	74.4	-0.5	0.00	1	-1.22	3.32	-1.46
Jennings	86.3	64.9	75.6	75.8	-0.2	NA	0	-1.18	1.30	-3.83
Oberlin Fire	83.4	63.0	73.2	74.6	-1.4	0.00	0	-1.17	2.93	-2.10
Extreme/Average	84.3	64.2	74.3	75.2	-0.9	0.00	1	-1.14	2.86	-2.02
South Central										
Donaldsonville	85.0	64.9	74.9	75.3	-0.4	NA	0	-1.10	10.19	5.32
Jeanerette	85.0	63.0	74.0	75.7	-2.0	0.00	0	-0.96	2.80	-3.00
Lafayette	86.7	63.2	74.9	75.0	0.1	0.00	1	-0.92	3.79	-0.96
Morgan City	87.1	68.6	77.9	77.0	0.8	0.17	0	-0.95	7.21	1.74
Extreme/Average	85.9	64.9	75.4	75.8	-0.4	0.06	1	-0.98	6.00	0.78
Southeast										
Galliano	82.9	70.4	76.6	76.8	-0.1	0.15	0	-1.11	2.66	-3.21
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	1	-0.99	3.90	-0.17
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.96	0.55
New Orleans	83.4	71.8	77.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.48	NA
Extreme/Average	83.2	71.1	77.1	76.8	-0.1	0.07	1	-1.05	3.00	-0.94
State	85.0	63.0	74.0	74.3	-0.4	0.02	0	-0.91	2.46	-1.44

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.