



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending October 5, 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, October 5, 2014. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 18 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 57.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 69.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens. Highs ranged from 80.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 90.6 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 with an average of 1.91 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 5, 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	100	98	NA	100
Cotton, open bolls	96	94	NA	98
Cotton, harvested	52	28	NA	58
Hay, second cutting	100	99	NA	-
Pecans, harvested	3	1	NA	8
Rice, harvested	99	97	NA	98
Sorghum, harvested	99	98	NA	100
Soybeans, turning color	99	96	NA	99
Soybeans, dropping leaves	94	90	NA	92
Soybeans, mature	92	84	NA	-
Soybeans, harvested	81	72	NA	75
Sugarcane, planted	95	90	NA	97
Sugarcane, harvested	2	-	NA	5
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	41	35	NA	39

Crop condition for week ending October 5, 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	31	53	10
Pasture	0	12	26	51	11
Soybeans	2	2	14	57	25
Sugarcane	2	9	33	43	13
Vegetables	2	16	40	39	3

Comments from Extension Agents

“Soybean harvest made good progress. Lots of fieldwork around scattered showers until the heavy rain Thursday night.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia Parish

“Citrus producers about ready to pick fruits; sugarcane farmers beginning to harvest cane; cattlemen planting ryegrass; and vegetable producers planting and working fall crops.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Good weather has allowed producers to make big progress with the soybean and sweet potato harvest. Rice harvest is near complete, which was extended due to wet field conditions. Some crawfish acres are being flooded up at this time. Hay producers also had a good opportunity to make progress to meet some needs for winter feeding. Currently some fall field preparations are underway for spring planting.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Milder, cooler weather with drying winds allowed for much fieldwork to be done this past week. Rice harvest of first crop is essentially complete, second crop is growing well although some fields were not in best of shape after harvest of first crop in very wet conditions. Soybean harvest is wide open with excellent yields reported, plowing and laser leveling continue on broad scale in preparation for next year, frontal passage light rains slowed this somewhat but drying conditions are favorable. Crawfish ponds are being flooded up, and some wheat is being planted, as are fall ryegrass pastures.”

– Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 5, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	84.6	62.3	73.4	69.3	4.2	2.40	2	1.45	2.40	-1.07
Mooringsport	83.7	61.0	72.4	69.7	2.7	0.93	1	-0.12	2.52	-0.93
Red River	88.8	67.4	78.1	70.4	7.3	NA	NA	NA	2.34	-0.65
Shreveport	84.6	60.6	72.6	69.9	2.6	1.80	1	0.66	2.54	-1.24
Extreme/Average	85.4	62.8	74.1	69.8	4.2	1.71	2	0.66	2.45	-0.97
North Central										
Calhoun	84.6	59.4	72.0	68.4	3.6	0.93	2	0.07	0.97	-2.08
Farmerville	84.2	60.5	72.3	69.7	2.8	NA	NA	NA	0.76	-2.61
Homer	81.7	57.0	69.3	67.9	1.4	1.85	1	1.38	1.85	1.38
Extreme/Average	83.5	59.0	71.2	68.7	2.6	1.39	2	0.72	1.19	-1.10
Northeast										
Lake Providence	84.7	62.6	73.6	70.4	3.2	1.16	1	0.68	1.16	0.68
St Joseph	90.6	68.2	79.4	71.4	7.6	NA	NA	NA	0.88	-1.91
Tallulah	83.9	63.0	73.4	70.5	2.9	1.38	1	0.47	1.38	-1.91
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	70.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-1.22
Extreme/Average	86.4	64.6	75.5	70.8	4.6	1.27	1	0.57	0.85	-1.09
West Central										
Ashland	84.1	59.6	71.9	69.5	2.4	1.51	2	0.68	1.51	-1.75
Hodges Gardens	85.2	69.8	77.5	71.9	5.1	0.00	NA	-0.49	0.77	-2.67
Leesville	83.4	62.1	72.8	70.4	2.4	1.32	1	0.33	4.05	0.07
Natchitoches	81.9	62.7	72.3	71.0	1.2	1.31	1	0.52	1.47	-2.12
Extreme/Average	83.7	63.5	73.6	70.7	2.8	1.04	2	0.26	1.95	-1.62
Central										
Alexandria	84.3	64.1	74.2	72.6	1.6	NA	NA	NA	3.40	-0.28
Bunkie	82.6	64.9	73.7	71.7	2.0	1.73	3	0.80	2.84	-1.39
Eunice	83.9	63.9	73.9	73.9	0.0	1.17	3	0.17	2.30	-2.08
Jonesville Locks	87.0	66.2	76.6	72.0	4.4	1.52	1	0.77	2.04	-0.81
New Roads	82.9	64.1	73.5	73.5	0.0	1.27	3	0.36	2.04	-1.80
Extreme/Average	84.1	64.6	74.4	72.7	1.6	1.42	3	0.53	2.52	-1.27
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.89	2	0.94	2.78	-1.41
Hammond	83.9	65.0	74.4	72.3	2.2	0.86	3	0.01	1.49	-2.21
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.21	2	NA	3.10	NA
Slidell	81.6	65.3	73.4	NA	NA	0.86	3	NA	1.99	NA
Extreme/Average	82.8	65.2	73.9	72.3	2.2	1.46	3	0.47	2.34	-1.81
Southwest										
Crowley	83.1	65.9	74.5	73.7	0.8	1.35	5	0.33	3.46	-0.89
DeRidder	83.7	66.0	74.8	72.0	2.7	1.62	3	0.67	4.16	-0.44
Jennings	85.1	65.6	75.4	73.6	1.8	1.51	2	0.43	2.64	-2.24
Oberlin Fire	82.0	64.1	73.1	72.4	0.7	3.16	4	2.05	4.36	-0.58
Extreme/Average	83.5	65.4	74.4	72.9	1.5	1.91	5	0.87	3.66	-1.04
South Central										
Donaldsonville	83.7	67.0	75.4	73.1	2.3	2.51	4	1.40	9.63	4.97
Jeanerette	82.9	65.6	74.2	73.5	0.7	0.94	4	-0.13	2.08	-3.48
Lafayette	84.6	66.4	75.5	72.8	2.7	0.70	4	-0.38	3.06	-1.56
Morgan City	84.4	69.0	76.7	75.1	1.6	0.93	4	-0.05	6.24	1.39
Extreme/Average	83.9	67.0	75.4	73.6	1.8	1.27	4	0.21	5.25	0.33
Southeast										
Galliano	80.6	68.9	74.7	74.7	0.0	1.63	3	0.62	2.99	-2.20
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.35	3	0.35	2.45	-1.65
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.96	0.55
New Orleans	82.2	65.8	74.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.46	NA
Extreme/Average	81.4	67.3	74.4	74.7	0.0	1.49	3	0.48	2.21	-1.10
State	83.7	64.4	74.0	71.9	2.2	1.47	2	0.57	2.46	-1.12

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.