



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending October 19, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 19, 2014. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 17 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 15 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 66.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 75.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 88.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northeast part of the state with an average of 2.97 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 19, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, open bolls	100	99	100	100
Cotton, harvested	80	72	80	75
Pecans, harvested	17	13	14	18
Soybeans, dropping leaves	99	97	98	98
Soybeans, mature	98	95	-	-
Soybeans, harvested	93	89	89	86
Sugarcane, planted	100	98	99	99
Sugarcane, harvested	16	9	17	19
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	66	56	59	59
Winter Wheat, planted	8	4	14	-
Winter Wheat, emerged	2	-	3	-

Crop condition for week ending October 19, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	0	6	32	52	10
Pasture	0	12	30	49	9
Pecans	5	20	40	30	5
Sugarcane	2	9	32	43	14
Vegetables	1	15	39	40	5

Comments from Extension Agents

“Hay producers are taking advantage of good weather. Crawfish farmers continue to flood ponds.”

– Randy Bellon, Allen Parish

“Sugarcane harvest is progressing ahead of schedule. Sugarcane yields continue to be better than expected and may be equal or better than last year. Soybean harvest is wrapping up quickly and may wrap up this week.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Sugarcane producers harvesting cane, cattlemen finishing up planting ryegrass, vegetable producers selling some fall vegetables, citrus farmers selling nice satsumas, and crawfish farmers flooding ponds.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Dry weather is helping to complete bean harvest and cane planting. Good progress on hay harvest was made last week and cane harvest was in good conditions. Ryegrass planting is progressing and calf weaning and marketing is continuing.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Beautiful drier cooler weather provided excellent fieldwork conditions for all crops. Hay baling second cutting completed for most, third cutting for others. Soybean harvest continues with mixed but much higher than normal yields, very few splits, not much weathering producing overall excellent quality seed. Second crop rice is maturing with average size panicles that appear full and filled. Crawfish ponds are flooded up and being maintained. Soil preparation work continues with laser leveling and formation of levees, as well as plowing and planting of ryegrass and fall forages. Beef cattle being worked for pregnancy checks, calves being moved.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 19, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	78.6	50.7	64.6	64.4	0.2	2.29	2	1.08	5.08	1.00
Mooringsport	75.6	53.6	64.6	65.1	-0.5	3.73	2	2.59	5.51	1.63
Red River	80.4	53.0	66.7	65.8	0.9	NA	NA	NA	3.63	-0.18
Shreveport	77.6	51.4	64.5	65.2	-0.7	2.22	2	1.07	6.54	2.37
Extreme/Average	78.0	52.2	65.1	65.1	0.0	2.75	2	1.58	5.19	1.21
North Central										
Calhoun	78.0	48.6	63.3	63.5	-0.2	1.68	2	0.56	2.80	-0.65
Farmerville	76.0	53.6	64.8	65.4	-0.6	2.76	2	1.51	3.70	-0.78
Homer	76.7	48.1	62.4	63.2	-0.8	2.84	2	1.61	5.23	3.51
Extreme/Average	76.9	50.1	63.5	64.0	-0.5	2.43	2	1.23	3.91	0.69
Northeast										
Lake Providence	79.0	54.7	66.9	65.6	1.3	2.12	2	0.81	3.44	1.63
St Joseph	82.6	54.4	68.5	66.8	1.7	2.82	2	1.92	3.37	-0.02
Tallulah	79.9	54.4	67.1	65.8	1.3	2.75	2	1.68	1.33	1.55
Winnsboro	80.8	52.2	66.5	66.1	0.1	4.22	2	3.45	5.66	2.33
Extreme/Average	80.6	53.9	67.3	66.1	1.1	2.97	2	1.96	4.45	1.37
West Central										
Ashland	79.6	45.6	62.6	64.8	-2.2	1.93	2	0.87	3.65	0.11
Hodges Gardens	77.0	56.7	66.8	67.3	-1.1	1.88	3	1.43	5.00	1.78
Leesville	81.1	52.1	66.6	65.9	0.7	1.38	2	0.24	4.24	0.16
Natchitoches	79.4	54.6	67.0	66.5	0.5	2.03	2	0.88	4.14	0.47
Extreme/Average	79.3	52.3	65.8	66.1	-0.5	1.80	3	0.85	4.26	0.63
Central										
Alexandria	82.1	54.4	68.3	67.8	0.4	NA	NA	NA	3.88	-0.20
Bunkie	82.7	55.9	69.3	67.6	1.7	1.25	1	-0.04	2.98	-1.32
Eunice	83.3	54.6	68.9	69.6	-0.7	0.75	1	-0.57	2.16	-2.24
Jonesville Locks	81.1	54.7	67.9	67.5	0.4	1.35	1	0.14	2.97	-0.52
New Roads	81.3	54.7	68.0	68.9	-1.1	0.85	1	-0.11	2.42	-1.25
Extreme/Average	82.1	54.9	68.5	68.3	0.2	1.05	1	-0.14	2.88	-1.11
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.89	-1.76
Hammond	78.5	49.2	63.8	67.9	-3.9	1.49	1	0.64	2.35	-1.02
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.57	1	NA	2.78	NA
Slidell	81.8	59.0	70.4	NA	NA	2.00	1	NA	2.89	NA
Extreme/Average	80.2	54.1	67.1	67.9	-3.9	1.35	1	0.64	2.48	-1.39
Southwest										
Crowley	82.1	58.1	70.1	69.5	0.6	1.28	1	0.03	3.80	-0.49
DeRidder	81.0	57.0	69.0	67.7	1.3	1.63	1	0.65	3.88	-0.30
Jennings	83.6	57.4	70.5	69.5	1.0	0.83	1	-0.41	2.78	-1.71
Oberlin Fire	80.9	54.7	67.8	68.2	-0.4	0.89	1	-0.37	4.47	-0.09
Extreme/Average	81.9	56.8	69.4	68.8	0.6	1.16	1	-0.02	3.73	-0.65
South Central										
Donaldsonville	82.1	56.9	69.5	68.7	0.8	0.88	2	-0.27	3.39	-1.05
Jeanerette	82.3	57.0	69.6	69.4	0.2	0.39	1	-0.78	1.41	-3.15
Lafayette	82.0	55.0	68.5	68.8	-0.1	1.19	1	-0.05	2.37	-2.13
Morgan City	82.1	61.0	71.6	70.9	0.7	1.29	2	0.34	2.41	-1.39
Extreme/Average	82.1	57.5	69.8	69.5	0.4	0.94	2	-0.19	2.40	-1.93
Southeast										
Galliano	82.0	60.3	71.1	70.8	0.4	0.34	1	-0.77	2.17	-2.35
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.60	1	0.51	3.05	-1.02
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	88.0	66.0	77.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.58	NA
Extreme/Average	85.0	63.1	74.1	70.8	0.4	0.97	1	-0.13	2.27	-1.69
State	80.9	55.2	68.0	67.5	-0.2	1.86	1	0.77	3.66	-0.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.