



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending October 26, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 26, 2014. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 27 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 23 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 42.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 59.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 73.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 80.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. The precipitation for this week was null throughout the state.

**Crop progress for week ending October 26, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	88	80	91	82
Pecans, harvested	23	17	20	26
Soybeans, mature	99	98	-	-
Soybeans, harvested	96	93	95	92
Sugarcane, harvested	23	16	24	27
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	75	66	84	74
Winter Wheat, planted	28	8	25	-
Winter Wheat, emerged	4	2	7	5

**Crop condition for week ending October 26, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	0	7	33	50	10
Pasture	0	12	33	47	8
Pecans	5	20	40	30	5
Sugarcane	2	10	32	43	13
Vegetables	1	14	40	41	4

## Comments from Extension Agents

“Planting and irrigating strawberry plants. Harvesting greens, bell peppers and cucumbers.”

– Sandra Benjamin, Tangipahoa Parish

“Sugarcane is planted and harvest going well with dry conditions, vegetable producers selling produce, citrus producers selling satsumas. Cattlemen finishing up planting ryegrass and need a rain.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Rice second crop is maturing and harvest is getting close. Soybean harvest is complete. Sugarcane harvest is going well with dry conditions. Cattle ranchers continue to wean and market spring calves, plant ryegrass and harvest hay.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Weather has been drier and cooler than normal. Sugarcane harvest is progressing smoothly and efficiently. Sugar content has been better than expected. Older stubble fields are being plowed out and prepared for next year. Hay was made last week and rye grass was planted. A few farmers are considering planting wheat and making preparations.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Typical dry October weather is in place. Harvest of all major commodities wraps up. Some second crop rice will be harvested in the coming weeks. Fall fieldwork for spring planting is ongoing. Sugarcane harvest is going well with no weather or ground issues. Beef producers are working their cow herds, culling none productive cows and continue shipping calves to a very favorable market. Winter pastures are being planted and hay production wraps up as the season change comes in.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 26, 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	76.1	48.7	62.4	62.3	0.1	0.00	0	-1.24	5.08	0.64
Mooringsport	75.3	52.0	63.6	63.2	0.4	0.00	0	-1.20	5.51	1.24
Red River	76.4	49.4	62.9	63.7	-1.1	NA	NA	NA	3.63	-0.22
Shreveport	75.0	49.9	62.4	63.1	-0.7	0.00	0	-1.30	6.54	2.26
Extreme/Average	75.7	50.0	62.9	63.1	-0.3	0.00	0	-1.25	5.19	0.98
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	74.1	43.6	58.9	61.5	-2.6	0.00	0	-1.22	2.80	-1.20
Farmerville	73.3	50.1	61.7	63.3	-1.6	0.00	0	-1.28	3.70	-1.10
Homer	74.0	45.3	59.7	61.1	-1.6	0.00	0	-1.08	5.23	2.12
Extreme/Average	73.8	46.3	60.1	62.0	-1.9	0.00	0	-1.19	3.91	-0.06
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	74.4	49.0	61.7	63.3	-1.6	0.00	0	-1.31	3.44	0.32
St Joseph	79.2	45.4	62.3	64.8	-2.8	0.00	0	-0.69	3.37	0.07
Tallulah	76.1	49.3	62.7	63.7	-1.0	0.00	0	-1.14	15.33	11.22
Winnsboro	74.6	45.0	59.8	64.1	-4.6	0.00	0	-0.85	5.66	1.90
Extreme/Average	76.1	47.2	61.6	64.0	-2.5	0.00	0	-1.00	6.95	3.38
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	73.0	42.0	57.5	62.8	-6.1	0.00	0	-0.17	3.65	0.69
Hodges Gardens	75.8	52.2	64.0	65.2	-1.5	NA	NA	NA	5.00	1.13
Leesville	76.6	46.6	61.6	63.9	-2.4	0.00	0	-1.30	4.24	-0.13
Natchitoches	74.6	49.9	62.2	64.7	-2.5	0.00	0	-1.23	4.14	0.21
Extreme/Average	75.0	47.7	61.3	64.2	-3.1	0.00	0	-0.90	4.26	0.47
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	77.9	50.9	64.4	65.7	-1.3	0.00	0	-1.36	3.88	-0.66
Bunkie	76.4	48.6	62.5	65.7	-3.2	0.00	0	-1.44	2.98	-1.70
Eunice	78.7	50.1	64.4	67.8	-3.4	0.00	0	-1.40	2.16	-2.58
Jonesville Locks	78.7	50.0	64.4	65.4	-1.1	0.00	0	-1.28	2.97	-1.00
New Roads	77.7	52.0	64.8	66.8	-2.1	0.00	0	-1.00	2.27	-1.68
Extreme/Average	77.9	50.3	64.1	66.3	-2.2	0.00	0	-1.30	2.85	-1.52
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.12	1.89	-1.87
Hammond	74.4	43.7	59.1	65.8	-6.8	0.00	0	-1.03	2.35	-1.23
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	2.78	NA
Slidell	77.4	52.3	64.9	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	2.86	NA
Extreme/Average	75.9	48.0	62.0	65.8	-6.8	0.00	0	-1.08	2.47	-1.55
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	77.4	53.4	65.4	67.5	-2.4	0.00	0	-1.00	3.80	-0.51
DeRidder	76.8	51.8	64.3	65.8	-1.6	0.00	0	-1.14	3.88	-0.22
Jennings	79.4	53.0	66.2	67.6	-1.4	0.00	0	-1.35	2.78	-1.88
Oberlin Fire	76.3	50.7	63.5	66.3	-2.9	0.00	0	-1.22	4.47	-0.14
Extreme/Average	77.5	52.2	64.9	66.8	-2.1	0.00	0	-1.18	3.73	-0.69
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	78.6	52.4	65.5	66.8	-1.3	0.00	0	-1.17	3.39	-0.95
Jeanerette	77.4	54.2	65.8	67.5	-2.0	0.00	0	-0.86	1.37	-2.75
Lafayette	79.7	52.1	65.9	66.9	-1.0	0.00	0	-1.45	2.37	-2.69
Morgan City	80.3	58.9	69.6	68.9	0.7	0.00	0	-0.94	2.24	-1.38
Extreme/Average	79.0	54.4	66.7	67.5	-0.9	0.00	0	-1.10	2.34	-1.94
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	76.2	56.8	66.5	68.9	-2.4	0.00	0	-0.83	2.02	-2.07
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.15	3.05	-1.18
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	79.5	59.3	69.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.57	NA
Extreme/Average	77.8	58.0	68.0	68.9	-2.4	0.00	0	-0.99	2.21	-1.63
<b>State</b>	76.6	50.6	63.6	65.6	-2.5	0.00	0	-1.13	3.64	-0.44

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.