



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending November 2, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 2, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 38 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 31 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 41.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 75.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. Highs ranged from 72.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport and Shreveport to 82.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was minimal in most part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending November 2, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	94	88	97	86
Pecans, harvested	30	23	30	37
Soybeans, mature	100	99	-	-
Soybeans, harvested	98	96	99	95
Sugarcane, harvested	32	23	30	35
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	81	75	91	79
Winter Wheat, planted	47	28	47	-
Winter Wheat, emerged	10	4	15	11

Crop condition for week ending November 2, 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	7	35	49	9
Pasture	1	15	38	40	6
Pecans	5	18	33	39	5
Sugarcane	2	10	32	41	15
Vegetables	1	15	38	40	6

Comments from Extension Agents

“Have not had rain in a few weeks. This has allowed for a lot of field work to happen.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis Parish

“All soybeans harvested; some rice second crop left. Much hay harvested in last 2 weeks. Ryegrass pastures need rain.”

– James ‘Jimmy’ Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Dry field conditions have helped producers get fields ready for next year. Second crop harvest has started and yields are average to above average.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia Parish

“Cool, dry conditions have been perfect for harvest. Soybeans are almost finished, with some late planted cotton still being picked. Overall cotton yields are reported higher than expected.”

– Donna Morgan, Rapides Parish

“Aided by dry conditions sugarcane harvest continues to advance quickly. Sugarcane tonnage and sugar levels continue to exceed expectations. Some cane growers would like to see a little rain to settle dust and to keep cane tonnage from dropping. Soybean harvest has wrapped up and second crop rice harvest has started. Hay producers continue to have good weather for cutting and baling. Hay quality in many fields is poor and some growers are concerned about impending frosts ending the summer forage harvest season. Cattle growers are marketing calves and continue to report record returns. Cool season pastures are in need of a rain for further development.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 2, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	73.9	46.0	59.9	60.3	-0.4	NA	NA	NA	2.77	-1.94
Mooringsport	72.3	48.3	60.3	61.3	-1.0	0.10	1	-0.98	4.68	0.38
Red River	78.5	50.0	64.3	61.7	2.4	NA	NA	NA	2.71	-1.22
Shreveport	72.3	47.1	59.7	61.0	-1.3	0.10	1	-1.08	4.84	0.68
Extreme/Average	74.3	47.9	61.0	61.1	-0.1	0.10	1	-1.03	3.75	-0.53
North Central										
Calhoun	72.7	41.9	57.3	59.5	-2.2	0.14	1	-1.01	2.01	-2.28
Farmerville	73.0	47.9	60.4	61.1	-0.7	NA	NA	NA	3.30	-1.45
Homer	75.3	46.7	61.0	59.1	1.7	0.98	1	0.34	4.36	3.05
Extreme/Average	73.7	45.5	59.6	59.9	-0.4	0.56	1	-0.33	3.22	-0.23
Northeast										
Lake Providence	74.1	49.0	61.6	61.1	0.5	0.03	1	-0.74	2.31	0.84
St Joseph	80.6	52.4	66.5	62.8	3.4	0.08	1	-0.56	2.94	-0.43
Tallulah	75.0	49.3	62.1	61.6	0.5	0.10	1	-0.96	14.05	9.79
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	62.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.92	2.00
Extreme/Average	76.6	50.2	63.4	61.9	1.5	0.07	1	-0.75	6.05	3.05
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	60.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.14	0.01
Hodges Gardens	80.3	61.0	70.7	63.1	7.0	0.04	1	-0.50	3.44	-0.43
Leesville	74.0	46.1	60.1	62.0	-1.9	0.05	1	-1.18	2.97	-1.64
Natchitoches	73.3	48.6	60.9	62.9	-1.9	NA	NA	-1.13	2.83	-1.28
Extreme/Average	75.9	51.9	63.9	62.2	1.0	0.04	1	-0.94	2.85	-0.83
Central										
Alexandria	74.7	48.9	61.8	63.6	-1.8	NA	NA	NA	2.58	-2.41
Bunkie	76.4	47.9	62.1	63.8	-1.6	0.00	0	-1.39	1.25	-3.89
Eunice	77.3	48.7	63.0	65.9	-2.9	0.00	0	-1.29	0.99	-4.04
Jonesville Locks	74.6	49.1	61.9	63.4	-1.5	0.00	0	-1.23	1.45	-3.00
New Roads	75.0	52.2	63.6	64.9	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.93	1.00	-3.13
Extreme/Average	75.6	49.4	62.5	64.3	-1.9	0.00	0	-1.21	1.45	-3.29
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.11	0.00	-3.92
Hammond	79.7	47.8	63.8	63.9	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.84	1.49	-2.08
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.57	NA
Slidell	76.7	51.0	63.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.00	NA
Extreme/Average	78.2	49.4	63.8	63.9	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.98	1.02	-3.00
Southwest										
Crowley	80.8	54.0	67.4	65.5	1.6	0.00	0	-0.88	2.45	-2.10
DeRidder	74.3	50.4	62.4	64.0	-1.6	0.00	0	-1.24	2.26	-2.13
Jennings	77.4	50.7	64.1	65.7	-1.7	0.05	1	-1.19	1.32	-3.50
Oberlin Fire	74.0	48.4	61.2	64.5	-3.2	0.00	0	-1.30	1.31	-3.69
Extreme/Average	76.6	50.9	63.8	64.9	-1.2	0.01	1	-1.15	1.83	-2.85
South Central										
Donaldsonville	77.7	50.7	64.2	65.0	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.98	0.88	-3.19
Jeanerette	81.8	54.6	68.2	65.7	2.3	0.00	0	-0.77	0.43	-3.71
Lafayette	76.4	49.9	63.1	65.0	-1.9	0.00	0	-1.26	1.67	-3.57
Morgan City	78.4	55.7	67.1	66.9	0.2	0.21	1	-0.63	1.52	-1.96
Extreme/Average	78.6	52.7	65.7	65.6	-0.1	0.05	1	-0.91	1.13	-3.11
Southeast										
Galliano	79.7	57.0	68.3	67.2	1.0	NA	NA	NA	0.39	-3.38
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.03	1.70	-2.56
Grand Isle	81.5	75.0	78.3	NA	NA	0.57	1	0.30	0.57	0.30
New Orleans	82.2	63.8	73.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.63	NA
Extreme/Average	81.1	65.3	73.2	67.2	1.0	0.28	1	-0.36	0.82	-1.88
State	76.7	51.5	64.1	63.6	-0.2	0.13	1	-0.86	2.30	-1.61

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.