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**Week Ending November 16, 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, November 16, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 27 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 31 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 24.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 55.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 49.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 74.7 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the state with an average of 0.98 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending November 16, 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         | 99             | 97             | 100            | 98             |
| Pecans, harvested         | 49             | 37             | 51             | 55             |
| Soybeans, harvested       | 100            | 99             | 100            | 99             |
| Sugarcane, harvested      | 49             | 40             | 49             | 52             |
| Sweet Potatoes, harvested | 93             | 84             | 98             | 91             |
| Winter Wheat, planted     | 77             | 63             | 83             | 72             |
| Winter Wheat, emerged     | 59             | 35             | 57             | 43             |

**Crop condition for week ending November 16, 2014**

| Item       | Very poor      | Poor           | Fair           | Good           | Excellent      |
|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|            | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Livestock  | 1              | 8              | 37             | 46             | 8              |
| Pasture    | 2              | 20             | 36             | 37             | 5              |
| Pecans     | 8              | 16             | 31             | 40             | 5              |
| Sugarcane  | 2              | 10             | 32             | 41             | 15             |
| Vegetables | 1              | 17             | 35             | 42             | 5              |

### Comments from Extension Agents

“Recent rain in the area has provided needed moisture and winter pastures are coming on.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Rained Saturday night and all day Sunday. We have been dry. Rain will help planted wheat and ryegrass.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Planting and irrigating strawberry plants. Harvesting greens, shallots, sweet potatoes and greenhouse tomatoes.”

– Sandra Benjamin, Tangipahoa Parish

“Heavy rains have slowed second rice crop harvest and other fieldwork. This rain has helped cattle farmers with their ryegrass.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis Parish

“Wheat is planted, second crop rice harvest near complete, some spring field preparations continue. Livestock producers begin feeding hay, culling open cows and supplementing cattle herds as pastures are short due to some earlier than normal cold weather last week and this week. Cattle prices remain strong. Crawfish producers are seeing some really good indicators as they are seeing nice size crawfish early. Pecans are coming in but quality is an issue with a lot of light or diseased kernels being reported.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 16, 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               | 56.0            | 33.4 | 44.7 | 55.9 | -11.2 | 0.38          | 1         | -0.89 | 1.12       | -3.80          |
| Mooringsport         | 54.0            | 34.9 | 44.4 | 56.6 | -12.2 | 0.56          | 2         | -0.54 | 2.77       | -1.69          |
| Red River            | 57.4            | 36.9 | 47.1 | 57.2 | -10.0 | NA            | NA        | NA    | NA         | NA             |
| Shreveport           | 55.0            | 34.3 | 44.6 | 56.2 | -11.5 | 0.80          | 1         | -0.43 | 1.67       | -3.38          |
| Extreme/Average      | 55.6            | 34.9 | 45.2 | 56.5 | -11.2 | 0.58          | 2         | -0.62 | 1.61       | -3.12          |
| <b>North Central</b> |                 |      |      |      |       |               |           |       |            |                |
| Calhoun              | 54.3            | 32.4 | 43.4 | 55.4 | -12.0 | 0.86          | 1         | -0.37 | 1.41       | -3.20          |
| Farmerville          | 55.1            | 35.7 | 45.4 | 55.9 | -10.5 | NA            | NA        | NA    | NA         | NA             |
| Homer                | 49.8            | 24.8 | 37.3 | 54.7 | -16.9 | 1.10          | 1         | 0.33  | 2.08       | 0.32           |
| Extreme/Average      | 53.1            | 31.0 | 42.0 | 55.3 | -13.1 | 0.98          | 1         | -0.02 | 1.81       | -1.86          |
| <b>Northeast</b>     |                 |      |      |      |       |               |           |       |            |                |
| Lake Providence      | 55.9            | 34.9 | 45.4 | 56.3 | -10.9 | 0.44          | 1         | -0.72 | 1.00       | -0.94          |
| St Joseph            | 64.2            | 39.6 | 51.9 | 58.6 | -7.0  | 0.08          | 2         | -0.78 | 0.27       | -3.55          |
| Tallulah             | 58.7            | 40.4 | 49.6 | 57.3 | -7.8  | 0.98          | 1         | -0.17 | 1.43       | -2.96          |
| Winnsboro            | NA              | NA   | NA   | 57.8 | NA    | NA            | NA        | NA    | NA         | NA             |
| Extreme/Average      | 59.6            | 38.3 | 48.9 | 57.5 | -8.6  | 0.50          | 2         | -0.56 | 0.68       | -2.51          |
| <b>West Central</b>  |                 |      |      |      |       |               |           |       |            |                |
| Ashland              | NA              | NA   | NA   | 56.9 | NA    | NA            | NA        | NA    | NA         | NA             |
| Hodges Gardens       | 60.6            | 39.4 | 50.0 | 59.0 | -9.3  | 0.08          | 1         | -0.99 | 0.72       | -4.40          |
| Leesville            | 60.3            | 39.3 | 49.8 | 58.0 | -8.2  | 1.08          | 1         | -0.29 | 3.31       | -1.89          |
| Natchitoches         | 57.4            | 36.9 | 47.1 | 58.5 | -11.3 | 0.78          | 2         | -0.33 | 1.17       | -3.63          |
| Extreme/Average      | 59.4            | 38.5 | 49.0 | 58.1 | -9.6  | 0.65          | 2         | -0.54 | 1.36       | -2.92          |
| <b>Central</b>       |                 |      |      |      |       |               |           |       |            |                |
| Alexandria           | 61.3            | 37.6 | 49.4 | 59.3 | -9.8  | 0.05          | 3         | -1.37 | 0.45       | -5.10          |
| Bunkie               | 62.1            | 39.3 | 50.7 | 59.7 | -9.0  | 0.15          | 2         | -1.15 | 0.15       | -5.29          |
| Eunice               | 61.1            | 39.4 | 50.3 | 61.9 | -11.6 | 0.11          | 1         | -1.02 | 0.71       | -4.33          |
| Jonesville Locks     | 59.4            | 35.9 | 47.6 | 59.0 | -11.4 | 0.07          | 1         | -1.24 | 0.17       | -4.89          |
| New Roads            | 60.3            | 37.7 | 49.0 | 61.0 | -12.0 | 1.45          | 1         | 0.54  | 1.48       | -2.73          |
| Extreme/Average      | 60.8            | 38.0 | 49.4 | 60.2 | -10.8 | 0.37          | 3         | -0.85 | 0.59       | -4.47          |
| <b>East Central</b>  |                 |      |      |      |       |               |           |       |            |                |
| Baton Rouge          | NA              | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA    | 0.20          | 1         | -0.87 | 0.33       | -4.10          |
| Hammond              | 61.4            | 34.6 | 48.0 | 59.9 | -11.9 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.73 | 0.04       | -3.75          |
| Norwood              | NA              | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA    | 0.20          | 2         | NA    | 0.36       | NA             |
| Slidell              | 62.1            | 41.0 | 51.6 | NA   | NA    | 0.40          | 1         | NA    | 0.41       | NA             |
| Extreme/Average      | 61.8            | 37.8 | 49.8 | 59.9 | -11.9 | 0.20          | 1         | -0.80 | 0.28       | -3.92          |
| <b>Southwest</b>     |                 |      |      |      |       |               |           |       |            |                |
| Crowley              | 61.1            | 40.3 | 50.7 | 61.1 | -10.4 | 0.42          | 4         | -0.71 | 3.14       | -1.76          |
| DeRidder             | 60.1            | 37.0 | 48.6 | 59.8 | -11.3 | 1.32          | 2         | -0.09 | 3.54       | -1.53          |
| Jennings             | 62.3            | 41.6 | 51.9 | 61.6 | -9.6  | 0.44          | 2         | -0.74 | 1.33       | -3.69          |
| Oberlin Fire         | 60.1            | 32.9 | 46.5 | 60.4 | -13.9 | 0.30          | 3         | -0.91 | 0.85       | -4.32          |
| Extreme/Average      | 60.9            | 38.0 | 49.4 | 60.7 | -11.3 | 0.62          | 4         | -0.61 | 2.21       | -2.83          |
| <b>South Central</b> |                 |      |      |      |       |               |           |       |            |                |
| Donaldsonville       | 62.7            | 39.6 | 51.1 | 61.3 | -10.1 | 0.07          | 4         | -0.89 | 0.14       | -3.95          |
| Jeanerette           | 64.3            | 38.9 | 52.4 | 61.9 | -9.5  | 0.32          | 2         | -0.55 | 0.59       | -3.49          |
| Lafayette            | 62.1            | 37.6 | 49.9 | 61.1 | -11.2 | 0.20          | 2         | -0.89 | 0.98       | -3.73          |
| Morgan City          | 61.5            | 38.6 | 50.6 | 62.9 | -12.2 | 0.17          | 2         | -0.62 | 0.44       | -3.05          |
| Extreme/Average      | 62.6            | 38.7 | 51.0 | 61.8 | -10.8 | 0.19          | 4         | -0.74 | 0.54       | -3.55          |
| <b>Southeast</b>     |                 |      |      |      |       |               |           |       |            |                |
| Galliano             | 62.4            | 43.1 | 52.8 | 63.5 | -10.7 | 0.73          | 2         | -0.03 | 0.73       | -2.35          |
| Gonzales             | NA              | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA    | 0.11          | 2         | -0.91 | 0.21       | -4.08          |
| Grand Isle           | NA              | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA    | NA            | NA        | NA    | NA         | NA             |
| New Orleans          | 74.7            | 55.5 | 64.8 | NA   | NA    | NA            | NA        | NA    | NA         | NA             |
| Extreme/Average      | 68.5            | 49.3 | 58.8 | 63.5 | -10.7 | 0.42          | 2         | -0.47 | 0.53       | -2.04          |
| <b>State</b>         | 60.4            | 38.4 | 49.4 | 59.4 | -11.0 | 0.51          | 2         | -0.58 | 1.11       | -3.04          |

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.