



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 21, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 68.3 degrees Fahrenheit at DeRidder to 78.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 86.0 degrees Fahrenheit at DeRidder to 93.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. Scattered rain throughout most of the state, with the highest concentration in the northwest part of the state with an average of 3.14 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending June 21, 2015**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, silked	94	88	95	98
Corn, dough	24	5	18	35
Cotton, emerged	100	92	100	100
Cotton, squaring	53	41	47	56
Cotton, setting bolls	1	NA	1	5
Hay, first cutting	81	75	90	93
Rice, headed	22	12	11	21
Sorghum, headed	50	31	46	56
Soybeans, planted	98	96	98	98
Soybeans, emerged	94	91	93	94
Soybeans, blooming	53	33	47	40
Soybeans, setting pods	14	NA	0	0
Sweet Potatoes, planted	67	49	83	88
Winter Wheat, harvested	94	81	95	98

**Crop condition for week ending June 21, 2015**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	2	3	25	66	4
Cotton	1	3	43	41	12
Livestock	1	4	35	50	10
Pasture	3	10	31	47	9
Rice	0	5	28	54	13
Sorghum	6	14	31	47	2
Soybeans	3	11	29	45	12
Sugarcane	1	3	27	55	14
Vegetables	3	19	37	38	3

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Some receiving scattered showers and others are irrigating. It does not take our silt loam soils on the Macon Ridge long to dry out and producers needing to irrigate.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“All commodities are looking really good with improved weather conditions. Some soybeans are still struggling with wet conditions. Corn, grain sorghum, and rice crops all look to be in good shape going into grain production. Moderate to heavy populations of sugarcane aphids in grain sorghum and some rice disease issues have been reported but no other major pest outbreaks have been noted. Pastures and hay fields continue to offer abundant forages somewhat but low on quality.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Almost all crops in Grant parish affected by flooding or extreme rainfall. Several hundred acres of pasture affected; some still under water. Other later planted crops stunted.”

– Donna Morgan, Grant & Rapides Parishes

“Still extremely wet conditions and not much fieldwork in Acadia parish. Still very wet field conditions in Jefferson Davis parish. Soybean producers trying to get water off fields and apply herbicides. Rice producers applying fungicides.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Sunny and dry conditions allowed fieldwork and conditions for good crop development. Sugarcane continues to make good growth but weed pressure in some fields is high. Soybeans and milo are trying to recover in some saturated areas but may ultimately end up with lower yield potential. Soybeans on high ground and planted on sugarcane rows are making good progress.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Dry weather has allowed producers to work crops. Vegetables are in full production, soybeans growing well and sugarcane growing well. Citrus producers scouting for insects and diseases. Crawfish producers draining ponds.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending June 21, 2015**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	87.9	73.3	80.6	79.4	1.2	3.47	4	2.23	9.90	5.51
Mooringsport	86.3	73.9	80.1	80.2	-0.1	1.54	5	0.29	4.29	-0.24
Red River	89.6	73.0	81.3	80.7	0.8	NA	NA	NA	6.33	2.27
Shreveport	88.0	72.4	80.2	80.0	0.2	4.42	4	3.26	7.48	3.09
Extreme/Average	87.9	73.2	80.5	80.1	0.5	3.14	5	1.93	7.00	2.66
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	87.9	70.9	79.4	78.6	0.8	1.36	4	0.24	8.25	3.89
Farmerville	88.7	72.3	80.6	79.2	1.2	3.19	6	1.81	8.69	3.42
Homer	87.8	71.2	79.5	77.7	1.9	4.68	6	3.72	8.61	6.93
Extreme/Average	88.1	71.5	79.8	78.5	1.3	3.08	6	1.92	8.52	4.75
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	90.1	74.4	82.3	80.1	2.2	0.19	5	-0.79	4.06	1.68
St Joseph	92.2	74.8	83.5	80.9	2.7	0.32	2	-0.36	4.48	0.83
Tallulah	92.4	75.9	84.1	79.9	4.2	0.35	2	-0.64	6.62	2.50
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	80.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.78	1.63
Extreme/Average	91.6	75.0	83.3	80.4	3.0	0.29	5	-0.60	4.49	1.66
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	79.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	91.0	73.0	82.0	80.4	1.9	0.61	4	0.29	6.06	2.55
Leesville	89.3	72.7	81.0	79.2	1.8	4.07	2	2.82	8.40	3.72
Natchitoches	87.6	72.9	80.2	80.9	-0.7	1.79	5	0.67	5.39	1.67
Extreme/Average	89.3	72.9	81.1	79.9	1.0	2.16	5	1.26	6.62	2.65
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	89.7	74.6	82.1	81.2	1.0	NA	NA	NA	5.24	0.54
Bunkie	89.8	74.3	82.1	80.7	1.4	1.22	2	0.09	7.03	2.14
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	82.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	89.0	74.9	81.9	80.6	1.3	0.62	3	-0.55	5.93	1.70
New Roads	93.0	74.5	83.8	81.2	2.6	0.73	4	-0.48	5.13	0.29
Extreme/Average	90.4	74.6	82.5	81.2	1.6	0.86	4	-0.31	5.83	1.17
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.12	3	-1.47	7.42	1.85
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	80.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.91	2	NA	6.95	NA
Slidell	88.9	76.4	82.6	NA	NA	0.41	1	NA	3.74	NA
Extreme/Average	88.9	76.4	82.6	80.0	NA	0.48	3	-1.47	6.04	1.85
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	87.2	75.8	81.5	81.2	0.4	0.67	4	-0.57	9.61	3.99
DeRidder	86.0	68.3	77.2	80.5	-3.1	1.35	2	0.72	5.22	0.85
Jennings	88.4	76.1	82.3	80.9	1.4	NA	NA	NA	9.17	3.42
Oberlin Fire	87.7	74.4	81.1	80.3	0.8	0.25	3	-1.41	5.93	0.14
Extreme/Average	87.3	73.7	80.5	80.7	-0.1	0.76	4	-0.42	7.48	2.10
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	90.7	75.6	83.1	80.6	2.6	0.29	3	-1.53	7.20	1.10
Jeanerette	88.4	74.6	81.5	81.1	0.5	1.31	1	-0.13	11.51	5.69
Lafayette	89.2	74.8	82.0	80.5	1.6	0.99	2	-0.37	8.59	3.56
Morgan City	89.0	77.2	83.1	80.7	2.3	0.26	2	-1.25	6.41	1.70
Extreme/Average	89.3	75.5	82.4	80.7	1.7	0.71	3	-0.82	8.43	3.01
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	88.0	78.4	83.2	81.1	2.1	0.17	3	-1.59	2.93	-3.15
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.30	1	-0.53	6.10	0.35
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	91.5	78.5	85.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.09	NA
Extreme/Average	89.8	78.5	84.1	81.1	2.1	0.73	3	-1.06	4.71	-1.40
<b>State</b>	89.1	74.6	81.9	80.3	1.2	1.29	4	-0.02	6.53	1.93

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.