



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 28, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 68.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 76.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 88.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 95.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph and New Orleans. Mixed wet and dry weather condition in the state, with some areas receiving frequent rain showers to other areas having hot and dry conditions.

Crop progress for week ending June 28, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, silked	98	94	99	100
Corn, dough	58	24	42	56
Cotton, squaring	68	53	66	75
Cotton, setting bolls	17	1	16	22
Hay, first cutting	89	81	94	96
Rice, headed	51	22	28	37
Sorghum, headed	71	50	71	72
Soybeans, planted	99	98	99	99
Soybeans, emerged	97	94	96	97
Soybeans, blooming	69	53	60	53
Soybeans, setting pods	31	14	17	13
Sweet Potatoes, planted	89	67	94	94
Winter Wheat, harvested	99	94	99	100

Crop condition for week ending June 28, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	2	3	24	65	6
Cotton	1	4	37	42	16
Livestock	1	4	33	51	11
Pasture	3	9	32	48	8
Rice	0	7	36	44	13
Sorghum	6	13	29	49	3
Soybeans	3	11	30	46	10
Sugarcane	0	3	27	57	13
Sweet Potatoes	1	4	35	58	2
Vegetables	3	19	40	35	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Frequent rainfall has kept pasture conditions good with ample grazing forage, however this has hindered the production of high quality hay due to inability to harvest at correct stage or hay getting wet after it has been cut. If this pattern continues, it will cause deficiencies in herd nutrition when stored forage feeding begins this fall.

– Jason Holmes, Union Parish

“Occasional showers alternated with plenty of sunshine enhanced most crop growth this past week. Heading rice receiving fungicide applications, with later rice being fertilized at green ring. Although stressed, most soybeans showing growth, some disease pressure evident in earlier planted beans. Pasture and hay fields getting more mature and rank due to threats of rain preventing baling, livestock mosquito pressure lighter in most areas.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Finished planting beans last week. This was the last of the wheat and early replanted beans. Corn is okay some still showing effects of fertilizer loss during heavy rains. Cane is looking good all over. Hay producers in full operation but afternoon showers have slowed some of their progress.”

– Miles J. Brashier, Ponte Coupee Parish

“A few days of drier weather helped producers apply soybean herbicides and rice fungicides in Acadia. Still daily rain showers but some producers have been able to apply soybean herbicides and rice fungicides in Jefferson Davis. In both parishes; scattered showers has slowed hay production and crawfish producers are stocking and draining ponds.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Toward the end of the week drier conditions were interrupted by heavy rains suspending field progress. Cane continues to make good growth but weed pressure and drainage issues are hampering development in some fields. Soybeans planted early on cane rows are making good growth while later planted beans on flat ground are struggling to cope with the wet season. Stinkbugs are starting to show up in some bean fields. Hay growers continue to struggle with wet conditions.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rain has hampered some field activity. Sugarcane farmers scouting for insects, cattlemen cutting hay, vegetable producers selling produce and citrus producers spraying for insects.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending June 28, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	91.1	72.1	81.6	80.5	1.1	1.33	3	0.12	5.24	0.59
Mooringsport	91.6	74.3	82.9	81.5	1.5	0.30	2	-0.88	1.86	-2.88
Red River	91.0	75.0	83.0	81.7	1.3	NA	NA	NA	4.50	-0.06
Shreveport	91.4	72.7	82.1	81.2	0.9	0.79	1	-0.45	5.38	0.76
Extreme/Average	91.3	73.5	82.4	81.2	1.2	0.81	3	-0.40	4.25	-0.40
North Central										
Calhoun	90.9	70.6	80.7	79.6	1.1	1.47	1	0.35	4.99	0.62
Farmerville	89.7	70.9	80.3	80.5	-0.3	NA	NA	NA	5.48	0.01
Homer	90.0	68.7	79.3	78.8	0.3	0.22	3	-0.11	3.83	3.02
Extreme/Average	90.2	70.1	80.1	79.6	0.4	0.84	3	0.12	4.77	1.22
Northeast										
Lake Providence	92.3	73.7	83.0	81.2	1.9	0.74	3	0.48	1.73	0.90
St Joseph	95.0	75.5	85.3	81.7	3.7	NA	NA	NA	1.46	-1.89
Tallulah	93.4	76.1	84.8	80.8	4.0	NA	NA	NA	2.82	-0.99
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	81.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-1.45
Extreme/Average	93.6	75.1	84.3	81.3	3.2	0.74	3	0.48	1.50	-0.86
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	80.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	92.0	72.7	82.4	81.1	1.2	1.41	3	0.32	5.29	0.92
Leesville	93.7	70.3	82.0	80.0	2.0	0.47	2	-0.77	5.41	0.65
Natchitoches	91.3	73.6	82.4	82.1	0.4	1.55	2	0.08	3.36	-0.95
Extreme/Average	92.3	72.2	82.3	80.8	1.2	1.14	3	-0.12	4.69	0.21
Central										
Alexandria	91.7	72.3	82.0	82.0	0.0	3.80	3	2.41	6.29	1.30
Bunkie	90.7	73.3	82.0	81.4	0.6	2.80	2	1.55	6.57	1.65
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	82.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	91.6	74.3	82.9	81.4	1.5	4.12	4	2.97	6.97	2.56
New Roads	92.7	73.8	83.3	82.1	1.2	0.74	4	-0.42	2.46	-2.61
Extreme/Average	91.7	73.4	82.5	81.9	0.8	2.86	4	1.63	5.57	0.72
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.90	2	2.14	8.63	2.52
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	80.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.55	3	NA	2.77	NA
Slidell	90.3	74.0	82.1	NA	NA	1.51	5	NA	3.52	NA
Extreme/Average	90.3	74.0	82.1	80.7	NA	1.99	5	2.14	4.97	2.52
Southwest										
Crowley	90.3	73.7	82.0	81.7	0.3	1.06	3	-0.65	8.10	1.56
DeRidder	90.4	71.4	80.9	81.2	-0.3	NA	4	-1.17	3.19	-2.06
Jennings	91.4	74.6	83.0	81.5	1.5	0.42	0	-1.23	6.81	0.61
Oberlin Fire	90.6	72.1	81.4	81.0	0.4	0.41	3	-1.27	2.74	-3.43
Extreme/Average	90.7	73.0	81.8	81.3	0.5	0.63	4	-1.08	5.21	-0.83
South Central										
Donaldsonville	92.1	73.9	83.0	81.2	1.8	2.98	2	1.23	7.84	1.18
Jeanerette	90.0	72.9	81.4	81.6	-0.2	4.18	5	2.06	10.45	3.07
Lafayette	92.0	75.9	83.9	81.1	2.9	1.19	3	-0.48	6.46	0.67
Morgan City	90.0	75.3	82.6	81.3	1.3	0.95	4	-0.91	3.29	-2.48
Extreme/Average	91.0	74.5	82.8	81.3	1.4	2.32	5	0.47	7.01	0.61
Southeast										
Galliano	88.7	75.7	82.2	81.6	0.6	0.46	4	-1.44	2.58	-4.11
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.61	2	0.87	5.51	-1.04
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	95.0	76.2	85.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.20	NA
Extreme/Average	91.8	76.0	83.9	81.6	0.6	1.53	4	-0.28	3.76	-2.58
State	91.4	73.4	82.4	81.1	0.9	1.46	3	0.33	4.67	0.03

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.