



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending July 5, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 5, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 77.6 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 87.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley to 94.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Frequent heavy scattered showers throughout most of the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 2.75 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 5, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, silked	99	98	100	100
Corn, dough	85	58	67	75
Corn, dent	23	0	34	11
Cotton, squaring	82	68	80	87
Cotton, setting bolls	19	17	36	42
Hay, first cutting	89	84	97	98
Hay, second cutting	5	NA	33	33
Rice, headed	66	51	53	53
Sorghum, headed	85	71	85	84
Sorghum, coloring	8	NA	23	23
Soybeans, planted	100	99	100	99
Soybeans, emerged	99	97	97	98
Soybeans, blooming	79	69	75	65
Soybeans, setting pods	53	31	35	36
Sweet Potatoes, planted	90	89	98	97
Winter Wheat, harvested	100	99	100	100

Crop condition for week ending July 5, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	2	3	20	69	6
Cotton	1	4	37	42	16
Livestock	1	4	33	51	11
Pasture	3	10	31	48	8
Rice	0	5	33	46	16
Sorghum	6	13	31	46	4
Soybeans	3	12	28	45	12
Sugarcane	0	4	26	56	14
Sweet Potatoes	1	4	35	58	2
Vegetables	3	20	40	34	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rain events continue to be an issue for most commodity production. Soils are saturated in many areas creating crop stress with much uncertainty to what yields will be at harvest time. Insect pressure has been moderate to low in most crop areas.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Frequent scattered showers still affecting most field operations. Rice heading is advancing well, no reports of stink bug pressure yet, fungicide applications continuing on later rice. Soybean growth has progressed well with more sunshine and somewhat drier conditions. Unstable weather still delaying hay harvest, while many pastures are over-mature, some drier fields are being clipped of excessive mature growth. Crawfish ponds being drained, some still fishing actually reporting very good to excellent catches. Most fields have been stocked for next year.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Still wet conditions effecting soybeans growth. Hay producers still needing to make first cutting. Rice crop is looking good. Disease pressure has slowed some.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Still scattered showers almost daily, on some of the early rice the water has been drained in Acadia. Daily showers, some areas have too much rain and some are really dry in Jefferson Davis. Rice starting to look better with some of the early rice having the water cut off. In both parishes; rice producers still applying fungicides. Soybean are starting to look better.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Rain continues to stop nearly all field work. Some sugarcane and soybeans sprayed due to heavy weed/grass and insect pressure. Despite all the rain this year, sugarcane and soybeans appear to be developing well as does livestock. Main concern for crops and pasture is control of weeds/grass and insects.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Vegetable production is slowing down. Sugarcane growing well and producers scouting for insects. Cattlemen cutting hay. Citrus producers scouting for insects and disease.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 5, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	88.1	71.4	79.8	81.4	-1.6	0.00	0	0.00	7.05	2.35
Mooringsport	89.4	72.9	81.1	82.4	-1.3	0.75	3	-0.17	2.61	-1.92
Red River	90.2	73.2	81.8	82.4	-0.5	0.00	0	0.00	4.88	0.77
Shreveport	89.7	70.4	80.1	82.1	-2.0	2.27	1	1.22	7.65	3.05
Extreme/Average	89.3	72.0	80.7	82.1	-1.3	1.51	0	0.53	5.55	1.06
North Central										
Calhoun	91.6	72.6	82.1	80.4	1.6	0.50	3	-0.44	5.49	1.23
Farmerville	87.7	73.0	80.2	81.5	-1.4	1.98	1	0.74	7.46	2.00
Homer	89.1	70.9	80.0	79.6	0.4	0.46	3	-0.61	4.29	2.41
Extreme/Average	89.5	72.2	80.8	80.5	0.2	0.98	3	-0.10	5.75	1.88
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.1	70.9	79.5	81.9	-2.4	1.78	2	1.40	3.51	2.30
St Joseph	91.6	72.4	82.0	82.3	-0.3	0.00	0	0.00	4.71	1.13
Tallulah	90.9	72.9	81.9	81.5	0.4	0.82	3	-0.20	3.64	-0.31
Winnsboro	0.0	0.0	0.0	82.1	0.0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	-0.32
Extreme/Average	90.2	72.1	81.1	81.9	-0.8	1.30	3	0.60	2.96	0.70
West Central										
Ashland	0.00	0.0	0.00	80.7	0.0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hodges Gardens	90.5	70.0	80.3	81.7	-1.3	0.02	1	-0.28	5.31	1.67
Leesville	92.0	70.7	81.4	80.7	0.7	2.00	1	0.91	7.41	2.67
Natchitoches	90.4	72.3	81.4	83.0	-1.6	1.21	3	0.44	4.57	0.27
Extreme/Average	91.0	71.0	81.0	81.5	-0.7	1.08	3	0.36	5.76	1.54
Central										
Alexandria	92.1	71.6	81.9	82.6	-0.8	0.00	0	0.00	7.41	2.29
Bunkie	90.7	73.3	82.0	81.9	0.1	1.34	3	0.26	7.91	3.17
Eunice	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.4	0.0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jonesville Locks	90.0	73.0	81.5	82.0	-0.5	1.97	2	0.92	8.94	4.58
New Roads	0.0	0.0	0.0	82.6	0.0	0.00	0	0.00	2.46	-1.39
Extreme/Average	90.9	72.6	81.8	82.5	-0.4	1.66	3	0.59	6.68	2.16
East Central										
Baton Rouge	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.23	4	1.63	10.88	4.11
Hammond	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.2	0.0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Norwood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.82	4	0.00	4.37	0.00
Slidell	89.1	74.6	81.9	0.0	0.0	0.42	6	0.00	3.38	0.00
Extreme/Average	89.1	74.6	81.9	81.2	0.0	1.82	6	1.63	6.21	4.11
Southwest										
Crowley	87.4	73.9	80.6	82.0	-1.4	1.80	5	0.27	7.68	1.12
DeRidder	89.3	73.0	81.1	81.8	-0.6	0.94	2	-0.59	4.13	-1.46
Jennings	89.0	73.7	81.4	81.9	-0.5	0.52	1	-0.89	7.33	1.07
Oberlin Fire	88.9	72.4	80.6	81.5	-0.8	0.02	5	-1.48	2.76	-3.55
Extreme/Average	88.7	73.3	80.9	81.8	-0.8	0.82	5	-0.67	5.47	-0.70
South Central										
Donaldsonville	90.3	73.7	82.0	81.7	0.3	1.45	1	-0.17	7.11	0.32
Jeanerette	88.7	73.1	80.9	82.0	-1.1	0.35	5	-1.56	10.30	2.52
Lafayette	89.3	73.0	81.2	81.4	-0.2	1.34	3	0.63	6.53	1.32
Morgan City	91.1	76.3	83.7	81.8	1.9	2.46	5	0.63	5.00	-1.45
Extreme/Average	89.8	74.0	82.0	81.7	0.3	1.40	5	-0.12	7.24	0.68
Southeast										
Galliano	88.3	77.6	82.9	82.0	1.0	0.00	0	0.00	3.67	-3.46
Gonzales	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.75	5	1.18	8.11	1.41
Grand Isle	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Orleans	94.2	75.5	84.8	0.0	0.0	0.00	0	0.00	4.46	0.00
Extreme/Average	91.3	76.5	83.9	82.0	1.0	2.75	5	1.18	5.41	-1.02
State	90.0	73.2	81.6	81.7	-0.3	1.49	4	0.42	5.70	1.10

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.