



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending July 12, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 12, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 14 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Low and high temperatures ranged are not available. Dry conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state after weeks of frequent heavy scattered showers.

Crop progress for week ending July 12, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, silked	100	99	100	100
Corn, dough	92	85	88	92
Corn, dent	66	23	61	NA
Cotton, squaring	90	82	91	95
Cotton, setting bolls	45	19	56	62
Hay, first cutting	97	89	99	99
Hay, second cutting	27	5	44	47
Rice, headed	75	66	70	63
Rice, mature	4	NA	0	3
Sorghum, headed	91	85	92	91
Sorghum, coloring	33	8	46	47
Soybeans, emerged	100	99	100	99
Soybeans, blooming	85	79	84	78
Soybeans, setting pods	64	53	54	54
Sweet Potatoes, planted	99	90	100	99

Crop condition for week ending July 12, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	2	2	13	75	8
Cotton	1	4	32	47	16
Livestock	1	4	34	50	11
Pasture	3	10	31	48	8
Rice	0	5	24	55	16
Sorghum	1	13	29	52	5
Soybeans	2	8	19	59	12
Sugarcane	0	4	26	56	14
Sweet Potatoes	1	4	35	58	2
Vegetables	3	20	41	32	4

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Late planted soybeans struggling due to so much rain. Corn starting to fire up. Hay production is spotty at best. A lot of hay production lost due to excessive rainfall. Sugarcane progressing well. Early planted soybeans look good.”

– Miles J. Brashier, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Rain free sunny weather allowed a large amount of hay to be cut and in the process of being baled since last Friday, which is long overdue. Rice continues to mature with excellent weather with very low stinkbug reports so far. Soybean growth really benefitting from sunshine, however some disease reports of frog eye leaf spot in different areas. Crawfish ponds being drained and re-conditioned or planted. In a short length of time our soil has gone from a saturated state to crop and lawn conditions where irrigation may be needed shortly.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Rice farmers are beginning to drain fields and are scouting for stink bugs. Some hay was harvested with the drier weather. Some sugarcane was treated for borers. The breeding season is ending for some ranchers.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Weather conditions allowed for fields to dry up and farmers were busy working fallow ground, and spraying sugarcane and soybean fields for insects, weeds, and grass. Despite all the rain this year these crops look as though they will have very good yields. Also, hay was baled but quality is of concern.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“A relatively dry, hot week allowed good field progress. Sugarcane borer pressure is requiring treatment. Soybeans are being sprayed for stinkbugs and fungal diseases. Rice fields are being drained for harvest. Hay producers are cutting, applying fertilizer and herbicides. Some cattle producers are starting to market spring born calves.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for
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Not Available

