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Week Ending July 19, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 19, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 44 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 29 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 71.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 79.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 92.7 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans to 95.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. Dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 0.50 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 19, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	94	92	95	98
Corn, dent	84	66	75	NA
Corn, mature	17	NA	14	10
Cotton, squaring	97	90	94	97
Cotton, setting bolls	71	45	74	76
Hay, first cutting	100	97	100	100
Hay, second cutting	49	27	50	58
Rice, headed	85	75	81	76
Rice, mature	12	4	3	9
Sorghum, headed	97	91	96	96
Sorghum, coloring	67	33	60	65
Soybeans, blooming	88	85	89	87
Soybeans, setting pods	76	64	68	69
Soybeans, turning color	6	NA	0	2
Sweet Potatoes, planted	100	99	100	100

Crop condition for week ending July 19, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	2	2	14	76	6
Cotton	1	4	32	47	16
Livestock	1	4	35	50	10
Pasture	3	11	36	43	7
Rice	0	5	24	56	15
Sorghum	3	13	29	54	1
Soybeans	2	9	21	56	12
Sugarcane	1	4	28	53	14
Sweet Potatoes	1	4	36	57	2
Vegetables	3	22	43	29	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“The last two weeks have been very hot and dry. Most producers have finished irrigating corn. Late planted grain sorghum, soybean and rice are stressing in the hot dry conditions. Crops are now showing drought stress due to limited root growth due to the earlier wet soil conditions.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Most crops could use some rain at this point. The dry spell allowed for an abundance of hay to be made. The rice crop matures and some harvesting has begun with more next week. The corn crop is drying down really well and grain sorghum reaches maturity as well. Early soybeans that survived wet spring conditions are turning color. Some disease pressure in soybeans and late season rice, and some weed issues also being reported. Fallow ground and crawfish are being prepared for next year's crop.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry weather allowed for hay harvest. Cane and pastures could use some rain. Rice farmers have had to pump water on younger rice. Much of the rice is nearing maturity and several fields have been drained. Rice harvest started with good conditions. Ranchers continue to pull bulls and are beginning to wean calves.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Rice combines have started rolling. Dry weather has aided field drying conditions. High temperatures have dried up top soil moisture and many fields would benefit from a shower. Dry conditions are allowing growers to catch up on fieldwork. Sugarcane growers are preparing fields for sugarcane planting at the end of the month. Hay harvest is in full swing.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Sugarcane farmers scouting for borers. Cattlemen cutting hay. Citrus producers scouting trees. Vegetable producers selling produce.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr, Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 19, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	93.3	74.9	84.1	82.3	1.7	0.00	0	-0.80	3.46	-0.59
Mooringsport	94.4	76.9	85.6	83.2	2.5	0.00	0	-0.71	1.05	-2.59
Red River	94.8	76.2	85.5	83.2	2.3	NA	NA	NA	3.51	0.02
Shreveport	94.3	73.9	84.1	82.9	1.2	0.00	0	-1.10	4.11	-0.24
Extreme/Average	94.2	75.5	84.8	82.9	1.9	0.00	0	-0.87	3.03	-0.85
North Central										
Calhoun	93.7	72.0	82.9	81.3	1.5	0.00	0	-0.76	2.84	-0.84
Farmerville	94.1	77.0	85.6	82.4	3.2	0.00	0	-0.95	3.23	-1.47
Homer	94.1	72.3	83.2	80.6	2.6	0.00	0	-0.85	1.15	-2.21
Extreme/Average	94.0	73.8	83.9	81.4	2.4	0.00	0	-0.85	2.41	-1.51
Northeast										
Lake Providence	95.3	76.1	85.7	82.6	3.1	0.00	0	-0.71	6.16	3.98
St Joseph	94.2	75.8	85.0	82.8	2.2	0.00	0	-0.56	3.38	0.00
Tallulah	95.8	77.0	86.4	82.1	4.3	NA	NA	NA	3.05	-0.44
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.33	0.95
Extreme/Average	95.1	76.3	85.7	82.6	3.2	0.00	0	-0.64	3.98	1.12
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	95.0	73.3	84.2	82.6	1.6	0.00	0	-0.41	3.73	0.20
Leesville	95.7	71.2	83.4	81.4	2.0	0.00	0	-0.73	2.89	-1.20
Natchitoches	93.6	74.9	84.2	83.8	0.4	0.00	0	-1.05	1.55	-2.52
Extreme/Average	94.8	73.1	83.9	82.4	1.4	0.00	0	-0.73	2.72	-1.17
Central										
Alexandria	95.0	75.0	85.0	83.3	1.7	NA	NA	NA	5.86	1.21
Bunkie	94.8	74.8	84.8	82.5	2.4	0.00	0	-0.72	4.65	0.61
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	93.3	76.4	84.9	82.6	2.2	0.00	0	-0.84	6.37	2.34
New Roads	95.0	75.0	85.0	83.0	2.0	0.00	0	-0.40	2.28	-1.41
Extreme/Average	94.5	75.3	84.9	83.1	2.1	0.00	0	-0.65	4.79	0.69
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.04	0	-1.31	9.74	3.50
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.49	NA
Slidell	94.2	77.3	85.8	NA	NA	0.96	1	NA	4.09	NA
Extreme/Average	94.2	77.3	85.8	81.7	NA	0.50	1	-1.31	5.77	3.50
Southwest										
Crowley	93.4	75.4	84.4	82.2	2.2	0.00	1	-0.89	3.03	-2.53
DeRidder	94.0	73.5	83.8	82.3	1.5	0.00	1	-0.62	1.45	-3.22
Jennings	94.3	75.6	84.9	82.2	2.7	NA	NA	NA	2.48	-2.86
Oberlin Fire	93.1	72.7	82.9	82.0	1.0	0.00	0	-1.17	0.55	-5.17
Extreme/Average	93.7	74.3	84.0	82.2	1.8	0.00	1	-0.89	1.88	-3.44
South Central										
Donaldsonville	94.3	76.3	85.3	82.0	3.3	NA	0	-1.38	4.93	-1.39
Jeanerette	93.4	74.6	84.0	82.3	1.7	0.18	0	-0.92	5.25	-1.65
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.53	-0.24
Morgan City	93.4	78.3	85.9	82.2	3.6	0.00	1	-1.50	5.02	-1.82
Extreme/Average	93.7	76.4	85.1	82.1	2.9	0.09	1	-1.27	4.43	-1.28
Southeast										
Galliano	94.7	79.9	87.3	82.3	5.0	0.60	0	-1.23	2.29	-4.88
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	3	-1.24	6.77	0.73
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	92.7	78.7	85.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.93	NA
Extreme/Average	93.7	79.3	86.5	82.3	5.0	0.30	3	-1.23	4.33	-2.08
State	94.2	75.7	84.9	82.3	2.3	0.10	0	-0.92	3.67	-0.66

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.