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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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Week Ending August 16, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 16, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 39 percent very short, 43 percent short, 18 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 34 percent very short, 40 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 61.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria to 80.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 92.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City to 102.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens. Hot, dry weather conditions throughout most of the state with scattered rain in some areas, with the highest rain concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 1.61 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 16, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dent	100	97	100	NA
Corn, mature	95	82	85	96
Corn, harvested	74	32	11	50
Cotton, setting bolls	97	93	97	99
Cotton, open bolls	18	9	16	34
Hay, second cutting	91	88	87	89
Rice, headed	98	96	98	98
Rice, mature	88	79	57	71
Rice, harvested	63	40	26	42
Sorghum, coloring	98	96	96	98
Sorghum, mature	88	84	80	83
Sorghum, harvested	61	48	34	51
Soybeans, blooming	99	97	100	99
Soybeans, setting pods	95	91	94	95
Soybeans, turning color	53	42	35	34
Soybeans, dropping leaves	39	24	16	16
Soybeans, mature	11	NA	6	NA
Soybeans, harvested	7	NA	0	5
Sugarcane, planted	29	16	12	19

Crop condition for week ending August 16, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	4	35	58	3
Cotton	1	5	37	49	8
Livestock	1	8	45	40	6
Pasture	5	24	43	26	2
Rice	0	6	33	54	7
Sorghum	3	13	34	49	1
Soybeans	1	9	36	47	7
Sugarcane	3	6	32	47	12
Vegetables	6	35	35	23	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Corn harvest almost complete. Some soybeans harvested, early soybean harvest will start next week. We are still very dry.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Dry conditions allowed corn and sorghum harvest to continue. Good-excellent yields reported so far. Sugarcane planting is progressing as well.”

– Donna Morgan, Rapides Parish

“The corn and grain sorghum harvest are near complete. The rice harvest is well underway. Producers have had some relieve in areas with isolated rain showers but more is needed for crops to benefit, soybean and sugarcane crops are suffering the most at this point. Yield reports are good on corn, grain sorghum, and rice. Some early soybeans offered good yields as well but the remainder of the crop is questionable after suffering from the extended dry period and high temperatures.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Still very dry. Rice harvest making excellent progress. Producers applying fertilizer and flooding fields for ratoon crop. Soybeans desperately need a rain. No insect or disease being reported in soybeans.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Hot, dry conditions have slowed crop development and will likely lower later planted soybean yields. Early planted beans are being harvested with yield reports in the 30-50 bushel range. Cane planting is being slowed by short cane height and overly dry planting conditions. Grain sorghum and rice yields continue to be disappointment with most growers reporting a fair to poor harvest. Dry conditions have stopped pasture and hay field growth. Rain is needed for conditions to improve.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Drought beginning to take a toll on production quality.”

– Mariah Bock, Saint John the Baptist Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 16, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	97.3	73.4	85.4	82.4	2.9	0.00	0	-0.57	0.16	-2.34
Mooringsport	97.3	72.6	84.9	83.1	1.9	0.00	0	-0.67	NA	-2.63
Red River	98.8	73.8	86.3	83.3	3.0	NA	NA	NA	0.02	-2.71
Shreveport	99.1	72.9	86.0	83.1	2.9	0.00	0	-0.65	NA	-3.33
Extreme/Average	98.1	73.2	85.6	83.0	2.7	0.00	0	-0.63	0.04	-2.75
North Central										
Calhoun	96.9	68.0	82.4	81.4	1.0	0.10	0	-0.62	0.41	-2.53
Farmerville	98.4	73.4	85.9	82.1	3.8	0.00	1	-0.69	1.08	-1.73
Homer	97.2	69.6	83.4	81.0	2.4	0.08	1	-0.36	0.08	-2.43
Extreme/Average	97.5	70.3	83.9	81.5	2.4	0.06	1	-0.56	0.52	-2.23
Northeast										
Lake Providence	94.3	72.3	83.3	82.5	0.8	0.53	0	-0.12	1.82	0.96
St Joseph	97.2	72.6	84.9	82.6	2.2	0.91	1	0.26	1.41	-2.09
Tallulah	96.6	74.4	85.5	82.1	3.4	1.50	1	0.79	1.85	-0.84
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	96.0	73.1	84.6	82.5	2.1	0.98	1	0.31	1.69	-0.66
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	102.8	75.5	89.1	82.9	6.2	0.25	2	-0.27	0.36	-2.91
Leesville	99.9	70.9	85.4	81.6	3.8	0.08	1	-0.71	0.39	-2.84
Natchitoches	94.4	73.3	83.9	83.5	0.4	0.62	3	0.04	0.84	-2.37
Extreme/Average	99.0	73.2	86.1	82.5	3.4	0.32	3	-0.31	0.53	-2.71
Central										
Alexandria	96.6	61.2	78.6	83.5	-4.9	NA	NA	NA	0.35	-3.31
Bunkie	95.0	73.7	84.4	82.6	1.8	0.05	1	-0.79	1.45	-1.44
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	95.7	75.0	85.4	82.9	2.5	0.25	1	-0.52	1.03	-2.01
New Roads	NA	NA	NA	83.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.06	-0.86
Extreme/Average	95.8	70.0	82.8	83.2	-0.2	0.15	1	-0.66	0.97	-1.91
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.87	-2.60
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.44	1	NA	3.74	NA
Slidell	93.1	74.0	83.6	NA	NA	0.78	4	NA	5.25	NA
Extreme/Average	93.1	74.0	83.6	81.9	NA	1.61	4	NA	3.95	-2.60
Southwest										
Crowley	97.2	75.2	86.3	82.6	3.7	0.94	2	0.18	2.54	-1.52
DeRidder	93.0	70.0	81.5	82.6	-1.0	1.29	2	0.47	1.40	-1.22
Jennings	96.9	73.9	85.4	82.7	2.7	0.94	2	-0.21	2.47	-1.86
Oberlin Fire	96.3	72.3	84.3	82.3	2.0	NA	1	-0.97	1.14	-3.01
Extreme/Average	95.9	72.8	84.4	82.5	1.8	1.06	2	-0.13	1.89	-1.90
South Central										
Donaldsonville	95.1	76.0	85.6	82.0	3.6	0.16	0	-1.08	3.80	-1.36
Jeanerette	95.3	75.3	85.3	82.4	2.9	0.32	1	-0.84	0.91	-4.41
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	82.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	92.6	78.9	85.7	82.3	3.4	1.74	1	0.09	3.27	-2.84
Extreme/Average	94.3	76.7	85.5	82.2	3.3	0.74	1	-0.61	2.66	-2.87
Southeast										
Galliano	92.7	78.6	85.6	82.7	2.9	0.94	3	-0.82	4.42	-2.81
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	2	-1.46	1.15	-4.46
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	96.8	80.5	88.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.74	NA
Extreme/Average	94.8	79.5	87.1	82.7	2.9	0.47	3	-1.14	2.44	-3.63
State	96.0	73.4	84.7	82.5	1.9	0.59	1	-0.43	1.63	-2.33

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.