



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 23, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 24 percent very short, 35 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 20 percent very short, 30 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 68.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 76.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 86.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley and Oberlin to 95.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens. Wet weather condition throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the south central part of the state with an average of 3.40 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 23, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	97	95	93	98
Corn, harvested	87	74	34	69
Cotton, setting bolls	100	97	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	28	18	30	50
Hay, second cutting	94	91	92	92
Rice, headed	99	98	99	99
Rice, mature	92	88	80	84
Rice, harvested	75	63	43	55
Sorghum, coloring	100	98	100	100
Sorghum, mature	93	88	93	93
Sorghum, harvested	68	61	60	70
Soybeans, blooming	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	97	95	97	97
Soybeans, turning color	62	53	58	51
Soybeans, dropping leaves	46	39	38	30
Soybeans, mature	31	11	29	NA
Soybeans, harvested	15	7	5	11
Sugarcane, planted	42	29	24	31
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	1	NA	10	4

Crop condition for week ending August 23, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	4	35	58	3
Cotton	3	6	38	46	7
Livestock	1	8	44	41	6
Pasture	6	22	40	30	2
Rice	0	6	33	54	7
Sorghum	3	13	34	49	1
Soybeans	3	9	36	46	6
Sugarcane	3	6	32	44	15
Vegetables	5	34	36	24	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Corn harvest almost complete. Early planted soybean harvest is picking up. Grain sorghum acreage is up in the parish and harvest continuing. Rain has been spotty. Some cattle producers may start feeding hay in September, if rain does not come soon.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Recent rain showers and moderating temperatures have offered some relief to much of commodity production areas. The soybean crop struggled with hot dry conditions where yields were affected, it is questionable whether the recent rains will help much at all. Better ground conditions are in place for sugarcane planting and the nearing sweet potato harvest. Livestock are benefiting from moderating weather conditions as well.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rains limited rice and hay harvest and sugarcane planting. However, rains were needed for cane and pasture growth. Cattleman are weaning calves and performing fall cow conditioning.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Good widespread rains this week. Slowed rice harvest but is really helping soybeans even though it is probably too late in season. Rain is helping hay producers get another cutting before fall.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Much needed rain seems to have helped all crops, livestock, lawns, and gardens. Rains did bring sugarcane planting to almost a complete halt, and very few acres of rice or soybeans were harvested due to the wet conditions.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Sugarcane planting continues. Soybean harvest beginning. Cattlemen cutting hay. Vegetable producers planting fall crop.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 23, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	89.3	71.6	80.4	82.0	-1.5	NA	NA	NA	1.10	-1.33
Mooringsport	91.1	71.3	81.2	82.7	-1.5	0.92	4	0.24	0.92	-1.85
Red River	92.8	73.2	83.0	82.8	0.1	NA	NA	NA	0.61	-1.86
Shreveport	90.3	71.4	80.9	82.8	-1.9	1.10	4	0.55	1.10	-1.82
Extreme/Average	90.9	71.9	81.4	82.6	-1.2	1.01	4	0.40	0.93	-1.72
North Central										
Calhoun	89.3	70.4	79.9	81.1	-1.2	0.20	2	-0.58	0.61	-2.40
Farmerville	89.7	72.5	81.1	81.8	-0.7	NA	NA	NA	1.25	-1.47
Homer	87.4	68.0	77.7	80.6	-2.9	1.66	5	1.47	1.74	0.92
Extreme/Average	88.8	70.3	79.5	81.1	-1.6	0.93	5	0.45	1.20	-0.98
Northeast										
Lake Providence	87.7	72.6	80.1	82.1	-1.9	0.73	1	0.25	1.34	0.65
St Joseph	89.6	73.4	81.5	82.3	-0.9	NA	NA	NA	1.31	-2.12
Tallulah	89.3	73.0	83.0	81.7	1.2	0.09	4	-0.57	1.59	-1.06
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	88.9	73.0	81.5	82.1	-0.5	0.41	4	-0.16	1.41	-0.84
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	95.0	72.0	83.5	82.3	1.0	0.11	2	-0.14	0.61	-2.44
Leesville	90.0	71.0	80.5	81.2	-0.7	1.23	1	0.44	1.62	-1.65
Natchitoches	87.1	72.9	80.0	83.3	-3.3	0.45	2	-0.29	1.29	-1.63
Extreme/Average	90.7	72.0	81.3	82.1	-1.0	0.60	2	0.00	1.17	-1.91
Central										
Alexandria	90.0	71.2	79.6	83.2	-3.6	NA	NA	NA	1.96	-1.77
Bunkie	88.3	72.3	80.3	82.2	-1.9	2.65	5	1.76	2.70	-0.43
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	88.7	73.9	81.3	82.6	-1.3	1.25	3	0.43	1.50	-1.62
New Roads	NA	NA	NA	82.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.53	-0.71
Extreme/Average	89.0	72.5	80.4	82.9	-2.2	1.95	5	1.09	1.67	-1.13
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.13	6	1.69	5.54	-0.12
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.52	5	NA	5.26	NA
Slidell	88.3	74.0	81.1	NA	NA	2.58	7	NA	5.54	NA
Extreme/Average	88.3	74.0	81.1	81.7	NA	2.41	7	1.69	5.45	-0.12
Southwest										
Crowley	86.0	73.2	79.6	82.4	-2.9	4.59	5	3.78	8.33	4.25
DeRidder	86.9	71.3	79.1	82.4	-3.3	1.45	7	0.43	2.85	-0.28
Jennings	86.9	73.1	80.0	82.5	-2.5	2.91	6	1.67	5.29	0.72
Oberlin Fire	86.0	71.7	78.9	82.1	-3.3	2.61	4	1.61	3.58	-0.53
Extreme/Average	86.5	72.3	79.4	82.4	-3.0	2.89	7	1.87	5.01	1.04
South Central										
Donaldsonville	88.9	74.1	81.5	81.8	-0.3	1.44	5	0.21	3.81	-1.25
Jeanerette	87.4	73.4	80.4	82.3	-1.9	5.12	7	4.13	5.57	0.59
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	87.6	75.4	81.5	82.2	-0.7	3.63	4	1.92	6.13	-0.29
Extreme/Average	88.0	74.3	81.1	82.0	-1.0	3.40	7	2.09	5.17	-0.32
Southeast										
Galliano	89.1	76.0	82.6	82.6	-0.1	3.72	7	2.10	6.74	-0.36
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.82	6	1.49	3.87	-1.77
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	93.2	75.8	84.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.92	NA
Extreme/Average	91.2	75.9	83.5	82.6	-0.1	3.27	7	1.79	4.51	-1.06
State	89.0	72.9	80.9	82.2	-1.3	1.96	5	1.10	3.02	-0.68

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.