



**United States Department of Agriculture  
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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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**Week Ending September 13, 2015**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 13, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 24 percent very short, 19 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 21 percent very short, 22 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 65.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 75.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 85.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 96.0 degrees Fahrenheit at St Joseph and Alexandria. Cool weather conditions with scattered rain were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the south central part of the state with an average of 2.88 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending September 13, 2015**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	98	96	89	98
Cotton, open bolls	89	74	87	89
Cotton, harvested	3	0	5	19
Hay, second cutting	99	98	97	98
Rice, mature	98	97	98	99
Rice, harvested	94	90	85	89
Sorghum, mature	100	99	100	100
Sorghum, harvested	90	85	94	95
Soybeans, turning color	87	83	87	84
Soybeans, dropping leaves	78	71	75	70
Soybeans, mature	71	64	66	NA
Soybeans, harvested	57	45	46	44
Sugarcane, planted	88	75	66	74
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	33	20	24	19

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending September 13, 2015**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	2	10	46	40	2
Livestock	1	9	42	42	6
Pasture	5	23	40	29	3
Soybeans	5	16	33	42	4
Sugarcane	3	6	29	44	18
Vegetables	5	36	34	24	1

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Early planted soybean harvest almost complete. Soybeans behind wheat left to harvest. Recent rains may help with pasture conditions. Cotton defoliation started. Sweet potato harvest continuing. Some late grain sorghum and rice still to harvest.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Sugarcane planting is well under way with good ground conditions, sweet potato harvest begins while the soybean harvest is approximately at the mid-point with very mixed yields being reported. Producers are definitely encountering what the wet spring conditions offered in relation to lower than average yields. Livestock producers will be back in the hay fields soon with improved weather conditions. Winter pastures are being prepared for planting.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rice harvest is almost complete. Rice yields are down 5-7 barrels compared to 2014.”

– Randy Bellon, Allen Parish

“Sugarcane planting continued but is near complete. With drying conditions, some hay harvest will be carried out. Second crop rice is looking good. Cattle producers are weaning and marketing spring calves and making preparations for ryegrass planting.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Rain showers during week slowed field work. Soybean harvest nearly complete with yields less than less year averaging right under 50 bushels. Sugarcane planting should be complete in next few weeks. Rains have helped planting ratios and cooler weather should help sugar content. Some ripener being applied to sugarcane for start of harvest which should begin in late September early October.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Sugarcane planting complete. Soybean harvest complete. Citrus producers scouting for insects. Vegetable producers planting fall crops.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 13, 2015**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	92.3	68.3	80.3	77.6	2.6	0.02	1	-0.82	1.34	-1.52
Mooringsport	92.9	69.6	81.2	78.3	2.9	0.00	1	-0.73	1.27	-1.45
Red River	93.8	73.6	83.7	78.5	4.8	NA	NA	NA	0.99	-1.25
Shreveport	91.1	68.4	79.8	78.4	1.3	0.69	0	-0.05	2.33	0.00
Extreme/Average	92.5	70.0	81.2	78.2	2.9	0.24	1	-0.53	1.48	-1.05
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	92.1	65.3	78.7	76.9	1.9	0.37	3	-0.45	0.57	-2.57
Farmerville	92.0	67.4	79.7	77.5	2.2	0.08	3	-0.87	0.25	-3.32
Homer	91.7	68.3	80.0	76.1	3.7	0.57	2	-0.15	2.61	0.41
Extreme/Average	91.9	67.0	79.5	76.8	2.6	0.34	3	-0.49	1.14	-1.83
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	89.9	69.9	79.9	78.0	1.9	0.02	2	-0.76	0.78	-2.05
St Joseph	96.0	70.8	83.4	78.8	4.4	1.29	1	0.70	1.84	-1.35
Tallulah	90.7	68.7	79.7	78.0	2.3	0.75	2	0.36	0.87	-1.56
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	78.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	92.2	69.8	81.0	78.3	2.8	0.69	2	0.10	1.16	-1.65
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	77.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	93.8	72.8	83.3	78.6	4.3	0.72	3	0.14	2.88	-0.36
Leesville	92.1	66.0	79.1	77.6	1.4	NA	NA	NA	2.44	-1.09
Natchitoches	89.3	68.6	78.9	79.6	-0.6	0.88	3	-0.35	1.36	-2.86
Extreme/Average	91.7	69.1	80.4	78.3	1.7	0.80	3	-0.10	2.23	-1.44
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	96.0	69.7	82.8	79.9	2.9	NA	NA	NA	3.28	-0.04
Bunkie	89.3	68.6	78.9	78.5	0.4	0.25	2	-0.91	2.90	-1.25
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	80.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	91.3	70.3	80.8	79.1	1.6	0.55	3	-0.40	1.88	-1.64
New Roads	91.5	71.8	81.6	80.3	1.0	0.02	1	-0.61	2.25	-1.67
Extreme/Average	92.0	70.1	81.0	79.7	1.5	0.27	3	-0.64	2.58	-1.15
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.04	1.79
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	78.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.67	NA
Slidell	86.6	69.6	78.1	NA	NA	1.77	4	NA	4.37	NA
Extreme/Average	86.6	69.6	78.1	78.9	NA	1.77	4	NA	4.36	1.79
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	90.6	72.2	81.4	79.8	1.4	1.85	3	0.94	8.30	3.82
DeRidder	90.2	70.2	80.2	79.1	0.9	0.36	5	-0.77	2.26	-1.33
Jennings	87.6	69.4	78.5	79.9	-1.4	1.61	2	0.20	8.09	2.87
Oberlin Fire	85.9	68.4	77.1	79.1	-1.9	0.85	2	-0.52	5.43	0.93
Extreme/Average	88.6	70.1	79.3	79.5	-0.3	1.17	5	-0.04	6.02	1.57
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	88.0	72.0	80.0	79.5	0.4	3.01	3	1.91	4.48	-0.38
Jeanerette	89.8	72.2	81.0	79.6	1.2	2.43	5	1.23	9.41	3.75
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	79.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.70	-1.26
Morgan City	85.7	72.3	79.0	80.3	-1.3	3.19	3	1.68	7.36	0.79
Extreme/Average	87.8	72.2	80.0	79.6	0.1	2.88	5	1.61	5.74	0.73
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	85.0	72.6	78.8	80.5	-1.7	1.86	4	0.27	7.84	1.41
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.64	3	0.53	5.33	0.50
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	93.5	75.5	84.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.25	NA
Extreme/Average	89.3	74.0	81.6	80.5	-1.7	1.75	4	0.40	5.47	0.95
<b>State</b>	90.3	70.2	80.2	79.0	0.9	1.03	3	-0.05	3.47	-0.16

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.