



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

Delta Region - Louisiana Field Office
5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
(225) 922-1362 · (225) 922-0744 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov/la
Cooperating with Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry

Week Ending October 4, 2015

Released: October 5, 2015

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 4, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 39 percent very short, 30 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 30 percent very short, 30 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 57.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley and New Orleans. Highs ranged from 78.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 88.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Red River. Cool, wet weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state and some areas received scattered rain, with the highest rain concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 1.55 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 4, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, open bolls	98	97	96	98
Cotton, harvested	58	32	49	63
Rice, harvested	99	98	99	99
Sorghum, harvested	100	99	99	100
Soybeans, turning color	99	97	99	99
Soybeans, dropping leaves	95	92	93	93
Soybeans, mature	92	86	91	NA
Soybeans, harvested	81	75	80	78
Sugarcane, planted	100	99	94	96
Sugarcane, harvested	3	0	2	4
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	57	49	40	42

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 4, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	2	19	48	29	2
Livestock	1	10	44	39	6
Pasture	9	24	40	24	3
Sugarcane	3	6	28	45	18
Vegetables	7	29	36	26	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Still very dry. Cotton harvest and sweet potato harvest continuing. Ground being prepared for ryegrass planting but waiting on rain.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Extremely dry conditions persist and continue to affect fieldwork. Much hay baled with excellent drying conditions. Land preparation for fall forages slowed due to packed, dry, hard soil conditions. Some laser leveling continuing in crop fields, in preparation for spring planting. Soybean harvest continues, with low to average yields being reported. Rice ratoon crop is vigorous and heading out in many fields.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“In Acadia parish, received some much needed rain early this week. Soybeans quality is not looking good. Field preparation is underway for ryegrass. In Jefferson Davis parish, rains early in the week slowed fieldwork. Soybean harvest has begun.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Somewhat drier and cooler weather has allowed for sugarcane planted in August/September to be cultivated/sprayed. One local mill has started grinding, with tonnage and sugar about average for the start of harvest. Other mills are expected to start harvest this week. Issues with foreign labor are part of the reason for some mills delaying the start of harvest. Some rye grass planted. Area could use some rain.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Citrus crop beginning to mature. Sugarcane harvest about to begin. Vegetable producers planting fall crops. Cattlemen planting ryegrass.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 4, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	84.8	60.5	72.7	69.7	2.9	0.00	0	-0.80	0.02	-3.28
Mooringsport	82.9	58.7	70.8	70.0	0.7	0.00	0	-1.04	0.04	-3.51
Red River	88.0	62.4	75.2	70.8	4.0	NA	0	-0.63	0.27	-2.67
Shreveport	84.7	61.0	72.9	70.3	2.5	NA	0	-1.13	0.69	-3.01
Extreme/Average	85.1	60.6	72.9	70.2	2.5	0.00	0	-0.90	0.26	-3.12
North Central										
Calhoun	84.0	59.8	71.9	68.8	2.9	0.00	0	-0.60	0.37	-2.51
Farmerville	82.8	60.6	71.7	70.1	1.7	0.00	0	-0.78	0.08	-3.50
Homer	82.2	57.3	69.8	68.2	1.3	0.00	0	-0.93	0.57	-3.05
Extreme/Average	83.0	59.2	71.1	69.0	2.0	0.00	0	-0.77	0.34	-3.02
Northeast										
Lake Providence	78.0	61.9	69.9	70.8	-0.8	0.00	0	-1.04	0.07	-1.79
St Joseph	86.6	64.2	75.4	71.8	3.3	0.04	1	-0.55	1.77	-1.24
Tallulah	84.2	64.5	74.3	70.8	3.6	0.35	1	-0.42	1.15	-1.17
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	71.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.84	-1.10
Extreme/Average	82.9	63.5	73.2	71.1	2.0	0.13	1	-0.67	0.96	-1.33
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	69.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	83.8	66.5	75.1	72.2	2.4	NA	NA	NA	2.18	-1.28
Leesville	83.0	57.9	70.4	70.8	-0.3	0.70	3	-0.28	0.92	-3.22
Natchitoches	81.7	60.7	71.2	71.4	-0.2	NA	0	-0.77	0.88	-2.93
Extreme/Average	82.8	61.7	72.3	71.1	0.6	0.70	3	-0.53	1.33	-2.48
Central										
Alexandria	86.1	62.9	74.5	73.0	1.5	0.00	0	-0.89	1.41	-2.12
Bunkie	83.8	63.7	73.8	72.0	1.6	0.90	1	0.10	1.65	-2.47
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	74.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	83.3	63.8	73.6	72.4	1.1	0.02	1	-0.71	0.74	-2.59
New Roads	86.2	69.5	77.9	73.8	3.5	NA	NA	NA	1.24	-2.23
Extreme/Average	84.8	65.0	74.9	73.1	1.9	0.31	1	-0.50	1.26	-2.35
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.67	3	-0.29	3.95	-0.27
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	72.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.15	NA
Slidell	78.6	64.4	71.5	NA	NA	1.00	2	NA	3.13	NA
Extreme/Average	78.6	64.4	71.5	72.6	NA	0.83	3	-0.29	2.41	-0.27
Southwest										
Crowley	83.8	70.0	76.9	74.0	2.4	NA	NA	NA	2.69	-1.22
DeRidder	81.0	62.2	71.6	72.4	-0.9	0.87	2	0.05	2.31	-1.98
Jennings	83.6	62.3	72.9	73.9	-1.0	0.49	3	-0.59	2.10	-2.82
Oberlin Fire	82.1	61.6	71.9	72.7	-0.8	0.05	1	-1.06	1.02	-3.94
Extreme/Average	82.6	64.0	73.3	73.2	-0.1	0.47	3	-0.53	2.03	-2.49
South Central										
Donaldsonville	84.2	66.0	75.1	73.4	1.5	0.57	2	-0.37	3.58	-0.94
Jeanerette	85.0	69.8	77.4	73.8	3.1	NA	NA	NA	3.54	-1.63
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	73.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	80.6	64.0	72.3	75.4	-2.9	0.73	1	0.01	4.02	-0.63
Extreme/Average	83.3	66.6	74.9	73.9	0.6	0.65	2	-0.18	3.71	-1.07
Southeast										
Galliano	80.7	66.8	73.8	75.0	-1.3	0.74	2	-0.27	2.75	-2.31
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.55	3	1.56	4.25	0.15
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	83.0	70.0	76.5	NA	NA	1.36	1	NA	1.49	NA
Extreme/Average	81.8	68.4	75.1	75.0	-1.3	1.55	3	0.65	2.83	-1.08
State	82.8	63.8	73.3	72.3	0.9	0.52	1	-0.40	1.66	-1.96

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.