



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending October 11, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 11, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 43 percent very short, 37 percent short, 20 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 33 percent very short, 38 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 52.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 80.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 86.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria. Cool, dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northeast part of the state with an average of 0.15 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 11, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, open bolls	99	98	99	99
Cotton, harvested	72	58	69	75
Rice, harvested	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	97	95	97	96
Soybeans, mature	95	92	95	NA
Soybeans, harvested	90	81	88	86
Sugarcane, harvested	11	3	8	11
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	65	57	54	54
Winter Wheat, planted	2	0	4	3

NA = Not Available

Crop condition for week ending October 11, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	2	19	48	29	2
Livestock	2	10	46	37	5
Pasture	12	29	38	19	2
Sugarcane	3	6	31	47	13
Vegetables	10	28	34	26	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“We are still very dry. Some late planted rice still to be harvested, soybeans planted behind wheat waiting to harvest, cotton and sweet potato harvest continuing. Some cattle producers beginning to feed hay. Need rain for ryegrass planting. Due to low wheat prices and the problems with last year’s crop, not many producers plan to plant wheat.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“A general rain event is critical at this time. Winter pasture plantings for livestock are suffering stand loss due to extremely droughty conditions. Fall field preparations for spring plantings of field crops have slowed due to dry conditions. The sugarcane and sweet potato harvest has begun, both crop areas could utilize some rain to improve soil conditions. Livestock producers are feeding hay and having to supplement their cattle due to declining pasture conditions from drought.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry condition continued this week. Farmers continue to harvest soybeans with yields lower than last season. Lots of hay continued to be baled also.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Dry conditions are allowing growers ample harvest time to wrap up hay and soybean harvest. Our local sugar mill opened and due to mill issues processed a lower volume of cane than expected. The sugarcane tonnage is lower than expected but the sugar content of the cane is exceptional. Some sugarcane growers are concerned that plant cane may be damaged by the current extended period of dry weather. Many gardens, and fruit trees are showing signs of drought stress. The pecan crop continues to be poor to nonexistent for many growers.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Sugarcane harvest has begun. Citrus harvest has begun. Cattlemen planting ryegrass. Vegetable producers planting and working fall crops.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 11, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	83.1	57.0	70.1	67.0	3.0	0.00	0	-1.03	0.00	-3.63
Mooringsport	81.8	54.0	67.9	67.6	0.4	NA	NA	NA	0.04	-3.35
Red River	84.8	58.6	71.7	68.3	3.0	0.00	0	-0.66	NA	-3.14
Shreveport	84.4	57.1	70.8	67.7	3.0	0.00	0	-1.07	NA	-4.03
Extreme/Average	83.5	56.7	70.1	67.7	2.4	0.00	0	-0.92	0.02	-3.54
North Central										
Calhoun	85.7	53.3	69.5	66.2	3.3	0.00	0	-0.92	0.00	-3.22
Farmerville	84.7	59.7	72.2	67.8	4.4	0.00	0	-1.15	NA	-3.78
Homer	81.0	52.8	66.9	65.7	1.1	0.00	0	-0.97	0.00	-3.89
Extreme/Average	83.8	55.3	69.5	66.6	3.0	0.00	0	-1.01	0.00	-3.63
Northeast										
Lake Providence	81.3	59.4	70.4	68.3	2.1	NA	NA	NA	0.17	-0.26
St Joseph	84.4	58.4	71.4	69.4	2.1	0.15	1	-0.73	0.21	-3.08
Tallulah	85.3	62.0	73.6	68.4	5.3	0.15	1	-0.83	0.55	-2.36
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	68.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-1.09
Extreme/Average	83.7	59.9	71.8	68.7	3.1	0.15	1	-0.78	0.23	-1.70
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	67.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	82.5	58.2	70.4	69.9	0.0	NA	NA	NA	0.40	-2.93
Leesville	85.4	56.7	71.1	68.4	2.7	0.00	0	-0.94	0.74	-3.25
Natchitoches	82.7	58.1	70.4	68.9	1.5	0.00	0	-0.93	NA	-3.51
Extreme/Average	83.5	57.7	70.6	68.6	1.4	0.00	0	-0.94	0.57	-3.23
Central										
Alexandria	86.2	59.2	72.7	70.5	2.3	0.00	0	-0.87	0.35	-3.22
Bunkie	83.5	60.7	72.1	69.9	2.3	0.00	0	-0.86	1.40	-2.42
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	72.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	84.4	60.0	72.2	70.0	2.2	0.00	0	-1.00	0.19	-3.19
New Roads	86.0	63.2	74.6	71.4	2.7	NA	NA	NA	0.01	-3.26
Extreme/Average	85.0	60.8	72.9	70.8	2.4	0.00	0	-0.91	0.49	-3.02
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.91	0.67	-3.28
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	70.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA
Slidell	80.9	62.3	71.6	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	1.36	NA
Extreme/Average	80.9	62.3	71.6	70.3	NA	0.00	0	-0.91	0.68	-3.28
Southwest										
Crowley	83.0	59.4	71.2	71.9	-0.7	0.00	0	-1.03	0.59	-3.53
DeRidder	83.5	60.5	72.0	70.1	2.0	0.00	0	-0.89	1.95	-2.10
Jennings	83.9	59.9	71.9	71.8	0.1	0.00	0	-0.99	0.49	-4.01
Oberlin Fire	82.9	58.4	70.6	70.5	0.1	NA	0	-1.02	0.17	-4.44
Extreme/Average	83.3	59.6	71.4	71.1	0.4	0.00	0	-0.98	0.80	-3.52
South Central										
Donaldsonville	82.3	59.6	70.9	71.1	-0.2	0.00	0	-1.08	0.57	-3.90
Jeanerette	83.4	59.0	71.2	71.7	-0.5	0.00	0	-1.01	0.41	-4.55
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	71.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	82.6	63.6	73.1	73.3	-0.2	0.00	0	-0.88	0.83	-3.19
Extreme/Average	82.8	60.7	71.7	71.8	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.99	0.60	-3.88
Southeast										
Galliano	80.0	61.9	70.9	73.0	-2.1	0.00	0	-1.14	0.89	-3.72
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.99	2.61	-1.37
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.37	0.98
New Orleans	85.9	67.0	76.4	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	1.36	NA
Extreme/Average	83.0	64.5	73.7	73.0	-2.1	0.00	0	-1.06	2.56	-1.37
State	83.4	59.9	71.6	70.0	1.1	0.01	0	-0.95	0.71	-2.99

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.