



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending October 18, 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 18, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 50 percent very short, 35 percent short, 15 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 37 percent very short, 39 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 66.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Garden. Highs ranged from 82.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 90.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Garden. The U.S. Drought Monitor, released October 15, showed 96.52 percent of the state in abnormally dry to exceptional drought conditions. Extreme dry weather conditions continued throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northwest part of the state with an average of 0.06 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 18, 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	100	99	100	100
Cotton, harvested	82	72	79	85
Soybeans, dropping leaves	99	97	99	98
Soybeans, mature	97	95	98	NA
Soybeans, harvested	93	90	92	91
Sugarcane, harvested	18	11	15	18
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	71	65	65	65
Winter Wheat, planted	4	2	7	6
Winter Wheat, emerged	2	0	2	1

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 18, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	2	11	47	35	5
Pasture	14	32	35	17	2
Sugarcane	3	6	31	48	12
Vegetables	10	27	36	25	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Still very dry. Some late soybeans and rice to harvest. Some cotton still to harvest. Cattle producers beginning to feed hay and concerned they will run short of hay. Too dry to plant ryegrass.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Dry conditions have stopped wheat and ryegrass plantings may begin this week since rain is in forecast for Friday.”

– Miles J Brashier, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Dry conditions are limiting ryegrass stand establishment and planting. We've had excellent sugarcane harvest conditions and field preparations for next year's crops. Cattle ranchers continue to wean and market calves.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Area continues to experience very dry conditions. Sugarcane harvest is proceeding well with some concerns with the state wide burn ban in which agriculture is exempt. Recoverable sugar at mills is very good; however tonnage is low. Sugarcane farmers are plowing out and preparing harvested fields for next year. Crawfishermen are getting ponds and equipment prepared for 2016 season. Dry conditions are taking a toll on all crops and livestock from plant cane, to recently planted winter pastures, to home gardens as well as fruit trees. A rain event would benefit all area agriculture.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Rain is needed. Sugarcane harvest going good. Cattlemen planting ryegrass but need rain. Vegetable producers planting but need rain. Citrus producers selling sweet satsumas.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 18, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	87.1	53.0	70.1	64.7	5.4	0.23	1	-0.95	0.23	-3.78
Mooringsport	87.6	55.9	71.7	65.4	6.3	0.00	0	-1.11	0.04	-3.61
Red River	88.6	54.9	71.7	66.1	5.6	0.00	0	-1.07	NA	-3.73
Shreveport	87.4	53.7	70.6	65.5	5.1	0.00	0	-1.08	NA	-4.27
Extreme/Average	87.7	54.4	71.0	65.4	5.6	0.06	1	-1.05	0.14	-3.85
North Central										
Calhoun	86.5	45.8	66.2	63.8	2.3	0.00	0	-0.93	0.00	-3.44
Farmerville	85.7	55.7	70.7	65.7	5.0	0.00	0	-1.06	NA	-4.07
Homer	85.6	46.1	65.9	63.5	2.4	0.02	1	-1.19	0.02	-4.22
Extreme/Average	85.9	49.2	67.6	64.3	3.2	0.01	1	-1.06	0.01	-3.91
Northeast										
Lake Providence	83.9	54.4	69.1	65.9	3.2	0.00	0	-1.28	0.17	-1.54
St Joseph	87.5	54.0	70.8	67.1	3.2	NA	NA	NA	0.21	-2.77
Tallulah	87.3	49.0	68.1	66.1	2.0	0.00	0	-1.05	0.55	-3.06
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	66.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.30
Extreme/Average	86.2	52.5	69.3	66.4	2.8	0.00	0	-1.17	0.23	-1.92
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	65.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	90.5	66.0	78.3	67.6	10.2	NA	NA	NA	0.22	-2.84
Leesville	89.0	53.0	71.0	66.2	4.8	0.00	0	-1.10	0.73	-3.32
Natchitoches	86.3	54.4	70.4	66.8	3.5	0.00	0	-1.11	NA	-3.61
Extreme/Average	88.6	57.8	73.2	66.4	6.2	0.00	0	-1.10	0.47	-3.26
Central										
Alexandria	83.1	56.7	69.9	68.2	1.8	0.00	0	-1.21	0.35	-3.53
Bunkie	86.2	53.0	69.6	67.8	1.7	0.00	0	-1.08	1.40	-2.41
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	69.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	88.9	56.6	72.7	67.8	4.9	0.00	0	-1.17	0.19	-3.50
New Roads	88.8	54.0	71.4	69.2	1.7	NA	NA	NA	0.01	-3.30
Extreme/Average	86.8	55.1	70.9	68.6	2.5	0.00	0	-1.15	0.49	-3.18
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.67	-2.80
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	68.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.00	NA
Slidell	83.0	56.0	69.5	NA	NA	0.01	1	NA	1.37	NA
Extreme/Average	83.0	56.0	69.5	68.2	NA	0.01	1	NA	0.68	-2.80
Southwest										
Crowley	87.2	55.2	71.2	69.8	1.5	0.00	0	-1.21	0.59	-3.64
DeRidder	86.0	54.7	70.3	68.0	2.2	0.00	0	-0.95	1.83	-1.88
Jennings	87.7	57.3	72.5	69.8	2.7	NA	0	-1.20	0.49	-3.98
Oberlin Fire	86.9	53.7	70.3	68.5	1.8	0.00	0	-1.22	0.11	-4.42
Extreme/Average	86.9	55.2	71.1	69.0	2.0	0.00	0	-1.15	0.76	-3.48
South Central										
Donaldsonville	85.6	53.6	69.6	69.0	0.6	0.00	0	-1.15	0.57	-3.87
Jeanerette	85.3	54.1	69.7	69.7	0.0	0.00	0	-1.16	0.39	-4.20
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	69.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	83.0	61.6	72.3	71.2	1.1	0.14	1	-0.80	0.87	-2.81
Extreme/Average	84.6	56.4	70.5	69.7	0.6	0.05	1	-1.04	0.61	-3.63
Southeast										
Galliano	82.1	58.9	70.5	71.0	-0.5	0.00	0	-0.96	0.89	-3.48
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.02	1	-0.90	2.57	-1.32
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.05	3.84	-0.66
New Orleans	89.6	63.4	76.5	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	1.36	NA
Extreme/Average	85.8	61.1	73.5	71.0	-0.5	0.01	1	-0.97	2.17	-1.82
State	86.2	55.3	70.7	67.8	2.3	0.01	0	-0.98	0.66	-3.08

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.