



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 25, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 19 percent very short, 20 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 21 percent very short, 36 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 68.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 76.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 83.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. Cool, dry weather conditions for most of the week. Torrential rainfall over the weekend as the remnants of Hurricane Patricia swept into Louisiana causing flooding and tornados in some parts of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northwest part of the state with an average of 3.90 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending October 25, 2015**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	92	82	87	93
Soybeans, mature	99	97	99	NA
Soybeans, harvested	97	93	96	96
Sugarcane, harvested	27	18	22	26
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	73	71	74	78
Winter Wheat, planted	7	4	25	22
Winter Wheat, emerged	4	2	4	4

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending October 25, 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	14	44	36	4
Pasture	14	29	38	18	1
Sugarcane	3	11	33	43	10
Vegetables	10	26	36	26	2

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“We have gone from a drought to standing water in two days. Received approximately 7 inches of rain since Saturday night and more on the way. A few acres of row crops and sweet potatoes to be harvested. Some ryegrass planted before the rain.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“From Drought to saturated conditions in two days. Ratoon crop rice fields are draining for harvest. Land preparation and laser leveled fields are saturated. The only soybeans left are those that will be shredded and plowed under. Livestock producers grateful for rain but also in process of feeding hay and supplemental feed in some cases. Ryegrass planting should resume once conditions dry. Crawfish farmers singing in the rain as they can shut down water wells. Sweet potato growers that stopped digging due to no moisture now have too much moisture to attempt harvest.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Over 7" rain this past weekend, with more to come. This will help the ryegrass and pasture conditions. Some sugarcane down in the fields.”

– Donna Morgan, Rapides Parish

“Recent heavy rainfall will greatly improve droughty conditions. The remaining sugarcane and sweet potato harvest may be delayed some due to wet conditions. Livestock producers will benefit for winter pasture establishment and crawfish producers will get assistance from rain for flooding ponds.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rains over the weekend brought badly needed moisture. Ryegrass planted should be able to germinate. Sugarcane harvest will be impaired due to muddy conditions. Soybean and rice second crop harvests have made good progress. Soybean harvest was all but complete, ratoon crop rice harvest will rut up fields now.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Wet conditions over the weekend flooded fields and caused extensive lodging in sugarcane fields. Cane harvest is moving slowly for some growers because of mill quota restrictions limiting cane harvest due to mill operating issues. Cattle farmers should have enough moisture for winter pastures to emerge. Second crop rice harvest is beginning and appears to have good potential.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Area received a much needed rain at the end of the week. With the rain came strong winds causing sugarcane to lodge in many fields. Sugarcane producers continue to harvest in extremely wet and muddy conditions.”

– Mariah Bock, Saint James Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 25, 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	78.0	57.6	67.8	62.6	5.2	2.94	2	1.69	3.17	-1.23
Mooringsport	76.1	57.3	66.7	63.5	3.2	4.00	2	2.79	4.00	0.07
Red River	81.8	56.8	69.3	64.0	5.0	NA	0	-0.89	NA	-3.80
Shreveport	77.0	56.4	66.7	63.4	3.3	4.76	2	3.43	4.76	0.15
Extreme/Average	78.2	57.0	67.6	63.4	4.2	3.90	2	1.76	3.98	-1.20
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	80.4	50.3	65.4	61.7	3.6	3.11	1	1.89	3.11	-0.80
Farmerville	77.7	59.0	68.4	63.6	4.8	1.74	2	0.43	1.74	-2.70
Homer	76.4	50.0	63.2	61.4	1.8	2.09	2	0.84	2.11	-2.40
Extreme/Average	78.2	53.1	65.6	62.3	3.4	2.31	2	1.05	2.32	-1.97
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	79.0	56.3	67.6	63.6	4.0	2.98	1	1.65	3.08	0.14
St Joseph	83.0	53.4	68.2	65.1	2.8	0.00	0	-0.68	0.19	-3.09
Tallulah	79.0	48.2	63.6	64.0	-0.5	1.75	1	0.78	2.25	-1.64
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	64.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.33
Extreme/Average	80.3	52.6	66.5	64.3	2.1	1.58	1	0.58	1.38	-1.23
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	63.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	81.8	56.0	68.9	65.5	2.9	NA	NA	NA	0.22	-3.41
Leesville	80.3	60.3	70.3	64.2	6.1	2.36	2	1.07	3.06	-1.25
Natchitoches	77.3	57.6	67.4	64.9	2.5	3.15	2	1.91	3.15	-0.90
Extreme/Average	79.8	58.0	68.9	64.4	3.8	2.75	2	1.49	2.14	-1.85
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	82.4	62.0	72.2	66.0	6.2	2.85	1	1.49	2.85	-1.48
Bunkie	81.6	54.1	67.9	66.0	1.9	2.00	1	0.57	2.90	-1.27
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	68.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	82.9	57.7	70.3	65.7	4.6	2.25	1	0.96	2.27	-1.92
New Roads	83.2	57.5	70.4	67.1	2.8	NA	NA	NA	0.01	-3.42
Extreme/Average	82.5	57.8	70.2	66.6	3.9	2.37	1	1.01	2.01	-2.02
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.46	1	2.34	4.13	0.10
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	66.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.00	NA
Slidell	79.7	61.6	70.6	NA	NA	0.40	1	NA	1.41	NA
Extreme/Average	79.7	61.6	70.6	66.1	NA	1.29	1	2.34	1.85	0.10
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	79.0	51.0	65.0	67.8	-3.6	0.00	0	-1.01	0.59	-3.66
DeRidder	80.3	62.8	71.6	66.1	5.6	1.73	1	0.61	2.60	-1.18
Jennings	81.7	59.7	70.7	67.9	2.8	1.11	2	-0.24	1.60	-3.02
Oberlin Fire	80.4	59.0	69.7	66.6	3.1	1.43	1	0.02	1.48	-3.28
Extreme/Average	80.3	58.1	69.2	67.1	2.0	1.07	2	-0.15	1.57	-2.78
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	80.7	62.3	71.5	67.1	4.4	2.88	1	1.71	3.45	-1.05
Jeanerette	80.7	62.1	71.4	67.8	3.6	1.98	1	0.79	2.31	-2.13
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	67.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.46
Morgan City	79.3	62.8	71.1	69.2	1.8	0.00	0	-0.82	0.87	-2.49
Extreme/Average	80.2	62.4	71.3	67.8	3.3	1.62	1	0.56	1.66	-1.53
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	78.4	64.4	71.4	69.2	2.2	2.69	2	1.68	3.43	-0.69
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.00	2.57	-1.49
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-3.20
New Orleans	82.2	68.3	75.3	NA	NA	0.07	1	NA	1.43	NA
Extreme/Average	80.3	66.3	73.3	69.2	2.2	0.92	2	0.34	1.86	-1.79
<b>State</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>-1.69</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.