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Week Ending November 1, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 1, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 58 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 68.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 67.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 80.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville. Torrential rain this week causing flooding and tornados in some parts of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the west central part of the state with an average of 10.75 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 1, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	96	92	93	97
Soybeans, harvested	98	97	98	98
Sugarcane, harvested	32	27	31	34
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	80	73	80	85
Winter Wheat, planted	10	7	44	35
Winter Wheat, emerged	7	4	9	10

Crop condition for week ending November 1, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	2	12	46	36	4
Pasture	8	30	39	22	1
Sugarcane	3	11	33	43	10
Vegetables	9	26	39	24	2

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“The beneficial rains of last weekend and early this week helped everyone except the sweet potato farmers. One sweet potato farmer said he was happy to see the first 1.5 inch of rain, but the 7.5 inches that followed he could have done without. Sweet potato harvest has stopped, while the remaining fields dry out and the potatoes size up.

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Rain continued to fall all weekend added to the saturated soil conditions that existed. Ryegrass pastures will be planted when conditions become favorable along with some vegetables.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Fields saturated after this weekend rains. Water standing in many areas. Many ryegrass fields planted before rains. Now a wait to see what comes up. Second crop rice is getting close to harvest.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Area has received heavy rains over past two weekends. Fields have gone from extremely dry to flooded. Sugarcane farmers dealing with muddy conditions and downed cane caused by winds associated with rains. Mills are also less efficient due to weather conditions. Rains should help crawfish ponds and winter pastures emerge.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Another weekend weather pattern with heavy soaking rains flooded fields and pastures. Cane harvest is lagging behind completion date predictions due to mill issues and weather conditions. Cane harvest is now likely to end the second week of January. Early expectations for this crop was for a grinding season ending in late December. Sugar levels have dropped now that wet conditions have set into fields. Cool season pastures are emerging and have had ample moisture for germination. Second crop rice is being harvested and some yields are excellent in the 20-30 barrel per acre range.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Sugarcane is down and twisted due to rain and high winds. Vegetable producers have wet fields. Cattlemen will try to fertilize pastures. Citrus producers selling sweet oranges.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 1, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	69.0	56.4	62.7	60.6	2.1	3.99	5	2.78	7.16	2.49
Mooringsport	67.8	55.8	61.8	61.6	0.4	2.81	3	1.88	6.81	2.99
Red River	69.6	55.9	62.7	62.0	0.7	3.54	5	2.38	8.13	3.74
Shreveport	67.6	55.0	61.3	61.3	0.0	4.09	5	2.92	9.02	4.37
Extreme/Average	68.5	55.8	62.1	61.4	0.8	3.61	5	2.49	7.78	3.40
North Central										
Calhoun	71.1	55.1	63.1	59.8	3.4	7.14	5	5.98	10.25	6.02
Farmerville	70.7	58.9	64.8	61.4	3.4	5.37	5	4.30	7.11	2.52
Homer	67.5	50.7	59.1	59.4	-0.5	1.02	3	0.22	3.12	1.99
Extreme/Average	69.8	54.9	62.3	60.2	2.1	4.51	5	3.50	6.83	3.51
Northeast										
Lake Providence	71.1	59.4	65.3	61.4	3.9	7.13	3	6.17	10.21	8.91
St Joseph	79.4	60.2	69.8	63.1	6.4	8.08	4	7.42	8.23	4.98
Tallulah	75.3	52.0	53.7	61.9	-8.3	7.75	4	6.83	9.65	5.73
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	62.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-3.05
Extreme/Average	75.3	50.5	62.9	62.2	0.7	7.65	4	6.81	7.02	4.14
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	61.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	68.8	57.2	63.0	63.4	-0.9	NA	NA	NA	6.91	2.91
Leesville	71.3	56.4	63.9	62.3	1.6	14.25	5	13.00	16.61	12.03
Natchitoches	69.3	56.9	63.1	63.1	-0.1	7.26	5	6.15	10.41	6.02
Extreme/Average	69.8	56.8	63.3	62.5	0.2	10.75	5	9.57	11.31	6.99
Central										
Alexandria	71.0	60.1	65.6	63.9	1.7	7.52	4	6.17	10.37	5.58
Bunkie	75.3	60.3	67.8	64.1	3.7	8.55	4	7.14	10.55	5.77
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	66.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	72.9	60.7	66.8	63.7	3.1	8.30	2	7.07	10.55	5.86
New Roads	76.5	62.8	69.6	65.2	4.1	NA	NA	NA	8.35	4.70
Extreme/Average	73.9	61.0	67.4	64.6	3.1	8.12	4	6.79	9.96	5.48
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.62	3	5.82	10.08	6.21
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	64.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.98	NA
Slidell	78.3	65.0	71.6	NA	NA	5.35	4	NA	5.76	NA
Extreme/Average	78.3	65.0	71.6	64.2	NA	5.98	4	5.82	8.61	6.21
Southwest										
Crowley	80.0	61.0	70.5	65.8	5.2	6.64	4	5.41	8.29	3.43
DeRidder	69.4	58.2	63.8	64.2	-0.5	13.73	4	12.83	15.46	11.60
Jennings	76.1	61.4	68.8	66.0	2.8	9.15	5	7.88	10.26	5.45
Oberlin Fire	74.2	59.0	66.6	64.7	1.8	5.52	3	4.37	6.95	2.15
Extreme/Average	74.9	59.9	67.4	65.2	2.3	8.76	5	7.62	10.24	5.66
South Central										
Donaldsonville	80.4	65.7	73.1	65.2	7.8	9.31	4	8.30	12.19	7.78
Jeanerette	77.1	62.4	69.8	65.9	3.9	8.62	4	7.55	10.60	6.17
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	65.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	76.7	64.0	70.4	67.2	3.2	6.54	3	5.69	6.68	3.19
Extreme/Average	78.1	64.0	71.1	65.9	5.0	8.16	4	7.18	9.82	5.71
Southeast										
Galliano	78.7	68.8	73.8	67.4	6.3	5.64	3	4.94	8.33	4.52
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11.18	5	10.29	13.10	8.98
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-2.07
New Orleans	80.1	66.9	73.5	NA	NA	6.69	3	NA	11.82	NA
Extreme/Average	79.4	67.8	73.6	67.4	6.3	7.84	5	7.62	8.31	3.81
State	74.4	59.9	67.1	63.9	2.4	7.31	4	6.42	8.91	4.97

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.