



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending November 15, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 15, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 57 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 38.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 59.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 74.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Wet weather conditions throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northwest part of the state with an average of 0.54 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 15, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	99	97	99	100
Soybeans, harvested	99	98	100	100
Sugarcane, harvested	50	42	48	52
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	86	80	92	96
Winter Wheat, planted	15	12	75	77
Winter Wheat, emerged	10	9	56	50

Crop condition for week ending November 15, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	2	11	47	36	4
Pasture	6	27	41	24	2
Sugarcane	3	12	35	42	8
Vegetables	6	24	44	25	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“We received only light rain the middle of the week but cooler temperatures and short day length has slowed drying of soil. Rain and mild temperatures have aided Bermuda grass to regrow giving some grazing opportunities. Ryegrass is growing. Few farmers planned to plant wheat due to last year problems with the crop.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Agriculture lands remain saturated but begin to improve as we have received several days of sunshine and some wind. However a wet forecast is predicted for this week. Second crop rice yields are really doing well, sugarcane ground is severely rutted due to harvest efforts and field conditions remain too wet to finalize the sweet potato harvest. Pastures planted for winter livestock grazing are looking good, many will need a fertilizer application as soon as the weather will allow it.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Conditions have greatly improved with the ability of work that can be accomplished in planting of vegetables. Rain is predicted for the greater part of next week that will impact conditions again.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Rains the last two weeks have made for poor harvest conditions for cane and have delayed ratoon crop rice harvest. Also, ryegrass stands have suffered in most of the parish. Some will replant. Cattle ranchers have begun haying in some places especially those that water damaged the permanent pasture.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Field conditions are fair at best. Turn rows are in terrible shape as sugarcane farmers continue to muscle out their crop. Tonnage per acre is respectable but at this point the yield appears to be average 29 to 33 tons with sugar recovery ranging from below 200 lbs. to as high as 240 lbs. per ton of cane dependent upon field conditions and weather.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

“Sugarcane harvest continues. Cattlemen fertilizing ryegrass pastures. Vegetable producers working and selling vegetables. Citrus producers selling satsumas and navels. Crawfish producers selling crawfish.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 15, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	69.9	44.3	57.1	56.2	0.9	0.43	2	-0.82	12.61	7.70
Mooringsport	67.0	46.3	56.6	57.0	-0.4	0.72	2	-0.37	10.32	5.84
Red River	70.0	47.9	58.9	57.5	1.4	0.41	2	-0.71	12.91	8.26
Shreveport	67.7	45.9	56.8	56.5	0.3	0.62	1	-0.61	13.33	8.26
Extreme/Average	68.7	46.1	57.4	56.8	0.5	0.54	2	-0.63	12.29	7.51
North Central										
Calhoun	71.4	43.9	57.6	55.7	2.0	0.28	1	-0.93	13.51	8.73
Farmerville	68.2	46.0	57.1	56.3	1.0	0.00	0	-0.83	11.63	7.30
Homer	68.3	38.8	53.6	55.1	-1.4	NA	NA	NA	3.21	1.98
Extreme/Average	69.3	42.9	56.1	55.7	0.5	0.14	1	-0.88	9.45	6.00
Northeast										
Lake Providence	67.3	48.1	57.7	56.6	1.1	0.18	2	-0.96	11.18	9.22
St Joseph	70.2	52.2	61.2	58.9	2.0	0.05	1	-0.78	15.60	11.97
Tallulah	73.0	52.4	62.7	57.7	5.1	0.10	1	-1.02	12.02	7.97
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	58.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	8.76	7.10
Extreme/Average	70.2	50.9	60.5	57.8	2.7	0.11	2	-0.92	11.89	9.06
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	57.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	69.8	47.3	58.6	59.3	-0.8	0.31	1	-0.96	16.11	10.82
Leesville	71.9	47.4	59.6	58.3	1.4	0.18	1	-1.18	20.06	14.88
Natchitoches	68.3	48.3	58.3	58.8	-0.5	0.35	1	-0.77	14.01	9.40
Extreme/Average	70.0	47.7	58.8	58.4	0.0	0.28	1	-0.97	16.73	11.70
Central										
Alexandria	73.9	50.9	62.4	59.6	2.8	0.18	1	-1.23	16.21	10.68
Bunkie	72.0	51.3	61.6	60.0	1.6	0.08	1	-1.21	13.83	8.39
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	62.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	71.0	51.1	61.1	59.3	1.7	0.10	1	-1.17	15.05	10.01
New Roads	69.2	54.4	61.8	61.3	0.3	0.00	0	-0.67	14.47	10.48
Extreme/Average	71.5	51.9	61.7	60.5	1.6	0.09	1	-1.07	14.89	9.89
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	-1.08	15.88	11.61
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	60.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.08	1	NA	16.89	NA
Slidell	68.0	52.9	60.4	NA	NA	0.04	2	NA	8.74	NA
Extreme/Average	68.0	52.9	60.4	60.2	NA	0.06	2	-1.08	13.84	11.61
Southwest										
Crowley	72.2	53.7	62.9	61.4	1.6	0.24	2	-0.89	13.40	8.46
DeRidder	69.6	50.9	60.2	60.2	0.1	0.17	1	-1.21	19.89	15.21
Jennings	73.9	52.6	63.2	61.9	1.3	0.11	1	-1.08	12.43	7.39
Oberlin Fire	71.3	50.7	61.0	60.7	0.3	0.07	1	-1.13	10.73	5.54
Extreme/Average	71.8	52.0	61.8	61.0	0.8	0.15	2	-1.08	14.11	9.15
South Central										
Donaldsonville	72.7	55.4	64.1	61.6	2.5	0.05	1	-0.91	15.61	11.50
Jeanerette	70.9	54.1	62.5	62.1	0.4	0.10	3	-0.77	16.65	12.52
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	61.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	74.3	57.3	65.8	63.2	2.6	0.02	1	-0.91	12.04	8.54
Extreme/Average	72.6	55.6	64.1	62.1	1.8	0.06	3	-0.86	14.77	10.85
Southeast										
Galliano	70.1	57.6	63.9	63.7	0.1	0.30	1	-0.46	13.14	9.87
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.72	16.97	13.13
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	72.0	59.0	65.5	NA	NA	0.21	3	NA	14.32	NA
Extreme/Average	71.0	58.3	64.7	63.7	0.1	0.17	3	-0.59	14.81	11.50
State	70.4	51.1	60.7	59.8	0.9	0.16	1	-0.92	13.62	9.62

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.