



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This is the **Final** “Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report” for 2015. We will resume this report in March 2016. We would like to give special thanks to our Parish Agents and the Southern Regional Climate Center for their ongoing participation.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 29, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 44.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun and Janesville to 64.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 63.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Shreveport to 77.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Wet weather conditions throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northwest and north central part of the state with an average of 1.02 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 29, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Soybeans, harvested	100	99	100	100
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	96	93	99	100
Sugarcane, harvested	64	57	59	68
Winter Wheat, planted	49	34	88	94
Winter Wheat, emerged	36	16	74	80

Crop condition for week ending November 29, 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	10	46	38	4
Pasture	4	28	43	23	2
Sugarcane	3	11	37	41	8
Vegetables	3	26	46	24	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Recent warmer weather with some sunshine has improved ground conditions. The sugarcane harvest challenge has eased some with improved conditions. Winter pastures faced challenges from a late season hatch of armyworms which completely destroyed many acres of fall planted forage crops and in many situations sever damage occurred forcing many acres to be replanted. Improved ground conditions also allowed ranchers to make a fertilizer application to winter pastures. Some crawfish being harvested but real light early catches are reported.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Weather has cooperated this week and things are beginning to dry out for additional fieldwork. Rye grass is coming up nice and pastures are looking good.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Most ryegrass was affected by armyworm and some was replanted. Sugarcane harvest continues under muddy conditions. Cattle producers are beginning to feed and hay cattle.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Area received less rain this week which allowed for better field conditions as sugarcane farmers are past mid-point of grinding season with crop yield not quite as good as last year. Fruit and vegetables continue to struggle. Some cattlemen beginning to hay cattle”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“This week drier conditions and sunshine facilitated field progress. Cool season pastures have started to make good growth. A cool snap and light frost at the start of the week knocked back armyworm pressure in ryegrass pastures. Sugarcane growers continue to report yields 10-12% less than last year.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Sugarcane harvest going better. Ryegrass growing better. Vegetable producers selling produce. Crawfish farmers catching crawfish. Citrus producers selling fruit.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 29, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	65.6	45.7	55.6	51.3	4.3	1.02	2	-0.22	9.48	4.52
Mooringsport	65.8	45.5	55.7	51.7	3.8	0.57	2	-0.38	8.09	3.88
Red River	NA	NA	NA	52.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.50	4.49
Shreveport	63.4	45.1	54.3	51.3	3.0	1.47	3	0.43	8.98	4.34
Extreme/Average	64.9	45.4	55.2	51.7	3.7	1.02	3	-0.06	8.51	4.31
North Central										
Calhoun	67.1	44.4	55.8	51.0	4.8	0.43	1	-0.76	6.31	1.52
Farmerville	66.6	50.6	58.6	50.9	7.6	1.47	2	0.16	8.72	3.90
Homer	64.6	45.4	55.0	50.2	4.8	1.15	3	-0.23	1.81	-1.27
Extreme/Average	66.1	46.8	56.5	50.7	5.7	1.02	3	-0.28	5.61	1.38
Northeast										
Lake Providence	66.4	45.4	55.9	51.7	4.2	0.26	1	-1.12	6.35	3.90
St Joseph	69.4	48.7	59.1	54.4	4.7	0.00	0	-1.46	7.71	2.96
Tallulah	70.9	48.9	59.9	53.0	6.9	0.10	1	-1.25	6.87	2.25
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	53.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	68.9	47.7	58.3	53.1	5.3	0.12	1	-1.28	6.98	3.04
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	52.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	54.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.53	1.76
Leesville	69.9	50.6	60.2	53.9	6.3	0.10	2	-1.36	5.64	0.19
Natchitoches	66.6	48.6	57.6	53.6	3.9	0.23	2	-1.11	6.18	1.41
Extreme/Average	66.8	49.6	58.9	53.7	5.1	0.17	2	-1.24	6.12	1.12
Central										
Alexandria	69.6	49.1	59.4	55.0	4.4	0.04	2	-1.47	8.35	2.57
Bunkie	70.5	45.8	58.2	55.5	2.7	0.00	0	-1.23	6.68	1.74
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	57.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	68.9	44.4	56.6	54.7	1.9	0.00	0	-1.49	7.55	2.11
New Roads	72.3	53.3	62.8	57.2	5.6	0.00	0	-1.02	5.87	1.94
Extreme/Average	70.3	48.2	59.2	56.0	3.7	0.01	2	-1.30	7.11	2.09
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.03	6.30	2.04
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	56.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.20	NA
Slidell	68.3	51.4	59.9	NA	NA	0.13	2	NA	6.21	NA
Extreme/Average	68.3	51.4	59.9	56.1	NA	0.07	2	-1.03	6.57	2.04
Southwest										
Crowley	69.6	51.4	60.5	57.0	3.5	0.00	0	-1.15	8.02	3.47
DeRidder	69.4	47.1	58.3	55.5	2.7	0.14	1	-1.38	6.71	1.14
Jennings	70.4	52.6	61.5	57.5	4.0	0.02	1	-1.12	4.91	0.24
Oberlin Fire	69.0	50.6	59.8	56.4	3.4	0.00	0	-1.31	5.20	0.26
Extreme/Average	69.6	50.4	60.0	56.6	3.4	0.04	1	-1.24	6.21	1.28
South Central										
Donaldsonville	70.4	50.1	60.3	57.6	2.7	0.00	0	-1.01	6.51	2.59
Jeanerette	69.7	51.0	60.4	58.2	2.1	0.00	0	-0.88	9.01	5.43
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	57.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	77.8	64.2	71.0	59.3	12.1	NA	NA	NA	7.86	5.06
Extreme/Average	72.6	55.1	63.9	58.1	5.6	0.00	0	-0.95	7.79	4.36
Southeast										
Galliano	69.6	53.0	61.3	59.8	1.5	0.00	0	-0.79	6.38	3.24
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.07	7.79	3.62
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	74.0	58.0	66.0	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	4.73	NA
Extreme/Average	71.8	55.5	63.6	59.8	1.5	0.00	0	-0.93	6.30	3.43
State	68.7	49.6	59.2	55.3	3.2	0.25	1	-0.95	6.69	2.39

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.