



**United States Department of Agriculture  
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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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**Week Ending July 3, 2016**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 3, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 34 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 24 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 76.8 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 89.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 96.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria. Hot and dry conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state which accounted for good conditions for growth. The east central part of the state received the highest average of rain concentration at 3.10 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending July 3, 2016**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, silking	98	94	99	100
Corn, dough	67	47	77	70
Corn, dented	17	NA	16	10
Cotton, emerged	100	98	100	100
Cotton, squaring	75	58	78	81
Cotton, setting bolls	19	8	18	31
Hay, first cutting	93	89	88	96
Hay, second cutting	6	NA	4	28
Rice, headed	57	45	62	53
Rice, mature	2	NA	NA	NA
Sorghum, headed	86	75	81	79
Sorghum, coloring	20	2	6	13
Soybeans, emerged	99	98	98	98
Soybeans, blooming	74	62	76	64
Soybeans, setting pods	39	8	47	33
Sweet Potatoes, planted	93	87	90	95

**Crop condition for week ending July 3, 2016**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	11	34	51	4
Cotton	0	5	16	73	6
Livestock	0	4	23	65	8
Pasture	0	8	28	57	7
Rice	0	5	27	59	9
Sorghum	0	2	19	63	16
Soybeans	0	3	23	63	11
Sugarcane	1	1	16	60	22
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	20	75	5
Vegetables	1	6	24	64	5

NA = Not Available.

**Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents**

“Overall, crops have received sporadic but adequate rainfall and look good. Most corn in the area is well advanced (even some of the replanted) and has good-excellent yield potential.”

– Donna Morgan, Rapides Parish

“There has been very good weather the past week for harvesting watermelons. Producers are at the peak of harvesting for the last week in June getting ready for the holiday major sale rush of the July 4th.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“It has been a hot and dry week. Hay producers have been baling all week. Some afternoon showers but not much. Fieldwork being done also. A few rice producers draining fields. Soybeans looking a little better with drier conditions.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Rice farmers are draining fields in anticipation of harvest which should begin next week. Drier weather is needed for harvest efficiency. Cane growers are scouting for insects and some are finding West Indian Cane Fly. Cattle ranchers are beginning to wean older calves and market to capture higher prices than anticipated in the fall. Hay harvest has been delayed due to threat of rains.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Hot and dry temperatures this past week. Several rice fields across the parish are being drained and rice is ripening very well. Blast is spotty as well as sheath blight. I expect more rice fields to be drained within the next week. Soybeans are looking nice. Some stands look excellent and could benefit from a shower. Many fields are in the middle of flowering.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“It is very dry across the parish. Soybeans that are in the pod fill stage need a rain. Sugarcane has slowed in rate of growth as well.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 3, 2016**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	92.9	71.7	82.3	81.1	1.1	0.00	0.00	-1.13	4.61	-0.09
Mooringsport	92.4	72.7	82.6	82.2	0.4	0.21	2.00	-0.78	1.07	-3.37
Red River	91.9	74.3	83.1	82.2	0.9	1.09	1.00	0.04	3.67	-0.88
Shreveport	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.09	-0.26
Extreme/Average	92.4	72.9	82.6	81.8	0.8	0.43	2.00	-0.62	3.11	-1.15
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	92.6	68.1	80.4	80.2	0.1	0.03	1.00	-0.96	3.28	-0.71
Farmerville	91.7	72.9	82.3	81.3	1.0	0.03	1.00	-1.29	2.68	-2.83
Homer	92.2	67.0	79.6	79.4	0.1	NA	NA	NA	0.29	-2.83
Extreme/Average	92.2	69.3	80.8	80.3	0.4	0.03	1.00	-1.13	2.08	-2.12
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	92.3	73.3	82.8	81.7	1.1	0.01	1.00	-0.85	2.37	0.26
St Joseph	90.2	71.6	80.9	82.1	-1.2	0.83	2.00	0.17	5.94	2.52
Tallulah	95.9	75.3	85.6	81.3	4.3	0.20	1.00	-0.81	4.85	1.34
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	92.8	73.4	83.1	81.8	1.4	0.35	2.00	-0.50	4.39	1.37
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	80.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	93.0	73.8	83.4	81.6	1.9	NA	NA	NA	2.99	-0.94
Leesville	92.7	70.1	81.4	80.5	0.9	0.73	3.00	-0.41	2.92	-1.83
Natchitoches	91.6	73.3	82.4	82.8	-0.3	0.14	2.00	-0.64	2.83	-1.53
Extreme/Average	92.4	72.4	82.4	81.3	0.8	0.43	3.00	-0.53	2.91	-1.43
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	96.7	73.9	85.3	82.5	2.8	1.17	2.00	-0.13	3.01	-2.10
Bunkie	91.3	68.3	79.8	81.8	-2.0	2.30	3.00	1.17	5.80	1.18
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	91.6	73.4	82.5	81.9	0.6	1.85	1.00	0.76	5.08	0.72
New Roads	93.6	72.7	83.1	82.5	0.7	NA	NA	NA	3.50	-0.69
Extreme/Average	93.3	72.1	82.7	82.4	0.5	1.77	3.00	0.60	4.35	-0.22
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.53	3.00	2.87	7.03	0.29
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.81	NA
Slidell	90.7	73.3	82.0	NA	NA	1.68	4.00	NA	3.06	NA
Extreme/Average	90.7	73.3	82.0	81.1	NA	3.10	4.00	2.87	4.30	0.29
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	92.7	74.6	83.6	81.9	1.7	0.05	1.00	-1.55	3.17	-3.40
DeRidder	91.5	72.0	81.8	81.6	0.2	0.18	2.00	-1.17	0.60	-5.17
Jennings	93.6	75.1	84.4	81.8	2.6	0.04	2.00	-1.47	3.56	-2.71
Oberlin Fire	91.9	72.6	82.2	81.3	0.9	0.80	1.00	-0.77	2.19	-4.10
Extreme/Average	92.4	73.6	83.0	81.7	1.3	0.27	2.00	-1.24	2.38	-3.85
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	92.4	73.7	83.1	81.6	1.5	0.74	4.00	-0.93	2.72	-4.07
Jeanerette	91.9	74.3	83.1	81.9	1.2	0.63	2.00	-1.34	2.92	-4.78
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	94.7	75.4	85.1	81.7	3.4	0.29	2.00	-1.58	2.33	-4.18
Extreme/Average	93.0	74.5	83.7	81.6	2.0	0.55	4.00	-1.28	2.66	-4.34
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	89.0	76.3	82.7	81.9	0.7	1.28	4.00	-0.62	4.35	-1.99
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.69	3.00	1.06	8.80	2.12
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	95.2	76.8	86.0	NA	NA	2.06	4.00	NA	8.04	NA
Extreme/Average	92.1	76.5	84.3	81.9	0.7	2.01	4.00	0.22	7.06	0.07
<b>State</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>-0.14</b>	<b>3.76</b>	<b>-1.26</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.