



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 17, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 39 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 12 percent very short, 33 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Bunkie to 77.1 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 89.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Jeanerette to 96.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens. The precipitation for the week was scattered throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 2.43 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending July 17, 2016**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	95	85	93	97
Corn, dent	70	46	79	45
Corn, mature	6	NA	6	6
Cotton, squaring	91	85	95	97
Cotton, setting bolls	65	46	64	71
Cotton, open bolls	1	NA	0	2
Hay, first cutting	100	98	99	100
Hay, second cutting	47	33	43	52
Rice, headed	81	70	82	75
Rice, mature	20	6	10	8
Rice, harvested	1	NA	0	1
Sorghum, headed	95	91	95	94
Sorghum, coloring	62	38	57	61
Sorghum, mature	3	NA	0	2
Soybeans, blooming	89	81	87	86
Soybeans, setting pods	68	54	73	67
Sweet Potatoes, planted	100	98	100	100

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending July 17, 2016**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	1	11	31	53	4
Cotton	0	5	17	72	6
Livestock	1	5	24	63	7
Pasture	1	9	35	49	6
Rice	0	5	30	58	7
Sorghum	0	4	27	57	12
Soybeans	0	5	21	66	8
Sugarcane	1	1	16	60	22
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	20	74	5
Vegetables	1	9	33	55	2

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Some corn harvest may begin this week. We are very dry. We have gotten some very limited pop-up showers. Non-irrigated crops are suffering from hot and dry conditions. So far no insect or disease issues found in soybean fields.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Afternoon showers and clouds have helped moderate temperatures. Some parts of the parish are missing showers and rapidly drying out. Some sugarcane growers may start planting this week. Rice growers are starting to drain fields in anticipation of harvest in a couple of weeks. Stinkbugs are starting to show up in soybean fields. Spring gardens are playing out with some growers starting to make fall garden preparations. Pears are ripening. The fig harvest is winding down and fig quality was damaged by the frequent rains during maturity.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rice harvest will be in full swing soon, corn fields are beginning to dry down well with high temperatures. The grain sorghum crop is coloring up real good, and soybean fields are looking really good. A large portion of the hay crops were rolled in the last couple of weeks. Producers are making herbicide treatments to clean up weeds and fertilizing for the fall cutting. Vegetable production has slowed with high temperatures, but okra and field peas are coming in well.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“It has been humid and wet. Rainfall most of the week.”

– Reed Himel, Terrebonne Parish

“Rice harvest has started. Just a very small amount of acreage has been harvested and yields look to be in the low to mid 40's (barrels). Many fields have been drained and are making the transition to be cut. I expect to see many more combines in the fields next week. Soybeans are looking very good with many fields setting pods. Some reports of aerial blight are showing up in soybeans. Parts of the parish received a much needed shower for the soybeans; other parts are still dry and can use some moisture in the topsoil.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Sugarcane farmers continue to spray for the West Indian Cane Fly and prepare land and equipment for planting. Sugarcane height is looking good for this time of year which should allow for a good planting season that should be in full swing by the first week in August. Soybeans and rice continue to make good progress and some hay was made with decent quality. High temperatures continues to affect livestock and home gardens.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 17, 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	94.6	72.1	83.4	82.3	1.1	0.46	4	-0.38	0.46	-3.72
Mooringsport	94.0	73.8	83.9	83.2	0.7	0.46	1	-0.06	0.69	-2.76
Red River	93.6	73.9	83.7	83.1	0.6	0.72	2	-0.06	2.33	-1.62
Shreveport	95.0	71.7	83.4	82.8	0.5	1.65	2	0.61	1.68	-2.14
Extreme/Average	94.3	72.9	83.6	82.8	0.7	0.82	4	0.03	1.29	-2.56
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	93.7	69.8	81.8	81.3	0.5	0.71	2	0.03	1.11	-2.40
Farmerville	95.1	73.7	84.4	82.3	2.1	0.07	2	-0.90	0.10	-4.56
Homer	93.9	70.9	82.4	80.5	1.8	0.24	2	-0.64	1.03	-2.99
Extreme/Average	94.2	71.5	82.8	81.4	1.5	0.34	2	-0.50	0.75	-3.32
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	91.7	72.3	82.0	82.6	-0.6	1.52	1	0.78	1.70	0.70
St Joseph	94.8	72.8	83.8	82.8	1.1	0.01	1	-0.70	3.15	-0.49
Tallulah	95.1	73.7	84.4	82.0	2.4	1.10	3	0.28	2.78	-0.90
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	93.9	72.9	83.4	82.5	1.0	0.88	3	0.12	2.54	-0.23
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	96.5	75.0	85.8	82.5	3.3	NA	NA	NA	2.28	-1.44
Leesville	95.3	73.0	84.2	81.4	2.8	0.03	1	-0.75	1.41	-2.81
Natchitoches	93.6	73.9	83.7	83.8	0.0	0.44	2	-0.58	0.64	-3.45
Extreme/Average	95.1	74.0	84.5	82.3	2.0	0.23	2	-0.67	1.44	-2.57
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	92.7	73.6	83.1	83.3	-0.1	0.22	2	-0.77	2.05	-2.73
Bunkie	91.7	66.4	79.1	82.4	-3.3	1.50	1	0.61	6.70	2.72
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	92.3	72.9	82.6	82.6	0.0	0.09	2	-0.80	4.99	0.85
New Roads	93.8	73.0	83.4	83.0	0.4	NA	NA	NA	2.84	-1.09
Extreme/Average	92.6	71.5	82.0	83.0	-0.8	0.60	2	-0.32	4.14	-0.06
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.93	4	1.52	8.80	2.39
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.76	3	NA	2.24	NA
Slidell	91.6	74.4	83.0	NA	NA	2.39	4	NA	4.32	NA
Extreme/Average	91.6	74.4	83.0	81.7	NA	2.03	4	1.52	5.12	2.39
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	91.3	74.4	82.9	82.2	0.7	0.39	3	-0.90	1.93	-4.13
DeRidder	94.4	73.1	83.8	82.2	1.6	0.19	1	-1.01	0.39	-5.20
Jennings	92.3	74.4	83.4	82.2	1.2	2.41	5	1.34	3.22	-2.31
Oberlin Fire	92.1	73.1	82.6	81.9	0.7	0.86	4	-0.36	2.17	-3.71
Extreme/Average	92.5	73.8	83.2	82.1	1.0	0.96	5	-0.23	1.93	-3.84
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	91.0	72.9	81.9	82.0	-0.1	3.66	4	2.23	5.02	-1.44
Jeanerette	89.0	73.3	81.1	82.3	-1.1	0.13	4	-1.47	0.93	-6.56
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	90.9	75.7	83.3	82.2	1.1	0.83	3	-0.69	2.76	-3.90
Extreme/Average	90.3	74.0	82.1	82.0	0.0	1.54	4	0.02	2.90	-3.97
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	89.2	76.0	82.6	82.3	0.3	2.50	6	0.72	4.30	-3.10
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.26	3	1.97	7.26	1.04
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	94.6	77.1	85.9	NA	NA	1.54	6	NA	3.70	NA
Extreme/Average	91.9	76.5	84.2	82.3	0.3	2.43	6	1.34	5.09	-1.03
<b>State</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>2.91</b>	<b>-1.62</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.