



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



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**Week Ending July 31, 2016**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 31, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 20 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 61.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Bunkie to 77.6 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 88.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence and Galliano to 93.9 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Wet weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state with the northeast part of the state receiving the highest average of rain concentration at 3.47 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending July 31, 2016**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	100	98	99	100
Corn, dent	91	84	93	62
Corn, mature	51	21	51	51
Corn, harvested	8	0	4	10
Cotton, squaring	100	98	100	99
Cotton, setting bolls	85	76	86	90
Cotton, open bolls	15	6	3	7
Hay, second cutting	64	55	77	73
Rice, headed	91	86	93	90
Rice, mature	52	36	49	33
Rice, harvested	20	12	17	11
Sorghum, headed	100	99	100	99
Sorghum, coloring	88	76	88	85
Sorghum, mature	42	20	47	40
Sorghum, harvested	6	NA	8	7
Soybeans, blooming	97	95	93	94
Soybeans, setting pods	89	80	86	85
Soybeans, turning color	10	6	32	14
Sugarcane, planted	2	0	2	2

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending July 31, 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	32	54	3
Cotton	0	5	25	66	4
Livestock	1	4	25	64	6
Pasture	1	9	34	50	6
Rice	0	5	32	55	8
Sorghum	0	5	28	55	12
Soybeans	0	4	17	70	9
Sugarcane	1	1	15	62	21
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	21	74	5
Vegetables	1	10	32	54	3

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“3 to 5 inches of rain and lower temperatures were beneficial this week.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“Showers continue to interrupt field progress. Cane growers are waiting for fields to dry out to put planting into full swing. Some early maturing soybeans on cane rows are being sprayed with defoliant in preparation for harvest. Rice harvest will begin this week. Small amounts of lodging is being seen in rice fields. Pastures are getting ample rainfall for warm season forage growth resulting in good cow/calf body condition. Hay producers are waiting for a dry spell to make a cutting.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rice and grain sorghum producers are harvesting in some areas but rain showers are a problem over the recent days. Soybean diseases are beginning to show up where fungicides are going out. Insect pressure in the soybean crop is also on the rise with other spring crops maturing, stink bug and worm populations are being reported. Hay producer's fields are ready for another cutting. Fall vegetable garden sites will soon get active planting fall tomatoes and winter crops.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Producers are preparing to plant sugarcane. Soybeans are looking good. Harvest aids have been applied to some soybean fields.”

– Mariah Simoneaux, Saint James Parish

“This weeks showers have farmers looking for dry fields to be able to harvest grain sorghum, and corn. Producers are watching the sky's looking for an opportunity to apply harvest aids to desiccate soybeans. Sugarcane growers are talking about planting next week if weather and field conditions permit.”

– Steve Borel, West Baton Rouge Parish

“Strong spotty storms came through this week and delivered heavy rains in some parts while others stayed dry. A small amount of rice was knocked down due to the storms. Soybeans benefited from the rain.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 31, 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	91.3	72.7	82.0	82.6	-0.6	1.40	3	0.73	2.80	-0.40
Mooringsport	91.6	72.4	82.0	83.2	-1.2	1.57	3	0.87	2.14	-0.45
Red River	92.3	73.6	82.9	83.4	-0.5	0.63	4	-0.16	1.35	-1.92
Shreveport	92.6	72.1	82.4	83.0	-0.7	2.47	3	1.57	4.17	0.22
Extreme/Average	91.9	72.7	82.3	83.1	-0.7	1.52	4	0.75	2.61	-0.64
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	91.9	71.0	81.4	81.6	-0.1	4.69	5	3.94	5.61	2.68
Farmerville	90.9	73.6	82.2	82.4	-0.2	3.28	6	2.55	3.56	0.10
Homer	89.5	71.8	80.7	81.0	-0.3	2.33	4	1.68	2.61	-0.46
Extreme/Average	90.8	72.1	81.4	81.7	-0.2	3.43	6	2.72	3.93	0.77
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	88.1	73.9	81.0	82.8	-1.8	2.12	4	1.61	3.69	2.95
St Joseph	90.3	72.7	81.5	82.8	-1.3	0.82	5	-0.16	2.27	-1.73
Tallulah	92.4	74.5	83.6	82.2	1.4	7.47	5	6.87	8.97	5.86
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.77	-0.68
Extreme/Average	90.3	73.7	82.0	82.7	-0.6	3.47	5	2.77	4.17	1.60
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	83.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.34	-2.09
Leesville	92.9	71.9	82.4	81.7	0.6	2.38	5	1.58	2.65	-0.86
Natchitoches	90.6	73.3	81.9	83.7	-1.7	1.96	4	0.92	2.81	-0.76
Extreme/Average	91.8	72.6	82.1	82.6	-0.6	2.17	5	1.25	1.93	-1.24
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	90.9	74.1	82.5	83.6	-1.1	4.09	5	3.16	6.42	2.54
Bunkie	88.7	61.1	74.9	82.7	-7.7	2.30	4	1.55	3.80	0.63
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	90.6	75.0	82.8	82.8	-0.1	3.20	3	2.44	3.42	0.01
New Roads	91.3	72.8	82.1	83.0	-0.9	1.14	3	0.38	4.38	0.76
Extreme/Average	90.4	70.8	80.6	83.2	-2.4	2.68	5	1.88	4.50	0.98
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.53	4	1.23	7.42	1.90
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.17	4	NA	5.38	NA
Slidell	88.3	73.6	80.9	NA	NA	1.01	3	NA	4.38	NA
Extreme/Average	88.3	73.6	80.9	81.8	NA	1.90	4	1.23	5.73	1.90
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	91.1	74.4	82.8	82.3	0.5	0.96	4	-0.12	1.70	-3.26
DeRidder	92.5	73.3	82.9	82.4	0.5	1.99	4	1.19	3.12	-1.20
Jennings	89.3	75.1	82.2	82.4	-0.2	0.64	5	-0.35	5.02	0.66
Oberlin Fire	89.4	72.4	80.9	82.1	-1.2	1.00	2	0.25	2.76	-1.69
Extreme/Average	90.6	73.8	82.2	82.3	-0.1	1.15	5	0.24	3.15	-1.37
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	90.3	73.6	81.9	82.0	-0.1	2.39	5	1.06	8.39	2.71
Jeanerette	89.1	74.1	81.6	82.4	-0.7	3.10	4	1.74	4.45	-1.68
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	90.6	75.9	83.2	82.3	0.9	4.19	6	2.77	5.89	-0.18
Extreme/Average	90.0	74.5	82.3	82.2	0.0	3.23	6	1.86	6.24	0.28
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	88.1	77.4	82.8	82.5	0.3	3.08	6	1.29	9.10	1.90
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.01	4	0.70	7.94	2.54
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	93.9	77.6	85.7	NA	NA	2.19	5	NA	6.00	NA
Extreme/Average	91.0	77.5	84.3	82.5	0.3	2.43	6	0.99	7.68	2.22
<b>State</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>4.48</b>	<b>0.54</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.