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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 7, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 23 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 22 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 72.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 78.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 89.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 97.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville. Scattered rainfall was prevalent throughout most of the state with the east central part of the state receiving the highest average of rain concentration at 2.26 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 7, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dent	98	91	96	79
Corn, mature	81	51	78	85
Corn, harvested	18	8	24	23
Cotton, setting bolls	95	85	92	95
Cotton, open bolls	20	15	8	13
Hay, second cutting	72	64	86	80
Rice, headed	94	91	95	94
Rice, mature	70	52	72	53
Rice, harvested	39	20	35	25
Sorghum, coloring	99	88	95	93
Sorghum, mature	71	42	77	68
Sorghum, harvested	38	6	37	22
Soybeans, blooming	98	97	96	97
Soybeans, setting pods	93	89	90	91
Soybeans, turning color	22	10	40	21
Soybeans, dropping leaves	4	0	21	8
Sugarcane, planted	9	2	12	8

Crop condition for week ending August 7, 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	33	53	3
Cotton	0	5	24	66	5
Livestock	1	4	26	63	6
Pasture	1	10	33	50	6
Rice	0	5	31	56	8
Sorghum	0	5	25	58	12
Soybeans	0	4	18	69	9
Sugarcane	1	1	17	61	20
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	20	74	5
Vegetables	1	10	35	53	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Some scattered showers have delayed corn harvest. Most producers have begun to harvest corn. Rains are beneficial to soybeans, cotton and pastures. Armyworms in high numbers in pastures and crops that have weedy grass in the field.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Growers continue to dodge hit or miss showers while trying to get rice harvested and cane planted. Warm temperatures and ample moisture continues to facilitate good cane crop development. Some cane lodging is being reported in some especially tall fields. This tall cane is allowing for a planting ratio of up to 6 to 1. Cattle producers are marketing calves, and clipping pastures. Hay producers are waiting for a more favorable weather forecast to make a cutting. Soybeans are making good growth and some early beans are being sprayed with defoliant in preparation for harvest.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rain showers are delaying the rice, grain sorghum, and corn harvest. Yields are average for the crops harvested. Insects and disease are showing up in soybeans fairly heavy but the crop looks good. Livestock producers have abundant forage for grazing and hay. More hay will be made when the weather allows.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Wet field conditions are preventing most farmers from planting sugarcane. Some progress has been made relative to soybean harvest. Yields are acceptable (40 to 45 Bu.)”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

“Hot and Dry week, rice harvesting going great this week, very little rain showers to stop farmers. Some pastures need a rain for hay production.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Sugarcane planting, rice harvest, and soybean harvest continue to be delayed by rain showers. Hay pastures continue to grow well, but are not being bailed because of rains. Farmers are eager to get these activities in full gear as crops appear to be in very good condition; however, weather forecast for upcoming week indicates several days of possible rains.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 7, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	96.4	75.3	85.9	82.6	3.3	0.38	1	-0.22	3.18	0.37
Mooringsport	96.7	76.9	86.8	83.2	3.6	0.00	0	-0.71	2.13	-0.66
Red River	97.3	77.3	87.3	83.5	3.8	0.00	0	-0.73	1.35	-1.72
Shreveport	96.3	74.4	85.4	83.1	2.3	NA	0	-0.82	4.15	0.34
Extreme/Average	96.7	76.0	86.3	83.1	3.2	0.13	1	-0.62	2.70	-0.42
North Central										
Calhoun	95.3	73.3	84.3	81.6	2.7	0.70	2	-0.04	6.10	3.31
Farmerville	94.8	77.0	85.9	82.3	3.6	0.03	1	-0.52	3.59	0.53
Homer	95.9	73.1	84.5	81.1	3.4	0.03	1	-0.67	2.64	-0.23
Extreme/Average	95.3	74.5	84.9	81.7	3.2	0.25	2	-0.41	4.11	1.20
Northeast										
Lake Providence	93.1	75.4	84.3	82.7	1.6	1.19	3	0.45	4.83	3.58
St Joseph	96.2	75.0	85.6	82.8	2.8	NA	NA	NA	2.09	-1.39
Tallulah	97.0	76.3	86.6	82.3	4.4	0.25	1	-0.43	8.82	6.00
Winnsboro	96.6	76.6	86.6	82.8	3.8	0.08	1	-0.47	4.05	0.95
Extreme/Average	95.7	75.8	85.8	82.6	3.1	0.51	3	-0.15	4.95	2.29
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	96.0	76.3	86.2	83.1	3.0	NA	NA	NA	2.88	-0.23
Leesville	97.9	72.7	85.3	81.8	3.5	0.14	2	-0.71	2.76	-0.55
Natchitoches	94.4	76.7	85.6	83.6	2.0	NA	0	-0.66	2.78	-0.72
Extreme/Average	96.1	75.2	85.7	82.6	2.8	0.14	2	-0.69	2.81	-0.50
Central										
Alexandria	97.0	76.6	86.8	83.6	3.2	0.12	1	-0.90	6.43	2.64
Bunkie	95.5	76.6	86.4	82.7	3.7	1.40	1	0.77	5.20	2.27
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	94.6	75.4	85.0	82.9	2.1	0.56	1	-0.20	3.98	0.81
New Roads	94.8	76.2	85.5	83.0	2.5	0.15	1	-0.57	3.19	-0.03
Extreme/Average	95.5	76.2	85.9	83.2	2.9	0.56	1	-0.22	4.70	1.42
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.47	4	1.03	9.77	4.35
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.75	3	NA	5.03	NA
Slidell	91.1	74.6	82.9	NA	NA	3.57	5	NA	7.95	NA
Extreme/Average	91.1	74.6	82.9	81.9	NA	2.26	5	1.03	7.58	4.35
Southwest										
Crowley	93.0	75.0	84.0	82.5	1.5	NA	NA	NA	1.70	-2.29
DeRidder	96.0	75.2	85.6	82.5	3.1	NA	NA	NA	3.10	-0.38
Jennings	93.9	76.7	85.3	82.5	2.8	0.40	2	-0.74	5.38	1.17
Oberlin Fire	94.3	74.6	84.4	82.3	2.2	0.70	1	-0.36	4.13	-0.28
Extreme/Average	94.3	75.4	84.8	82.4	2.4	0.55	2	-0.55	3.58	-0.45
South Central										
Donaldsonville	91.3	74.4	82.9	82.0	0.9	1.92	3	0.63	10.19	4.81
Jeanerette	91.3	75.0	83.1	82.4	0.7	0.96	4	-0.48	5.39	-0.38
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	82.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	91.7	76.7	84.2	82.3	1.9	0.91	5	-0.65	6.74	0.82
Extreme/Average	91.4	75.4	83.4	82.2	1.2	1.26	5	-0.17	7.44	1.75
Southeast										
Galliano	89.1	77.7	83.4	82.6	0.8	2.05	4	0.13	10.63	3.35
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.28	3	1.80	11.07	5.71
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	97.5	78.2	87.9	NA	NA	0.31	3	NA	6.22	NA
Extreme/Average	93.3	78.0	85.7	82.6	0.8	1.88	4	0.97	9.31	4.53
State	94.4	75.7	85.1	82.5	2.2	0.84	2	-0.07	5.24	1.60

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.