



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 1.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 21, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 71 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 56 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 80.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 81.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 92.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Scattered rainfall was received in some parts of the state this week and wet weather conditions throughout most of the state last week, where some areas received high flood waters. The northwest part of the state received the highest average of rain concentration at 5.94 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 21, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	93	91	96	97
Corn, harvested	35	30	83	65
Cotton, setting bolls	99	97	99	99
Cotton, open bolls	44	34	25	38
Hay, second cutting	77	75	93	91
Rice, headed	98	97	99	99
Rice, mature	85	80	91	83
Rice, harvested	60	55	72	56
Sorghum, mature	93	86	92	90
Sorghum, harvested	70	64	66	64
Soybeans, blooming	99	99	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	98	96	96	97
Soybeans, turning color	46	36	59	47
Soybeans, dropping leaves	24	15	44	28
Soybeans, mature	12	5	25	NA
Sugarcane, planted	19	16	38	28

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending August 21, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	2	11	37	46	4
Cotton	0	5	31	59	5
Livestock	1	5	25	64	5
Pasture	3	12	35	45	5
Rice	6	11	30	50	3
Sorghum	0	15	30	43	12
Soybeans	2	10	25	54	9
Sugarcane	1	6	40	39	14
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	21	74	4
Vegetables	1	14	34	50	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Flooding rains last week caused major damage to many crops and displaced a lot of cattle.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis Parish

“Historic rainfall over last weekend occurred across south Louisiana. Rice harvest was well on its way to being complete but halted by rain. Rice heads sprouting are being reported. This will also reduce the amount of acreage for second crop. Some soybeans throughout the parish were completely submerged underwater while others remained high and dry. Water was slow to drain so the impact on how the soybeans will be affected will be noticed within the coming days and weeks. Pastures conditions went down fast. All of the rain and flooding created conditions where pastures were turned into lakes for a period of time.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“It rained just about every day last week totaling about 6-8 inches. Some rice that was mature in the fields is starting to sprout. Some fields have water backing up on them from the bayou's overflowing and can't be drained. Some soybean fields are waterlogged also. Hay pastures are needing to dry to cut for only the second time. Tough week for area farmers.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Had over 15 inches of rain spread over 4 days and it continues to rain. Work in field is slow.”

– Reed Himel, Terrebonne Parish

“Periodic rains continued during the past week. Many fields remain flooded. Sugarcane planting and soybean harvest is still delayed. Producers will need several days of dry, warm weather before they will be able to get back in the field.”

– Mariah Simoneaux, Saint James and Assumption Parish

“Flooding in low lying areas from over 28 inches of rain put homes and farmland underwater. While some areas are starting to dry out, some fields have been submerged for over a week and will take additional time to drain. Continued showers are compounding the problem. Ripe rice that lodged is sprouting in the water and growers are struggling to drain fields and salvage the remainder of the crop. Rice growers are expecting to have lost at least 40 % of their yield potential. At least 25 % of the soybean crop has been lost. Sugarcane growers are expecting to have lost at least 3% of the cane that was already planted. Some cane is still standing in water and growers fear that yield may be impacted. Sugarcane growers are starting ripener applications this week in preparation for the start of grinding around Sept. 22nd. Bee producers lost up to 50 % of their hives. Cattle producers in low lying areas lost some calves, hay and had to relocate cattle to higher ground.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 21, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	85.0	72.6	78.8	82.1	-3.3	5.94	7	5.36	8.16	5.72
Mooringsport	81.0	71.6	76.3	82.9	-6.6	4.54	7	3.86	7.10	4.33
Red River	85.6	73.4	79.5	83.0	-3.5	6.23	7	5.64	10.33	7.54
Shreveport	84.0	71.4	77.7	82.9	-5.2	7.03	7	6.50	10.15	7.16
Extreme/Average	83.9	72.3	78.1	82.7	-4.6	5.94	7	5.34	8.94	6.19
North Central										
Calhoun	88.0	73.7	80.9	81.2	-0.3	3.33	7	2.58	10.43	7.45
Farmerville	85.6	72.7	79.1	81.9	-2.8	2.36	7	1.62	8.34	5.62
Homer	90.5	72.0	81.3	80.7	0.7	NA	NA	NA	2.68	1.12
Extreme/Average	88.0	72.8	80.4	81.3	-0.8	2.84	7	2.10	7.15	4.73
Northeast										
Lake Providence	86.0	73.1	79.6	82.2	-2.6	4.13	7	3.33	8.92	7.09
St Joseph	91.0	72.0	81.5	82.4	-0.9	1.58	6	0.67	6.28	2.69
Tallulah	91.3	74.3	82.8	81.9	0.9	5.11	6	4.35	16.03	13.29
Winnsboro	89.2	73.2	81.3	82.4	-1.3	NA	NA	NA	8.11	5.37
Extreme/Average	89.4	73.1	81.3	82.2	-1.0	3.61	7	2.78	9.84	7.11
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	87.9	70.1	79.0	82.5	-3.5	4.19	6	3.30	8.19	4.50
Leesville	87.3	72.3	79.8	81.3	-1.6	6.12	7	5.32	10.89	7.63
Natchitoches	86.4	73.4	79.9	83.4	-3.5	5.47	7	4.83	8.89	6.02
Extreme/Average	87.2	71.9	79.6	82.2	-2.8	5.26	7	4.48	9.32	6.05
Central										
Alexandria	87.4	73.1	80.3	83.3	-3.0	5.87	6	4.94	15.65	11.78
Bunkie	91.0	73.8	82.4	82.3	0.1	1.30	2	0.69	13.10	10.40
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	87.0	74.0	80.5	82.7	-2.2	3.65	5	2.86	9.30	6.22
New Roads	NA	NA	NA	82.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.69	-0.07
Extreme/Average	88.5	73.6	81.1	83.0	-1.7	3.61	6	2.83	9.93	7.08
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.95	5	0.53	24.19	18.60
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.01	5	NA	28.90	NA
Slidell	89.3	75.7	82.5	NA	NA	1.13	3	NA	9.63	NA
Extreme/Average	89.3	75.7	82.5	81.8	NA	1.70	5	0.53	20.91	18.60
Southwest										
Crowley	87.6	74.2	80.9	82.5	-1.6	0.83	3	0.03	20.43	16.38
DeRidder	87.7	73.1	80.4	82.4	-2.0	5.90	7	4.89	10.84	7.49
Jennings	87.1	74.6	80.9	82.6	-1.8	3.71	6	2.49	22.13	17.64
Oberlin Fire	87.4	73.1	80.3	82.2	-1.9	4.07	6	3.10	12.08	7.98
Extreme/Average	87.4	73.8	80.6	82.4	-1.8	3.63	7	2.63	16.37	12.37
South Central										
Donaldsonville	90.4	74.3	82.4	81.9	0.5	2.01	6	0.76	21.95	16.85
Jeanerette	88.7	74.0	81.4	82.3	-1.0	0.80	4	-0.58	23.24	17.69
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	87.3	75.3	81.3	82.3	-1.0	1.08	4	-0.61	14.64	8.31
Extreme/Average	88.8	74.5	81.7	82.1	-0.5	1.30	6	-0.14	19.94	14.28
Southeast										
Galliano	88.7	77.6	83.1	82.7	0.5	0.52	4	-1.12	12.98	5.83
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.61	3	0.23	22.69	17.05
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	92.2	80.2	86.3	NA	NA	1.02	5	NA	9.52	NA
Extreme/Average	90.5	78.9	84.7	82.7	0.5	1.05	5	-0.45	15.06	11.44
State	88.2	74.2	81.2	82.3	-1.3	3.15	6	2.17	12.97	9.74

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.