



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 28, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 62 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 53 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 71.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Shreveport to 77.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano and New Orleans. Highs ranged from 85.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 94.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Scattered rain showers and heavy thunderstorms were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest average of rain concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 2.63 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 28, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	99	93	98	99
Corn, harvested	59	35	91	81
Cotton, setting bolls	100	99	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	63	44	49	56
Hay, second cutting	85	77	95	95
Rice, headed	100	98	100	100
Rice, mature	91	85	94	91
Rice, harvested	70	60	81	71
Sorghum, mature	97	93	94	95
Sorghum, harvested	80	70	76	77
Soybeans, blooming	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	99	98	98	99
Soybeans, turning color	56	46	69	60
Soybeans, dropping leaves	38	24	55	41
Soybeans, mature	25	12	45	NA
Soybeans, harvested	7	NA	27	18
Sweet potatoes, harvested	4	0	5	7
Sugarcane, planted	26	19	54	44

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending August 28, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	3	11	39	44	3
Cotton	1	7	35	49	8
Livestock	1	5	25	64	5
Pasture	2	13	34	45	6
Rice	6	11	30	50	3
Sorghum	0	15	30	43	12
Soybeans	4	10	28	52	6
Sugarcane	1	7	43	36	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	21	73	4
Vegetables	1	14	33	51	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Continued light to moderate rains over the last two weeks has caused issues with moisture in corn and sloppy field conditions. Soybeans are showing wide spread issues from mold on pods to green soybeans sprouting in pods. We started the season wet and looks like we are ending the season wet.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Agriculture lands are saturated. Producers are "muddling" through the rice that can be harvested following the flood. Grain quality is poor of harvested commodities, grain sorghum rejected at the elevators. Soybeans that had standing water for days are not doing well some completely gone as though nothing was planted there. Two big concerns, will we make enough hay for winter feeding of livestock and what crawfish producers can expect? Many unanswered questions from this flood.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Throughout the week showers continued to plaque growers and prevented flooded fields from drying and slowed flood waters from receding. Cane producers are anxious to start planting cane before the start of grinding in late September. Cane producers continued to apply ripener this week aerially. Rice growers are trying to finish harvesting flooded rice fields that now have significant grain quality and yield losses issues. Livestock producers in flooded areas have moved animals to higher ground and are feeding hay and grain supplements. Hay producers are eagerly awaiting dry weather to make a hay cutting of rank forage. Vegetable producers are waiting for dry conditions to start fall garden preparations. Soybeans in flooded areas appear heavily damaged and plants near maturity have experienced large yield and quality losses.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rain almost every day. Fields are saturated with water. Work will continue when field dries up.”

– Reed Himel, Terrebonne Parish

“The majority of field conditions remain fairly wet. A few dry days did allow for some soybean harvest and sugarcane planting.”

– Mariah Simoneaux, Saint James Parish

“Following the flooding of August 12-15 fields & pastures have been slow to drain and dry due to continued showers and "backwater" flooding. Since the flooding soybeans and rice harvested have had a significant decrease in quality. Rice yields have been reduced by approximately 45% while soybean yields have been reduced by approximately 25%. Sugarcane damage appears to be less than 10% with the majority of issues associated with sugarcane that was planted just prior to the flooding. Some cane was planted during the week with some concerns related to the quality of "seed" cane. Cattle producers are dealing with the loss of stored hay and pastures that are too wet to cut for hay.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 28, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	89.9	72.4	81.1	81.4	-0.2	1.87	3	1.23	8.63	6.22
Mooringsport	87.4	72.9	80.1	82.2	-2.1	0.94	4	0.32	6.47	3.78
Red River	91.0	74.6	82.8	82.2	0.4	2.83	2	2.44	12.53	10.14
Shreveport	89.7	71.1	80.4	82.2	-1.8	3.16	4	2.65	10.90	8.30
Extreme/Average	89.5	72.8	81.1	82.0	-0.9	2.20	4	1.66	9.63	7.11
North Central										
Calhoun	91.8	73.3	82.6	80.5	2.0	2.09	3	1.45	7.83	4.96
Farmerville	89.4	72.9	81.1	81.2	0.0	2.71	4	1.88	7.77	4.86
Homer	88.4	71.4	79.9	80.0	-0.2	1.76	3	1.36	2.11	0.91
Extreme/Average	89.9	72.5	81.2	80.5	0.6	2.19	4	1.56	5.90	3.58
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.7	73.9	81.3	81.5	-0.2	NA	NA	NA	7.30	5.55
St Joseph	93.8	72.4	83.1	81.8	1.2	0.60	3	-0.05	6.06	2.80
Tallulah	93.7	74.7	84.2	81.3	3.0	1.26	3	0.62	9.82	7.04
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.19	4.29
Extreme/Average	92.1	73.7	82.9	81.6	1.3	0.93	3	0.28	7.34	4.92
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	85.0	72.0	78.5	81.7	-3.6	NA	NA	NA	5.83	2.82
Leesville	90.0	71.3	80.6	80.7	-0.1	1.44	4	0.69	9.95	6.74
Natchitoches	89.3	73.6	81.4	82.9	-1.5	2.53	6	1.65	9.46	6.75
Extreme/Average	88.1	72.3	80.2	81.6	-1.7	1.98	6	1.17	8.41	5.44
Central										
Alexandria	91.6	73.3	82.4	82.8	-0.4	2.20	4	1.39	13.76	10.01
Bunkie	91.4	73.4	82.4	81.7	0.8	1.30	3	0.38	12.10	9.23
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	91.3	73.6	82.4	82.1	0.3	1.09	5	0.26	7.19	4.04
New Roads	NA	NA	NA	82.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.55	-0.45
Extreme/Average	91.4	73.4	82.4	82.6	0.2	1.53	5	0.68	8.40	5.71
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.99	4	-0.38	22.65	16.99
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	26.72	NA
Slidell	91.1	74.0	82.6	NA	NA	1.27	5	NA	9.89	NA
Extreme/Average	91.1	74.0	82.6	81.4	NA	1.13	5	-0.38	19.75	16.99
Southwest										
Crowley	93.0	74.2	83.6	82.2	1.3	3.30	2	2.46	22.82	18.85
DeRidder	90.3	72.8	81.6	82.0	-0.4	2.05	3	1.24	10.90	7.54
Jennings	89.9	74.9	82.4	82.3	0.1	2.40	6	1.17	23.89	19.16
Oberlin Fire	89.0	72.3	80.6	81.8	-1.1	2.76	5	1.78	13.09	9.07
Extreme/Average	90.6	73.5	82.0	82.1	0.0	2.63	6	1.66	17.68	13.65
South Central										
Donaldsonville	90.3	74.4	82.4	81.6	0.7	2.31	3	1.13	21.87	16.92
Jeanerette	90.8	74.4	82.6	82.0	0.6	0.37	4	-0.64	20.51	15.31
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	90.7	76.4	83.6	82.0	1.5	1.12	4	-0.58	11.57	4.96
Extreme/Average	90.6	75.1	82.8	81.8	0.9	1.27	4	-0.03	17.98	12.40
Southeast										
Galliano	89.0	77.7	83.4	82.5	0.9	2.37	4	0.82	12.27	5.36
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.62	3	1.36	23.30	17.71
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	94.2	77.7	85.9	NA	NA	1.83	5	NA	9.16	NA
Extreme/Average	91.6	77.7	84.6	82.5	0.9	2.27	5	1.09	14.91	11.54
State	90.7	73.9	82.3	81.8	0.2	1.85	4	0.92	12.25	9.11

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.