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Week Ending September 25, 2016

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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, September 25, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 22 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 17 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 64.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 77.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 88.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 94.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Hot and dry conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state with the east central area receiving the highest average of rain concentration at 0.69 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 25, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	100	98	100	99
Cotton, open bolls	99	96	96	96
Cotton, harvested	27	10	27	36
Hay, second cutting	100	98	100	100
Rice, harvested	95	92	97	97
Sorghum, harvested	100	99	98	99
Soybeans, turning color	94	91	96	95
Soybeans, dropping leaves	84	74	90	86
Soybeans, mature	76	65	84	NA
Soybeans, harvested	59	44	72	65
Sugarcane, planted	75	65	98	91
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	35	32	45	36

Crop condition for week ending September 25, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	2	12	37	43	6
Livestock	1	6	29	59	5
Pasture	2	14	41	40	3
Soybeans	4	13	32	46	5
Sugarcane	1	6	33	46	14
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	21	72	5
Vegetables	3	15	34	46	2

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Dry conditions have aided crop harvest. Soybean harvest well under way. Cotton and sweet potato harvest progressing.”

– Carol-Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Soybeans not affected by August floods are offering good yields. Insect and worm pressure is high, armyworms and salt march caterpillar populations have completely defoliated some fields of soybeans and pastures. Rice harvest wraps up with mixed yields due to flood issues. An abundance of hay was made over the recent days. Cattle producers prepare for fall plantings for grazing but armyworm pressure is at all-time highs in pastures and what crops are left in the field. Sugarcane harvest will soon kick off.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Soybean harvest has started. Afternoon rain showers continue to slow fieldwork and harvest.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis Parish

“Still getting some afternoon showers that is delaying hay harvest. Soybeans beginning to be cut in the parish.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“As the week progressed drier conditions allowed farmers to accelerate fieldwork. Cane growers are trying to finish up planting to prepare for the start of grinding this week. Soybean growers are reporting some yield and quality losses related to the floods and heavy rains this growing season. Armyworm and sod webworm pressure in hayfields and pastures continue to cause damage and warrant treatment. Satsuma fruit are starting to turn color.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 25, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	90.9	69.3	80.1	73.2	6.9	0.03	1	-0.77	5.00	1.81
Mooringsport	90.6	70.0	80.3	73.7	6.6	0.12	1	-0.75	2.21	-0.89
Red River	92.4	69.4	80.9	74.2	6.3	0.00	0	-0.52	1.53	-1.05
Shreveport	91.0	68.4	79.7	73.9	5.8	NA	0	-0.90	1.62	-1.33
Extreme/Average	91.2	69.3	80.2	73.8	6.4	0.05	1	-0.73	2.59	-0.36
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	72.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	90.7	69.0	79.9	73.3	6.6	0.08	1	-0.81	0.55	-3.20
Homer	89.0	64.6	76.8	71.7	5.1	0.35	1	-0.56	1.90	-0.48
Extreme/Average	89.8	66.8	78.3	72.5	5.8	0.21	1	-0.69	1.23	-1.84
Northeast										
Lake Providence	90.7	70.1	80.4	74.0	6.4	0.03	1	-0.72	0.05	-2.14
St Joseph	92.6	66.2	79.4	75.0	4.1	0.00	0	-0.53	1.67	-1.24
Tallulah	93.7	70.1	81.9	74.1	7.8	0.25	1	-0.54	0.93	-2.44
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	74.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	92.3	68.8	80.6	74.4	6.1	0.09	1	-0.60	0.88	-1.94
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	73.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	94.3	72.3	83.3	75.1	7.5	NA	NA	NA	1.07	-2.26
Leesville	92.0	67.0	79.5	73.9	5.6	0.00	0	-1.03	1.10	-2.89
Natchitoches	90.7	70.3	80.5	75.0	5.5	0.00	0	-0.81	1.54	-2.90
Extreme/Average	92.3	69.9	81.1	74.4	6.2	0.00	0	-0.92	1.24	-2.68
Central										
Alexandria	92.6	72.0	82.3	76.2	6.1	0.00	0	-0.89	4.83	1.17
Bunkie	92.3	69.9	81.1	74.9	6.1	0.00	0	-1.05	3.95	-0.36
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	77.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	91.0	72.1	81.6	75.5	6.1	0.00	0	-0.77	3.82	0.28
New Roads	93.0	70.8	81.9	76.9	4.5	NA	NA	NA	1.44	-2.09
Extreme/Average	92.2	71.2	81.7	76.1	5.7	0.00	0	-0.90	3.51	-0.25
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.62	1	0.62	5.70	1.06
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	75.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.38	1	NA	2.77	NA
Slidell	90.7	72.3	81.5	NA	NA	0.07	2	NA	2.65	NA
Extreme/Average	90.7	72.3	81.5	75.6	NA	0.69	2	0.62	3.71	1.06
Southwest										
Crowley	91.5	73.0	82.3	76.7	4.9	NA	NA	NA	4.02	-0.11
DeRidder	92.4	70.2	81.3	75.5	6.2	0.00	0	-1.07	0.93	-3.78
Jennings	91.4	73.6	82.5	76.7	5.8	NA	0	-1.19	6.98	1.78
Oberlin Fire	90.0	70.3	80.1	75.6	4.6	0.00	0	-1.21	3.69	-1.29
Extreme/Average	91.3	71.8	81.5	76.1	5.4	0.00	0	-1.16	3.90	-0.85
South Central										
Donaldsonville	91.4	71.4	81.4	76.3	5.1	0.02	1	-1.10	4.50	-0.45
Jeanerette	90.1	72.0	81.1	76.5	4.5	0.98	2	-0.39	11.25	5.00
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	75.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	89.9	76.0	82.9	77.8	5.1	0.07	1	-1.09	9.98	4.45
Extreme/Average	90.5	73.1	81.8	76.6	4.9	0.36	2	-0.86	8.58	3.00
Southeast										
Galliano	88.4	75.9	82.1	77.6	4.5	0.13	1	-1.15	13.14	7.12
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.81	2	-0.18	4.62	0.29
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	94.5	77.3	85.9	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	5.91	NA
Extreme/Average	91.5	76.6	84.0	77.6	4.5	0.31	2	-0.66	7.89	3.71
State	91.3	71.2	81.3	75.3	5.0	0.18	0	-0.68	3.72	-0.03

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.