



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending October 2, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 2, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 34 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 19 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 52.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 73.4 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 81.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 91.6 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Hot and dry conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state with the north central area receiving the highest average of rain concentration at 0.35 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 2, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, open bolls	100	99	98	98
Cotton, harvested	46	27	51	54
Rice, harvested	98	95	99	99
Soybeans, turning color	98	94	98	98
Soybeans, dropping leaves	91	84	94	92
Soybeans, mature	86	76	90	NA
Soybeans, harvested	74	59	79	77
Sugarcane, planted	93	75	100	96
Sugarcane, harvested	3	NA	2	2
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	40	35	55	43

Crop condition for week ending October 2, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	2	12	36	43	7
Livestock	1	5	31	58	5
Pasture	3	13	43	38	3
Soybeans	4	13	32	46	5
Sugarcane	1	5	34	47	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	21	72	5
Vegetables	3	10	35	49	3

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“We are very dry. Soybean harvest is about complete. Defoliant applied to cotton. Fall land preparation under way re-hipping rows.”

– Carol-Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Soybean harvest well under way and in the home stretch for some producers. Yields are mixed and range from the teen's to the 60 bu. per ac., with some zero yield out there related to flooding. Rice harvest is done, sugarcane harvest cranks up, and crawfish ponds are going to flood. Pastures and hay fields have dried quickly. Hay producers are in high gear now. However armyworms and the tropical sod webworm are destroying pastures and lawns area wide.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Drier conditions have finally allowed our sugarcane growers to finish planting.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Drier and somewhat cooler weather conditions have allowed for producers to plant sugarcane, harvest soybeans and bail hay. Soybean and hay quality is down. Sugarcane planting ratios are very respectful. Some sugarcane mills opened at end of week. Sugar and tonnage seem to about average for the first few days of grinding.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“A dry week allowed farmers to make great strides towards wrapping up cane planting. Cane grinding started as growers struggled to finish planting and start harvesting at the same time. Early reports on the cane crop show good sugar levels but lighter than expected tonnage. Newly planted cane fields could use a little moisture. Hay baling and soybean harvest are in full swing. Soybean yields are variable depending on the level of flood damage. Cattle producers are planting winter ryegrass pastures but are leary of high armyworm levels. Cooler temperatures toward the end of the week made it seem like fall is in the air.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“With continued improving weather, drier conditions, preparations for winter pasture has started. Fall planting of crops in the Mustard family is in process.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 2, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	82.7	58.8	70.8	70.4	0.3	0.00	0	-0.80	4.78	1.53
Mooringsport	81.3	59.1	70.2	70.8	-0.6	0.00	0	-1.03	0.48	-2.98
Red River	83.2	60.0	71.6	71.5	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.64	1.48	-1.39
Shreveport	81.4	57.6	69.5	71.1	-1.6	0.00	0	-1.11	1.38	-2.02
Extreme/Average	82.2	58.9	70.5	71.0	-0.6	0.00	0	-0.90	2.03	-1.21
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	69.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	82.8	60.5	71.7	70.8	0.8	0.71	2	-0.20	1.26	-2.43
Homer	81.6	52.8	67.2	69.0	-1.9	0.00	0	-0.76	1.90	-1.24
Extreme/Average	82.2	56.6	69.4	69.8	-0.5	0.35	2	-0.48	1.58	-1.83
Northeast										
Lake Providence	82.9	60.3	71.6	71.5	0.1	0.58	1	-0.40	0.60	-0.50
St Joseph	88.8	61.8	75.3	72.5	2.5	0.00	0	-0.60	1.65	-1.35
Tallulah	89.2	63.5	76.3	71.6	4.6	0.00	0	-0.72	0.93	-2.31
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	71.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	87.0	61.9	74.4	71.9	2.4	0.19	1	-0.57	1.06	-1.39
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	70.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	87.8	63.5	75.6	72.9	2.3	NA	NA	NA	0.55	-2.93
Leesville	85.1	56.7	70.9	71.5	-0.5	0.03	1	-0.94	1.04	-3.06
Natchitoches	82.3	60.6	71.4	72.2	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.73	1.07	-2.73
Extreme/Average	85.1	60.3	72.7	71.8	0.3	0.01	1	-0.83	0.89	-2.91
Central										
Alexandria	86.0	62.0	74.0	73.7	0.3	0.00	0	-0.88	3.91	0.25
Bunkie	88.0	62.0	75.0	72.7	2.2	0.00	0	-0.85	3.95	-0.08
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	74.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	86.6	61.6	74.1	73.1	1.0	0.00	0	-0.83	3.31	-0.15
New Roads	88.2	68.0	78.1	74.5	3.1	NA	NA	NA	1.44	-2.08
Extreme/Average	87.2	63.4	75.3	73.8	1.6	0.00	0	-0.85	3.15	-0.52
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.99	5.52	1.21
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	73.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.41	1	NA	2.02	NA
Slidell	85.6	65.1	75.4	NA	NA	0.62	1	NA	2.53	NA
Extreme/Average	85.6	65.1	75.4	73.3	NA	0.34	1	-0.99	3.36	1.21
Southwest										
Crowley	90.5	70.0	80.3	74.6	4.9	NA	NA	NA	3.83	0.10
DeRidder	85.0	61.6	73.3	73.1	0.2	0.08	1	-1.06	0.89	-3.91
Jennings	85.7	64.9	75.3	74.5	0.8	0.05	1	-1.04	6.80	1.83
Oberlin Fire	83.4	61.3	72.4	73.3	-1.0	0.00	0	-1.10	3.01	-1.97
Extreme/Average	86.2	64.5	75.3	73.9	1.2	0.04	1	-1.07	3.63	-0.99
South Central										
Donaldsonville	85.9	63.9	74.9	74.0	0.8	0.18	1	-0.92	4.49	-0.09
Jeanerette	86.6	65.8	76.2	74.5	1.4	0.33	1	-0.51	10.78	5.28
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	73.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	85.3	69.0	77.1	75.9	1.2	0.26	2	-0.78	7.58	2.70
Extreme/Average	85.9	66.2	76.1	74.6	1.1	0.26	2	-0.74	7.62	2.63
Southeast										
Galliano	85.4	67.2	76.3	75.6	0.5	0.97	2	-0.06	10.44	5.04
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.84	4.57	0.58
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	91.6	73.4	82.5	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	5.39	NA
Extreme/Average	88.5	70.3	79.4	75.6	0.5	0.32	2	-0.45	6.80	2.81
State	85.7	63.2	74.5	73.0	0.7	0.17	1	-0.77	3.36	-0.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.