



**United States Department of Agriculture  
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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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**Week Ending October 9, 2016**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 9, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 11 percent very short, 53 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 8 percent very short, 39 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 71.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 80.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 90.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. Hot and dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the south central area receiving the highest average of rain concentration at 0.03 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending October 9, 2016**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	67	46	68	69
Rice, harvested	100	98	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	100	98	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	97	91	96	95
Soybeans, mature	94	86	94	NA
Soybeans, harvested	87	74	87	85
Sugarcane, planted	98	93	100	98
Sugarcane, harvested	10	3	9	9
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	54	40	63	52
Winter Wheat, planted	1	0	1	3

**Crop condition for week ending October 9, 2016**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	1	12	36	45	6
Livestock	1	5	30	59	5
Pasture	3	14	44	36	3
Sugarcane	1	5	33	48	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	3	22	70	5
Vegetables	1	12	35	50	2

NA- Not Available

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“We are very dry. Soybean harvest almost finished. Just a few acres remain to harvest. Cotton harvest started. Ryegrass planting delayed due to dry conditions.”

– Carol-Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Field conditions are dry, the soybean harvest nears the end with some good yields where the crop was not affected by the August flood. Hay balers are rolling, crawfish acres are going under flood, and land prep for next year’s crop is underway. Cattle pastures are dry, planting of winter forages will be delayed from higher than normal temperatures, and the threat of armyworms. Cattle prices continue on a downward trend with no indication of improvement soon.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry weather allowed for continued hay harvest, completion of sugarcane planting and rice and soybean harvest. Some second crop rice has been harvested. Cattle producers continue to wean and market calves. Ryegrass plantings are suffering due to lack of moisture. Some have held off planting until rains come.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Dry conditions continued this week. More hay pasture cut. Soybean harvest increasing. Beef producers preparing ryegrass pastures. Could use a rain shower this week.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“A dry week created ideal harvest conditions. Sugarcane growers continue to report lighter than expected tonnage but good sugar. Plant cane could use some moisture. Ideal conditions for hay cutting allowed forage producers to make good progress on baling. Livestock producers continue to plant cool season forages. Rice and soybean growers are reporting decent harvest yields on acreage not impacted by flooding.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Once again this week drier and somewhat cooler weather has been the norm. Sugarcane planting, soybean harvest, and baling of hay is all but done. All local sugarcane mills are operating as harvest is in full swing. Mills are reporting good recoverable sugar (205-215 range); however tonnage is below normal.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 9, 2016**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	86.0	58.9	72.4	67.8	4.7	0.00	0	-1.00	0.03	-3.41
Mooringsport	80.4	57.6	69.0	68.2	0.8	0.00	0	-0.75	0.39	-3.02
Red River	87.2	59.5	73.4	69.0	3.8	0.00	0	-0.67	0.00	-3.10
Shreveport	85.0	58.7	71.9	68.4	3.4	0.00	0	-1.17	NA	-4.06
Extreme/Average	84.7	58.7	71.7	68.4	3.2	0.00	0	-0.90	0.14	-3.40
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	66.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	85.7	62.3	74.0	68.4	5.6	0.00	0	-1.14	0.79	-3.09
Homer	84.7	56.3	70.5	66.4	3.9	0.00	0	-0.95	0.35	-3.20
Extreme/Average	85.2	59.3	72.3	67.3	4.7	0.00	0	-1.04	0.57	-3.15
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	85.3	61.1	73.2	69.0	4.2	0.00	0	-1.15	0.58	-1.55
St Joseph	89.2	57.0	73.1	70.0	2.7	0.00	0	-0.62	0.54	-2.50
Tallulah	90.3	62.7	76.5	69.1	7.4	0.00	0	-0.97	0.25	-3.09
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	69.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	88.3	60.3	74.3	69.4	4.8	0.00	0	-0.91	0.46	-2.38
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	68.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	88.0	66.0	77.0	70.6	6.1	0.00	0	-0.66	0.00	-3.51
Leesville	86.7	57.6	72.1	69.1	3.1	0.00	0	-0.98	0.06	-4.00
Natchitoches	85.1	60.0	72.6	69.6	3.0	0.00	0	-0.92	0.07	-3.53
Extreme/Average	86.6	61.2	73.9	69.3	4.1	0.00	0	-0.85	0.04	-3.68
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	87.9	63.4	75.6	71.2	4.5	0.00	0	-0.97	2.98	-0.70
Bunkie	86.7	59.5	73.1	70.5	2.5	0.00	0	-0.81	1.20	-2.49
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	72.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	85.9	64.0	74.9	70.7	4.2	0.00	0	-0.96	0.78	-2.72
New Roads	89.8	65.5	77.6	72.1	5.0	NA	NA	NA	0.71	-2.61
Extreme/Average	87.6	63.1	75.3	71.4	4.0	0.00	0	-0.91	1.42	-2.13
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.93	3.16	-0.89
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	71.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	1.83	NA
Slidell	85.4	64.4	74.9	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	2.06	NA
Extreme/Average	85.4	64.4	74.9	71.0	NA	0.00	0	-0.93	2.35	-0.89
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	NA	NA	NA	72.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.44	-0.02
DeRidder	87.0	62.0	74.5	70.7	3.7	0.00	0	-0.93	0.10	-4.37
Jennings	86.9	64.4	75.6	72.4	3.2	0.00	0	-1.04	1.69	-2.94
Oberlin Fire	85.8	61.8	73.8	71.1	2.4	0.00	0	-0.78	2.38	-2.07
Extreme/Average	86.6	62.7	74.6	71.7	3.1	0.00	0	-0.92	1.65	-2.35
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	87.1	63.1	75.1	71.8	3.4	0.00	0	-1.10	1.23	-3.31
Jeanerette	86.0	64.0	75.0	72.3	2.4	0.08	1	-0.66	5.43	0.56
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	71.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	86.4	69.3	77.9	73.9	4.0	0.00	0	-0.92	5.50	1.01
Extreme/Average	86.5	65.5	76.0	72.4	3.3	0.03	1	-0.89	4.05	-0.58
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	84.0	61.3	72.7	73.6	-0.9	0.00	0	-1.16	4.39	-0.56
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.00	2.85	-1.03
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	90.2	71.3	80.8	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.71	NA
Extreme/Average	87.1	66.3	76.7	73.6	-0.9	0.00	0	-1.08	2.65	-0.80
<b>State</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0.95</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>-2.13</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.