



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending October 16, 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 16, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 27 percent very short, 45 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 20 percent very short, 42 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 53.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 68.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 79.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 88.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Hot and dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the northwest area receiving the highest average of rain concentration at 1.06 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 16, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	87	67	79	81
Soybeans, dropping leaves	99	97	98	97
Soybeans, mature	97	94	96	NA
Soybeans, harvested	93	87	92	90
Sugarcane, planted	100	98	100	100
Sugarcane, harvested	17	10	16	16
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	77	54	69	63
Winter Wheat, planted	3	1	3	6
Winter Wheat, emerged	1	0	1	1

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 16, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	1	6	31	57	5
Pasture	4	19	42	32	3
Sugarcane	1	4	33	48	14
Sweet Potatoes	0	4	21	70	5
Vegetables	2	12	35	49	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Cotton harvest almost complete. Dry weather has aided in field preparation for next year's planting. We are very dry and under a burn ban. We are having above normal temperatures and low humidity which increases the fire potential.”

– Carol-Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Conditions are dry. The soybean harvest is coming to an end, crawfish ponds go to flood, sugarcane harvest is underway, and some second crop rice is coming in. Livestock producers need a weather change for planting winter pastures, and the hay baling season wraps up with an abundance of hay made in the recent weeks. Cattle prices offer a great amount of concern for producers as prices continue to erode to levels below a means of turning a profit.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Moisture is needed in order to plant wheat.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“Field and pasture conditions are very dry. Hay producers finishing up baling hay. Waiting for more moisture to plant ryegrass. A lot of farmers busy doing fall fieldwork.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Dry conditions have created an ideal harvest window. However, in some areas some additional soil moisture would benefit cane tonnage, newly planted cane and winter pasture development. Hay growers have had ample time to cut and bale vacant lots and pastures around the parish. Because of the large volume of hay that has been harvested hay should not be in short supply this fall. Crawfish producers are starting to flood up fields. Sugarcane growers are making good progress with dry cane harvest conditions and are reporting high sugar levels and lower than expected tonnage.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Conditions are very dry.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 16, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	83.2	60.3	71.8	65.3	6.6	2.42	2	1.44	2.45	-1.13
Mooringsport	79.1	60.7	69.9	66.0	3.9	0.20	1	-0.69	0.32	-3.22
Red River	85.0	57.2	71.1	66.7	4.0	NA	NA	NA	1.03	-2.11
Shreveport	81.6	58.9	70.2	66.1	4.1	0.55	2	-0.42	0.55	-3.60
Extreme/Average	82.2	59.3	70.8	66.0	4.7	1.06	2	0.11	1.09	-2.51
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	64.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	81.6	59.6	70.6	66.3	4.3	0.51	2	-0.69	1.30	-2.98
Homer	79.0	53.8	66.4	64.1	2.2	1.42	2	0.42	1.77	-2.18
Extreme/Average	80.3	56.7	68.5	65.0	3.2	0.96	2	-0.13	1.54	-2.58
Northeast										
Lake Providence	81.7	60.1	70.9	66.6	4.4	0.00	0	-1.23	0.58	-2.78
St Joseph	87.0	55.4	71.2	67.7	3.1	0.00	0	-0.62	0.00	-3.07
Tallulah	86.9	60.4	73.6	66.7	6.9	0.00	0	-1.03	0.25	-3.26
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	67.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-2.29
Extreme/Average	85.2	58.6	71.9	67.0	4.8	0.00	0	-0.96	0.21	-2.85
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	65.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	85.0	58.5	71.8	68.3	3.0	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-3.31
Leesville	85.5	58.4	71.7	66.8	4.7	0.00	0	-0.87	0.03	-3.82
Natchitoches	84.0	60.3	72.1	67.4	4.7	NA	0	-1.02	NA	-3.48
Extreme/Average	84.8	59.1	71.9	67.0	4.1	0.00	0	-0.95	0.01	-3.54
Central										
Alexandria	85.6	60.6	73.1	68.8	4.3	0.00	0	-1.16	0.00	-3.90
Bunkie	86.5	54.3	70.4	68.4	2.0	0.00	0	-1.02	0.00	-3.73
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	70.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	85.4	62.1	73.8	68.4	5.3	0.00	0	-1.12	0.00	-3.68
New Roads	86.5	62.0	74.3	69.8	4.0	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-3.25
Extreme/Average	86.0	59.8	72.9	69.2	3.9	0.00	0	-1.10	0.00	-3.64
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.98	1.62	-2.28
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	68.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.79	NA
Slidell	83.6	61.3	72.4	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.69	NA
Extreme/Average	83.6	61.3	72.4	68.8	NA	0.00	0	-0.98	1.03	-2.28
Southwest										
Crowley	85.4	59.6	72.5	70.4	1.8	0.00	0	-0.79	0.10	-3.69
DeRidder	85.4	62.0	73.7	68.6	5.1	0.00	0	-1.07	0.08	-4.13
Jennings	86.9	63.7	75.3	70.4	4.9	0.00	0	-1.11	0.05	-4.38
Oberlin Fire	85.1	58.9	72.0	69.0	3.0	0.00	0	-1.13	0.00	-4.51
Extreme/Average	85.7	61.1	73.4	69.6	3.7	0.00	0	-1.02	0.06	-4.18
South Central										
Donaldsonville	85.6	59.6	72.6	69.6	3.0	0.00	0	-1.11	0.20	-4.23
Jeanerette	84.3	60.1	72.2	70.3	1.9	0.08	1	-1.04	1.47	-3.18
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	69.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	84.4	66.0	75.2	71.8	3.6	0.00	0	-0.66	0.33	-3.45
Extreme/Average	84.8	61.9	73.3	70.3	2.8	0.03	1	-0.94	0.67	-3.62
Southeast										
Galliano	83.2	67.8	75.5	71.6	4.1	0.05	1	-0.91	1.15	-3.28
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.03	0.81	-3.05
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	88.3	68.5	78.4	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.00	NA
Extreme/Average	85.8	68.2	77.0	71.6	4.1	0.02	1	-0.97	0.65	-3.17
State	84.4	60.8	72.6	68.4	3.5	0.21	0	-0.80	0.55	-3.21

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.