



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending November 6, 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, November 6, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 51 percent very short, 31 percent short, 18 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 40 percent very short, 37 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 52.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 64.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 79.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 87.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. Hot and dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state with the east central area receiving the highest average of rain concentration at 0.05 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 6, 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	100	99	97	98
Soybeans, harvested	100	99	98	99
Sugarcane, harvested	41	33	39	40
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	93	87	80	87
Winter Wheat, planted	11	9	11	43
Winter Wheat, emerged	9	5	8	19

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending November 6, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	1	6	34	55	4
Pasture	14	22	35	27	2
Sugarcane	2	7	34	48	9
Vegetables	2	16	32	48	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“All harvest is complete for maybe a few acres of sweet potatoes. Producers not interested in planting wheat with present price of the commodity. Producers planting winter forage with the anticipation of some rain this week.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Acadia Parish is still experiencing dry conditions. Still lots of field preparation work being done while conditions remain ideal for it. Ratoon rice harvest is winding down with average yields running in the upper teens to lower twenties (bbls). Cattle producers have ground ready for ryegrass planting but many are choosing to delay seeding as conditions are too dry; a few good showers could really benefit pastures. Lots of pumping on crawfish ponds with producers are flooding/flooded up for the upcoming crawfish season. I would expect to start seeing some traps out in the fields before too long.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Very dry conditions persist. Topsoil moisture very short.

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

“We desperately need a good rain in order for germination to occur on some of the later planted cane. Also, due to the extremely dry conditions, the harvested cane has lost some weight.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Iberia Parish

“Dry conditions and lighter than expected tonnage continue to accelerate cane harvest. Mills are reaching the mid-way point and are expecting to close around the 3rd week in December. A very light pecan crop with quality issues is being harvested. Satsuma's are changing color, but cooler temperatures are needed for flavor and sweetness to develop. Cattle are starting to overgraze standing hay in dry pastures and eagerly await cool season pasture development.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Another week of dry weather has allowed for sugarcane harvest to continue at a rapid pace. Farmers continue to prepare land for next year. The dry weather has allowed for hay to be baled, but it is of low quality. The lack of rain/soil moisture is causing concern for sugarcane that was planted this year as well as cool season pastures are having a difficult time getting started. A few cattle producers are beginning to offer hay as warm season pastures are of low quality and quantity. Crawfish ponds are flooded and crawfish farmers are preparing for the upcoming season.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 6, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	81.9	56.7	69.3	59.1	10.2	0.00	0	-1.22	2.42	-2.41
Mooringsport	79.4	59.7	69.6	60.1	9.5	0.00	0	-1.10	0.20	-3.62
Red River	84.9	56.4	70.6	60.5	10.1	0.00	0	-1.15	1.07	-3.35
Shreveport	81.0	56.9	68.9	59.7	9.2	NA	0	-1.30	0.75	-3.87
Extreme/Average	81.8	57.4	69.6	59.9	9.8	0.00	0	-1.19	1.11	-3.31
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	58.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	82.0	57.3	69.6	59.7	9.9	0.02	1	-1.11	0.53	-4.24
Homer	81.0	52.7	66.8	58.0	8.7	0.04	1	-0.95	1.46	-2.79
Extreme/Average	81.5	55.0	68.2	58.7	9.3	0.03	1	-1.03	0.99	-3.52
Northeast										
Lake Providence	81.4	58.9	70.1	59.7	10.4	0.00	0	-1.09	0.12	-4.73
St Joseph	85.1	54.7	69.9	61.7	8.2	0.00	0	-1.02	0.27	-3.24
Tallulah	87.6	59.1	73.4	60.5	12.9	0.00	0	-1.04	0.00	-4.14
Winnsboro	85.1	55.7	70.4	60.9	9.5	0.00	0	-1.10	0.81	-3.62
Extreme/Average	84.8	57.1	71.0	60.7	10.3	0.00	0	-1.06	0.30	-3.93
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	59.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	84.0	61.0	72.5	62.0	10.5	0.01	1	-1.23	0.11	-4.65
Leesville	84.0	55.6	69.8	60.9	8.9	0.02	1	-1.23	0.02	-4.78
Natchitoches	84.0	58.3	71.1	61.8	9.4	NA	0	-1.33	0.09	-4.48
Extreme/Average	84.0	58.3	71.1	61.1	9.6	0.01	1	-1.26	0.07	-4.64
Central										
Alexandria	84.9	59.3	72.1	62.4	9.7	0.00	0	-1.39	0.02	-5.23
Bunkie	82.4	55.0	68.7	62.7	6.0	0.00	0	-1.34	0.25	-4.73
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	64.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	84.5	60.8	72.6	62.2	10.0	NA	NA	NA	1.20	-3.15
New Roads	85.5	58.2	71.9	63.8	7.7	NA	NA	NA	0.58	-2.88
Extreme/Average	84.3	58.3	71.3	63.2	8.3	0.00	0	-1.36	0.51	-4.00
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.11	0.93	-3.39
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	62.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.69	NA
Slidell	84.4	59.1	71.8	NA	NA	0.10	1	NA	0.20	NA
Extreme/Average	84.4	59.1	71.8	62.8	NA	0.05	1	-1.11	0.61	-3.39
Southwest										
Crowley	85.4	60.0	72.7	64.3	8.4	0.00	0	-1.18	0.59	-4.39
DeRidder	87.0	56.0	71.5	62.9	7.8	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-3.77
Jennings	85.2	61.5	73.3	64.6	8.7	0.01	1	-1.02	0.29	-4.50
Oberlin Fire	84.0	57.7	70.9	63.4	7.5	0.00	0	-1.25	0.00	-5.14
Extreme/Average	85.4	58.8	72.1	63.8	8.1	0.00	1	-1.15	0.22	-4.45
South Central										
Donaldsonville	84.7	59.4	72.1	64.0	8.1	0.00	0	-0.95	0.33	-3.83
Jeanerette	83.1	60.3	71.7	64.6	7.1	0.00	0	-1.02	0.73	-3.72
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	64.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	83.6	64.6	74.1	65.8	8.3	0.00	0	-0.86	0.41	-3.19
Extreme/Average	83.8	61.4	72.6	64.6	7.8	0.00	0	-0.94	0.49	-3.58
Southeast										
Galliano	82.0	60.4	71.2	66.1	5.3	0.00	0	-0.80	0.05	-3.63
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.05	0.15	-4.16
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	87.0	63.5	75.3	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.00	NA
Extreme/Average	84.5	62.0	73.2	66.1	5.3	0.00	0	-0.93	0.07	-3.90
State	83.9	58.6	71.3	62.5	7.5	0.01	0	-1.13	0.47	-3.89

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.