



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending November 20, 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, November 20, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 41 percent very short, 39 percent short, 20 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 36 percent very short, 37 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 39.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 57.4 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 70.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 80.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Scattered rainfall throughout the state with the southwest part of the state recording the highest average of rain concentration at 0.44 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 20, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sugarcane, harvested	62	51	55	58
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	99	97	91	96
Winter Wheat, planted	27	24	29	76
Winter Wheat, emerged	20	12	14	54

Crop condition for week ending November 20, 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	8	33	54	4
Pasture	13	25	38	22	2
Vegetables	3	17	30	48	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“It is exceptionally dry here.....probably driest for this time of year in recent memory.”

– Keith Collins, Richland Parish

“Spotty showers with frontal passage last week helped in some areas where wheat and winter pastures are struggling for moisture. Much of the winter pasture planting are emerging now therefore grazing will be really late. The already short supply of poor quality hay may become even shorter with early feeding. Sure to be an expensive winter for the livestock producer with a volatile market, but has been on the up side. Crawfish producers are seeing the potential for a good crawfish crop despite the premature flooding rains in August. Sugarcane harvest is ahead of schedule with mixed yields, some are disappointing according to producers.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry conditions are allowing for efficient cane harvest but are hurting tonnage of harvested cane. Much of the planted ryegrass pasture has emerged but could use a rain for further development and to facilitate fertilizer incorporation. Ranchers are near complete in marketing spring calves. Haying and feeding has begun early for some due to dry conditions.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“We received 0.25 to .80 rain last week. Not enough to make a difference. Cattle producers are feeding hay. Received first frost this weekend.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Dry weather continues to allow ample time for growers to complete fieldwork and prepare for next growing season. Cane harvest continues at a rapid pace with consistent reports of low tonnage and high sugar. Plant cane continues to struggle to emerge from dry planting beds. Cool season pastures desperately need moisture for development to occur. Fall hay harvest is near complete. Pecan harvest is light with quality issues. Citrus fruit are coloring but need cool weather for sweetness to develop.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Dry conditions are allowing for sugarcane harvest to continue at an efficient rate; however the lack of rain is causing setbacks and delays in all areas of the parish's agriculture.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 20, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	77.0	43.2	60.1	54.5	5.4	0.36	1	-0.75	0.44	-4.32
Mooringsport	70.8	45.2	58.0	55.1	2.9	0.19	1	-0.74	0.33	-3.88
Red River	78.0	49.2	63.6	55.8	7.5	0.00	0	-0.76	0.16	-4.06
Shreveport	72.7	42.1	57.4	54.7	2.8	0.36	1	-0.72	0.74	-4.11
Extreme/Average	74.6	44.9	59.8	55.0	4.6	0.23	1	-0.74	0.42	-4.09
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	54.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	74.4	46.3	60.4	54.3	6.0	0.30	1	-0.92	0.39	-4.18
Homer	77.3	39.7	58.5	53.3	4.9	NA	NA	NA	0.14	-3.26
Extreme/Average	75.8	43.0	59.4	53.9	5.5	0.30	1	-0.92	0.27	-3.72
Northeast										
Lake Providence	73.3	44.3	58.8	54.9	3.9	0.32	1	-0.93	0.58	-4.04
St Joseph	76.2	45.0	60.6	57.3	3.0	0.00	0	-0.98	0.80	-3.26
Tallulah	77.8	46.8	62.3	56.0	5.9	NA	NA	NA	0.30	-3.46
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	56.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-2.40
Extreme/Average	75.8	45.4	60.5	56.2	4.3	0.16	1	-0.96	0.42	-3.29
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	55.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	77.0	48.5	62.8	57.7	4.9	0.93	1	-0.29	1.44	-3.95
Leesville	76.4	41.9	59.1	56.7	2.4	0.35	1	-1.00	0.68	-4.54
Natchitoches	76.0	46.0	61.0	57.0	4.0	0.02	1	-1.06	0.13	-4.61
Extreme/Average	76.5	45.5	61.0	56.7	3.8	0.43	1	-0.78	0.75	-4.37
Central										
Alexandria	75.3	44.8	60.1	57.9	2.2	0.30	1	-0.94	0.41	-4.97
Bunkie	74.9	43.9	59.4	58.4	0.9	0.20	1	-1.11	0.70	-4.44
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	60.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	75.1	43.1	59.1	57.7	1.4	0.08	2	-1.33	0.08	-3.63
New Roads	75.8	47.2	61.5	59.9	1.2	NA	NA	NA	0.30	-2.91
Extreme/Average	75.3	44.8	60.0	58.9	1.4	0.19	2	-1.13	0.37	-3.99
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	-1.05	0.73	-3.64
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	58.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA
Slidell	75.0	49.1	62.1	NA	NA	0.02	1	NA	1.14	NA
Extreme/Average	75.0	49.1	62.1	58.7	NA	0.02	1	-1.05	0.62	-3.64
Southwest										
Crowley	74.6	48.6	61.6	59.8	1.5	0.00	0	-0.79	1.23	-3.16
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	58.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-1.45
Jennings	74.0	46.3	60.1	60.3	-0.1	0.26	1	-0.86	1.09	-3.76
Oberlin Fire	73.1	44.9	59.0	59.2	-0.2	1.07	1	-0.12	1.17	-3.86
Extreme/Average	73.9	46.6	60.2	59.4	0.4	0.44	1	-0.59	0.87	-3.06
South Central										
Donaldsonville	75.0	46.6	60.8	60.2	0.6	0.01	1	-0.96	0.49	-3.45
Jeanerette	74.4	49.0	61.7	60.7	0.7	0.00	0	-0.60	0.70	-2.91
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	59.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	75.6	54.9	65.2	61.8	3.4	0.00	0	-0.92	0.61	-2.85
Extreme/Average	75.0	50.2	62.6	60.7	1.6	0.00	1	-0.83	0.60	-3.07
Southeast										
Galliano	73.0	48.1	60.6	62.4	-1.8	0.09	1	-0.69	1.79	-1.39
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.07	1	-0.93	0.37	-3.80
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	80.2	57.4	68.8	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	4.60	NA
Extreme/Average	76.6	52.8	64.7	62.4	-1.8	0.05	1	-0.81	2.25	-2.59
State	75.3	46.8	61.1	58.2	1.9	0.22	1	-0.87	0.76	-3.51

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.