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**Message from the Editor**

This is the **final Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report** for 2016. We will resume this report in March 2017. We would like to give special thanks to our Parish Agents, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and the Southern Regional Climate Center for their ongoing participation.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 27, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 31 percent very short, 43 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 27 percent very short, 43 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 31.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro to 61.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 63.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 75.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Scattered rainfall throughout the state with the northwest part of the state recording the highest average of rain concentration at 2.25 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending November 27, 2016**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	100	99	95	99
Winter Wheat, planted	56	27	45	83
Winter Wheat, emerged	30	20	30	67

**Crop condition for week ending November 27, 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	7	33	55	4
Pasture	9	28	39	22	2
Vegetables	3	16	30	48	3

**Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents**

“Received about half inch of rain last week. Not enough to make much difference in the drought. Rain forecast again this week.”

– Carol Pinnell -Alison, Franklin Parish

“Some rain has helped ryegrass pasture. Ranchers are beginning to feed hay to livestock. Cane harvest continues with good conditions.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Received 1/4-1/2 inch rain last week across most of parish, welcomed but more is needed. Dry fall has provided for good fieldwork and harvest conditions. Sugarcane harvest is approx. 2/3 complete, continued reports of high sugar, low tonnage. Cattle producers have completed winter pasture planting and continue to feed hay, rainfall needed soon to salvage ryegrass grazing season.”

– Stanley J Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“Low tonnage and dry conditions continue to accelerate the sugarcane harvest with an early end to grinding predicted for mid-December. Some crawfish are being harvested from early flooded ponds. Growers have had ample time to complete fieldwork and most fallow fields are in good condition heading into next growing season. A light crop of pecans of below average quality is being harvested. Drought conditions and cooler weather is creating good color change and maturity in the citrus crop but a sweet flavor is still lacking. Winter pastures need rain for development to occur.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Dry weather conditions continue allowing for sugarcane harvest to be efficient. At this rate harvest may be complete at some mills right after Christmas while some mills will be done in early January. The lack of rain is also concerning for cool season pastures and fall fruit and pecans. Crawfish ponds are flooded and will soon be fished.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 27, 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	65.1	40.6	52.9	52.0	0.8	2.81	2	0.00	1.60	3.25
Mooringsport	63.1	43.0	53.1	52.4	0.6	2.70	1	0.00	1.61	3.03
Red River	66.0	41.0	53.5	53.3	-0.7	NA	NA	5.00	NA	0.46
Shreveport	64.0	40.7	52.4	52.0	0.3	1.25	1	0.00	0.25	1.98
Extreme/Average	64.5	41.3	52.9	52.4	0.3	2.25	2	NA	1.15	2.18
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	51.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	64.7	40.6	52.6	51.7	1.0	1.25	1	0.00	0.00	1.64
Homer	65.4	36.7	51.1	50.9	0.2	1.69	1	1.00	0.55	1.83
Extreme/Average	65.1	38.7	51.9	51.4	0.6	1.47	1	NA	0.28	1.73
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	63.4	39.4	51.4	52.4	-1.0	NA	NA	3.00	NA	0.93
St Joseph	68.9	37.9	53.4	55.0	-1.7	0.46	1	0.00	-0.96	1.51
Tallulah	69.7	41.6	55.6	53.7	2.0	0.45	1	0.00	-0.86	0.75
Winnsboro	67.5	31.5	49.5	54.1	-5.5	NA	NA	5.00	NA	0.08
Extreme/Average	67.4	37.6	52.5	53.8	-1.5	0.46	1	NA	-0.91	0.82
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	53.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	68.8	46.4	57.6	55.4	1.9	0.80	1	2.00	-0.21	2.24
Leesville	68.6	43.6	56.1	54.5	1.5	1.06	2	0.00	-0.35	1.74
Natchitoches	68.6	43.7	56.1	54.4	1.8	0.73	1	0.00	-0.57	0.86
Extreme/Average	68.7	44.6	56.6	54.4	1.7	0.86	2	NA	-0.38	1.61
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	70.3	42.5	56.4	55.6	0.6	0.91	1	1.00	-0.35	1.32
Bunkie	68.4	41.0	54.7	56.2	-1.5	0.80	1	0.00	-0.57	1.50
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	58.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	68.1	41.9	55.0	55.4	-0.4	0.79	1	0.00	-0.66	0.87
New Roads	71.0	42.8	56.9	57.8	-0.9	0.50	1	1.00	-0.33	0.80
Extreme/Average	69.4	42.0	55.8	56.7	-0.5	0.75	1	NA	-0.48	1.12
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.12	1	0.00	-0.90	0.85
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	56.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.00	NA	0.00
Slidell	70.7	44.9	57.8	NA	NA	0.00	0	0.00	NA	1.14
Extreme/Average	70.7	44.9	57.8	56.7	NA	0.06	1	NA	-0.90	0.66
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	72.3	46.5	59.4	57.6	2.0	0.80	1	0.00	-0.33	2.22
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	56.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00
Jennings	70.9	45.3	58.1	58.1	0.0	0.45	1	0.00	-0.67	1.54
Oberlin Fire	69.0	43.4	56.2	57.0	-0.8	0.56	1	0.00	-0.68	1.73
Extreme/Average	70.7	45.1	57.9	57.2	0.4	0.60	1	NA	-0.56	1.37
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	72.1	42.9	57.5	58.2	-0.7	0.03	1	0.00	-0.98	0.52
Jeanerette	72.0	43.7	57.9	58.8	-0.9	0.00	0	0.00	-0.87	0.70
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	57.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	72.1	48.1	60.1	59.9	0.3	0.00	0	0.00	-0.98	0.61
Extreme/Average	72.1	44.9	58.5	58.7	-0.4	0.01	1	NA	-0.94	0.61
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	71.7	44.3	58.0	60.4	-2.6	0.00	0	1.00	-0.67	1.79
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	0.00	-1.04	0.37
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	75.0	61.0	69.0	NA	NA	0.00	0	0.00	NA	4.60
Extreme/Average	73.3	52.6	63.5	60.4	-2.6	0.00	0	NA	-0.85	2.25
<b>State</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>-0.42</b>	<b>1.40</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.