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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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**Week Ending July 16, 2017**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 16, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 10 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 18 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 75.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 87.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Oberlin Fire Tower to 94.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 3.19 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending July 16, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	95	93	94	95
Corn, dent	79	59	67	57
Corn, mature	22	5	NA	NA
Cotton, squaring	97	93	90	95
Cotton, setting bolls	69	54	62	64
Cotton, open bolls	7	2	1	1
Hay, first cutting	99	97	100	100
Hay, second cutting	44	39	45	50
Rice, headed	72	60	79	75
Rice, mature	17	6	18	9
Rice, harvested	3	NA	1	1
Sorghum, headed	92	80	94	93
Sorghum, coloring	60	33	59	58
Sorghum, mature	8	0	3	2
Soybeans, blooming	91	87	88	85
Soybeans, setting pods	81	67	66	65
Soybeans, turning color	4	NA	NA	NA

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending July 16, 2017**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	0	9	66	25
Cotton	0	3	15	72	10
Livestock	2	4	22	58	14
Pasture	2	4	23	57	14
Rice	0	7	21	59	13
Sorghum	0	0	24	70	6
Soybeans	1	4	14	65	16
Sugarcane	0	2	17	65	16
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	11	85	2
Vegetables	2	11	24	57	6

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Daily showers continued to halt fieldwork and added to weed pressure. Fallow fields need to be prepared and hay pastures are over mature. Many farmers would like to start planting sugarcane the last week of July, but with all the recent rains this may not happen.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Wet conditions have been a problem for all crop areas. Some early rice is mature and ready for harvest, corn is drying slowly, grain sorghum is reaching maturity, and soybeans are at all stages with many replant situations since May 1st. Sugarcane looks good and is moving fast with this tropical weather. Hay producers are challenged with wet weedy fields, and some have not put up any hay at this point. Vegetable growers are also very challenged with this weather.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Nearly daily rain showers for the past several weeks continued to limit fieldwork. Drier weather is needed soon, but the rainy forecast continues.”

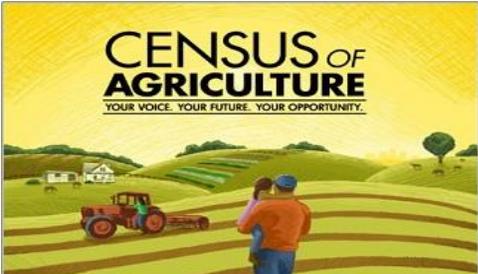
– Stanley J. Dutille, Lafayette Parish

“Heavy rains each afternoon have slowed fieldwork. Many farmers have begun rice harvest, but rains have been slowing the harvest process.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Parish

“Daily rains over most of the parish have slowed rice harvest and hurt pollination on flowering rice, and most rice farmers are behind on harvesting mature rice. Sugarcane is growing well with the ample moisture, but drier conditions would allow planting field preparations to start. Hay harvest is on hold until a window of dry weather presents itself. Ranchers are pulling bulls and working calves.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 16, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	94.4	73.7	84.1	82.2	1.9	0.00	0	-0.87	8.15	4.03
Mooringsport	92.4	71.9	82.1	83.1	-1.0	0.90	1	0.14	6.30	2.43
Red River	92.0	73.0	82.5	83.1	-0.6	0.17	1	-0.40	5.44	1.97
Shreveport	91.6	70.7	81.1	82.8	-1.7	0.44	2	-0.57	4.91	0.56
Extreme/Average	92.6	72.3	82.5	82.8	-0.3	0.38	2	-0.42	6.20	2.25
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	81.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	82.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	90.2	70.0	80.1	80.5	-0.4	0.78	3	-0.01	6.49	2.58
Extreme/Average	90.2	70.0	80.1	81.3	-0.4	0.78	3	-0.01	6.49	2.58
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	90.6	72.4	81.5	82.5	-1.0	0.10	1	-0.66	4.58	2.16
St Joseph	92.0	70.6	81.3	82.7	-1.4	0.13	1	-0.59	5.04	1.55
Tallulah	94.0	73.0	83.5	82.0	1.4	0.00	0	-0.25	0.84	-0.85
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.62	-0.11
Extreme/Average	92.2	72.0	82.1	82.5	-0.4	0.08	1	-0.50	3.02	0.69
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	91.4	66.0	78.7	82.5	-3.7	0.64	3	-0.04	3.84	-0.05
Leesville	91.0	70.1	80.6	81.3	-0.7	0.62	5	-0.30	5.82	1.41
Natchitoches	91.6	72.9	82.2	83.7	-1.5	2.56	3	1.57	5.21	1.12
Extreme/Average	91.3	69.7	80.5	82.2	-2.0	1.27	5	0.41	4.96	0.83
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	89.6	72.3	80.9	83.2	-2.3	1.18	3	0.17	6.19	1.36
Bunkie	91.1	71.7	81.4	82.4	-1.0	1.86	3	0.95	5.29	0.89
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	90.0	72.4	81.2	82.5	-1.3	0.37	1	-0.29	4.07	0.48
New Roads	87.8	70.5	79.1	83.0	-3.8	0.51	4	-0.08	4.80	0.96
Extreme/Average	89.6	71.7	80.7	83.0	-2.1	0.98	4	0.19	5.09	0.92
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.51	4	0.28	7.84	2.49
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.14	6	NA	13.88	NA
Slidell	88.6	73.4	81.0	NA	NA	0.69	4	NA	7.48	NA
Extreme/Average	88.6	73.4	81.0	81.7	NA	1.45	6	0.28	9.73	2.49
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	88.4	73.2	80.8	82.2	-1.4	3.68	4	2.71	8.92	3.14
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	82.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	88.4	72.4	80.4	82.2	-1.8	3.14	7	2.03	10.47	4.83
Oberlin Fire	87.4	72.3	79.9	81.9	-2.0	2.75	6	1.50	8.21	2.25
Extreme/Average	88.1	72.6	80.4	82.1	-1.7	3.19	7	2.08	9.20	3.41
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	89.5	72.8	81.2	82.0	-0.8	0.33	4	-0.95	6.16	-0.18
Jeanerette	88.2	72.8	80.5	82.3	-1.7	3.79	5	2.58	9.16	2.02
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	88.3	75.1	81.7	82.2	-0.4	1.53	4	-0.01	12.41	5.44
Extreme/Average	88.7	73.6	81.1	82.0	-1.0	1.88	5	0.54	9.24	2.43
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	88.0	71.2	79.6	82.3	-2.7	0.89	3	-0.90	8.99	2.40
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.22	4	2.88	10.70	4.37
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	88.0	71.2	79.6	82.3	-2.7	2.55	4	0.99	9.84	3.38
<b>State</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>7.19</b>	<b>2.18</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.