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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending August 6, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 6, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 15 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 16 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 75.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 86.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 91.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 2.5 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 6, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dent	100	97	97	98
Corn, mature	90	83	77	79
Corn, harvested	30	17	17	18
Cotton, setting bolls	94	88	94	94
Cotton, open bolls	16	14	19	10
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	65	60	71	79
Rice, headed	97	88	94	94
Rice, mature	68	48	67	55
Rice, harvested	43	26	36	27
Sorghum, coloring	93	90	97	92
Sorghum, mature	74	65	67	64
Sorghum, harvested	28	4	33	23
Soybeans, blooming	100	98	98	97
Soybeans, setting pods	97	94	92	90
Soybeans, turning color	47	36	20	21
Soybeans, dropping leaves	15	7	4	8
Soybeans, mature	12	4	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	6	2	0	0
Sugarcane, planted	8	1	8	8

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending August 6, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	1	12	55	32
Cotton	0	1	16	73	10
Livestock	2	6	27	53	12
Pasture	2	6	31	48	13
Rice	0	6	19	61	14
Sorghum	0	4	30	63	3
Soybeans	0	2	16	70	12
Sugarcane	0	2	19	65	14
Sweet Potatoes	0	3	14	79	4
Vegetables	2	10	31	54	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rain and cloud cover have delayed harvesting and fieldwork. Corn yields have been good to excellent and rice yields are mixed, with some areas’ yields being off by 15-20%. Some soybeans that were planted on sugarcane beds have been harvested with good yields reported. Disease issues have become widespread in soybeans. Hay producers continued to struggle with wet conditions and very small windows of opportunity to make progress. Livestock producers have abundant forage.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“With 20-25% of corn harvested, we are on pace for a record crop if these numbers hold. We are 95% irrigated and we watered zero to three times this year, which are huge savings in diesel and electricity. The first rice fields were drained last week with the rest to follow over the next one to four weeks. Crops look promising, we have had good temperatures and plenty of sunshine during pollination up to this point, unlike last year.”

– Keith Collins, Richland Parish

“Breaks in the rain allowed for sugarcane planting to get started and rice harvest to progress. Drier conditions would allow for some much needed hay harvest. Cattle producers have pulled bulls to end the breeding season.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Cane planting and soybean harvest were interrupted by scattered showers across the parish. Some soybeans have been sprayed with defoliant for over a couple of weeks and growers are anxiously awaiting dry weather to permit harvesting. Wind and a couple inches of rain over the weekend have caused some sugarcane lodging in the southern part of the parish. Many hay fields have become weedy and overgrown.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Horrible flooding with more water expected. Water is thigh-high in my area and subsoil is absolutely saturated.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 6, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	91.5	72.2	81.8	82.6	-0.8	0.36	1	-0.26	0.78	-2.09
Mooringsport	90.3	69.4	79.9	83.2	-3.3	0.43	2	-0.29	1.47	-1.34
Red River	88.8	70.2	79.5	83.5	-4.0	0.51	2	-0.01	0.88	-2.00
Shreveport	89.0	69.6	79.3	83.1	-3.8	0.64	3	-0.19	1.86	-1.97
Extreme/Average	89.9	70.4	80.1	83.1	-3.0	0.49	3	-0.19	1.25	-1.85
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	81.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	82.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	87.2	67.2	77.2	81.1	-3.9	0.25	2	-0.37	1.25	-1.48
Extreme/Average	87.2	67.2	77.2	81.7	-3.9	0.25	2	-0.37	1.25	-1.48
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.1	70.4	79.3	82.7	-3.4	0.03	1	-0.39	0.73	0.00
St Joseph	88.8	69.4	79.1	82.8	-3.7	0.09	1	-0.57	3.22	-0.41
Tallulah	90.0	72.4	81.2	82.3	-1.1	0.38	2	-0.29	3.33	1.09
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	89.0	70.7	79.9	82.7	-2.7	0.17	2	-0.42	2.43	0.23
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	89.0	67.0	78.0	83.1	-5.1	0.00	0	-0.15	5.28	2.43
Leesville	88.6	69.9	79.2	81.8	-2.6	0.62	3	-0.23	2.88	-0.45
Natchitoches	88.3	72.9	80.6	83.6	-3.0	1.67	3	0.95	7.03	3.21
Extreme/Average	88.6	69.9	79.3	82.6	-3.6	0.76	3	0.19	5.06	1.73
Central										
Alexandria	88.6	72.9	80.7	83.6	-2.9	0.40	1	-0.62	3.10	-0.70
Bunkie	88.0	71.5	79.8	82.7	-3.0	0.30	1	-0.32	5.84	2.88
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	88.7	70.0	79.4	82.9	-3.5	0.28	2	-0.49	3.71	0.86
New Roads	88.0	73.0	80.5	82.9	-2.4	0.19	2	-0.38	4.11	1.00
Extreme/Average	88.3	71.8	80.1	83.2	-3.0	0.29	2	-0.45	4.19	1.01
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.17	2	-0.66	3.62	-0.83
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	4.57	NA
Slidell	86.9	72.3	79.6	NA	NA	1.31	4	NA	7.83	NA
Extreme/Average	86.9	72.3	79.6	81.9	NA	0.49	4	-0.66	5.34	-0.83
Southwest										
Crowley	88.0	72.2	80.1	82.4	-2.3	0.00	0	-0.79	5.27	0.92
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	82.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	89.4	72.7	81.1	82.5	-1.4	0.21	4	-0.92	5.05	0.82
Oberlin Fire	87.3	71.4	79.4	82.2	-2.9	0.03	1	-1.03	4.04	-0.41
Extreme/Average	88.2	72.1	80.2	82.4	-2.2	0.08	4	-0.91	4.79	0.44
South Central										
Donaldsonville	89.6	72.3	80.9	82.0	-1.1	1.52	2	0.21	6.79	1.35
Jeanerette	88.6	72.0	80.3	82.4	-2.1	0.27	2	-0.75	8.86	3.46
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	82.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	88.9	75.9	82.4	82.3	0.1	2.28	3	0.74	6.44	0.72
Extreme/Average	89.0	73.4	81.2	82.2	-1.0	1.36	3	0.07	7.36	1.84
Southeast										
Galliano	86.6	74.0	80.3	82.6	-2.3	2.85	3	1.23	5.19	-1.79
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.14	4	0.68	7.03	1.67
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	86.6	74.0	80.3	82.6	-2.3	2.50	4	0.96	6.11	-0.06
State	88.1	71.4	79.7	82.5	-2.5	0.67	3	-0.24	4.17	0.09

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.