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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending August 13, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 13, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 2 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 46 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 4 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 72.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville Locks to 77.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 84.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 90.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northwest part of the state with an average of 3.84 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 13, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	96	90	90	90
Corn, harvested	38	30	28	35
Cotton, setting bolls	98	94	97	97
Cotton, open bolls	19	16	32	22
Hay, second cutting	70	65	75	85
Rice, headed	100	97	97	97
Rice, mature	84	68	79	71
Rice, harvested	59	43	53	42
Sorghum, coloring	97	93	100	96
Sorghum, mature	85	74	84	79
Sorghum, harvested	37	28	60	41
Soybeans, setting pods	99	97	96	94
Soybeans, turning color	56	47	34	32
Soybeans, dropping leaves	27	15	13	16
Soybeans, mature	20	12	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	8	6	0	2
Sugarcane, planted	17	8	15	17

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending August 13, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	1	14	60	25
Cotton	0	2	20	69	9
Livestock	2	6	27	58	7
Pasture	2	6	31	50	11
Rice	0	10	25	55	10
Sorghum	0	1	37	60	2
Soybeans	0	2	19	67	12
Sugarcane	1	3	18	62	16
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	9	88	2
Vegetables	2	10	31	53	4

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Frequent rains have delayed progress with corn harvest. Yields so far are mixed with some below normal. Soybean irrigation was terminated due to recent rains. Cotton looks good.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Daily rain showers continued to delay harvesting and sugarcane planting. As of now, crops appear in good shape and farmers are eager to get back in their fields. Heavy rains with some wind caused some lodging of sugarcane in a few areas. Cloudy and rainy days were causing concern for soybeans to ripen properly. Breeding season is winding down for most cattle producers.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Conditions remained wet with overcast and rain showers each day in areas. Crops in the field ready for harvest are beginning to have some quality issues and potential yield loss. We desperately need clear, dry weather soon. Many acres of soybeans have been defoliated and need to get on a truck soon. The remaining corn and mature rice need to be out of the field. Hay production is getting critical as many fields are still wet from the spring.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“A rainy week hampered field progress. Water logged fields and winds lodged some sugarcane. The down sugarcane may end up losing some sugar and may be more difficult to plant and harvest. Sugarcane planting is at a standstill this week due to wet conditions. Mature soybeans are losing quality and yield by the day waiting to be harvested. Rice fields are being rutted by combines which may impact second crop. Hay producers are waiting to cut overgrown, rank fields.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Another week of morning and afternoon thunderstorms slowed rice harvest. Some areas received two or more inches of rainfall. Not much hay harvested last week. Soybeans look great with ample rainfall this summer.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 13, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	89.9	74.9	82.4	82.5	-0.2	3.01	5	2.42	3.79	1.20
Mooringsport	87.7	72.7	80.2	83.1	-2.9	1.75	5	1.06	2.32	-0.42
Red River	85.8	73.8	79.8	83.4	-3.6	4.00	4	3.47	5.63	2.81
Shreveport	87.9	72.4	80.1	83.1	-3.0	6.61	6	5.83	8.03	4.43
Extreme/Average	87.8	73.5	80.6	83.0	-2.4	3.84	6	3.20	4.94	2.00
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	81.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	82.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	84.2	72.4	78.3	81.1	-2.8	3.83	4	3.36	4.14	1.75
Extreme/Average	84.2	72.4	78.3	81.6	-2.8	3.83	4	3.36	4.14	1.75
Northeast										
Lake Providence	85.3	73.1	79.2	82.6	-3.4	4.05	6	3.32	4.78	3.64
St Joseph	88.2	72.8	80.5	82.7	-2.2	1.74	5	1.09	4.83	1.29
Tallulah	89.9	74.7	82.3	82.2	0.1	3.14	6	2.44	6.47	3.78
Winnsboro	86.2	73.8	80.0	82.7	-2.8	0.57	4	0.13	1.46	-1.42
Extreme/Average	87.4	73.6	80.5	82.6	-2.1	2.38	6	1.75	4.38	1.82
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	83.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.81	0.90
Leesville	89.6	72.9	81.2	81.7	-0.5	1.23	6	0.41	3.49	0.26
Natchitoches	89.1	74.7	81.9	83.5	-1.6	2.82	6	2.19	7.29	3.83
Extreme/Average	89.3	73.8	81.6	82.5	-1.0	2.02	6	1.30	4.53	1.66
Central										
Alexandria	89.1	73.7	81.4	83.6	-2.1	1.78	5	0.79	3.70	-0.08
Bunkie	89.1	74.3	81.7	82.7	-0.9	4.10	4	3.28	8.08	5.10
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	87.3	72.0	79.7	82.9	-3.2	2.55	5	1.90	5.89	3.05
New Roads	89.0	72.5	80.8	83.0	-2.3	0.35	1	0.07	4.38	1.54
Extreme/Average	88.6	73.1	80.9	83.2	-2.1	2.19	5	1.51	5.51	2.40
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.55	6	1.12	4.66	0.01
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.77	4	NA	5.25	NA
Slidell	89.1	74.9	82.0	NA	NA	0.58	5	NA	7.72	NA
Extreme/Average	89.1	74.9	82.0	81.9	NA	1.97	6	1.12	5.88	0.01
Southwest										
Crowley	88.8	75.2	82.0	82.5	-0.5	0.75	4	0.13	2.32	-1.64
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	82.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	88.6	74.3	81.4	82.6	-1.2	2.74	7	1.60	4.65	0.39
Oberlin Fire	86.0	73.8	79.9	82.3	-2.4	1.51	5	0.77	2.80	-1.14
Extreme/Average	87.8	74.4	81.1	82.5	-1.4	1.67	7	0.83	3.26	-0.80
South Central										
Donaldsonville	90.6	75.1	82.9	82.0	0.9	1.66	6	0.44	8.12	2.93
Jeanerette	88.0	74.4	81.2	82.4	-1.2	1.27	5	0.26	3.82	-1.36
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	82.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	88.7	77.0	82.9	82.3	0.5	5.30	6	3.64	10.21	4.37
Extreme/Average	89.1	75.5	82.3	82.2	0.1	2.74	6	1.45	7.38	1.98
Southeast										
Galliano	88.6	73.6	81.1	82.7	-1.6	0.70	4	-1.12	5.00	-2.01
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.26	5	-0.21	4.07	-1.42
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	88.6	73.6	81.1	82.7	-1.6	0.98	5	-0.67	4.54	-1.71
State	87.9	73.8	80.8	82.5	-1.6	2.31	6	1.46	4.80	0.87

DFN = Departure from Normal.
 Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
 NA = Not Available.