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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending August 20, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 20, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 4 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 73.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 77.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden and Natchitoches. Highs ranged from 89.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 94.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville and Natchitoches. 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 1.90 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 20, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	98	96	93	95
Corn, harvested	58	38	34	52
Cotton, setting bolls	99	98	99	99
Cotton, open bolls	30	19	43	32
Hay, second cutting	73	70	77	89
Rice, mature	94	84	84	83
Rice, harvested	69	59	59	56
Sorghum, coloring	100	97	100	99
Sorghum, mature	90	85	92	89
Sorghum, harvested	43	37	69	60
Soybeans, setting pods	100	99	98	97
Soybeans, turning color	69	56	45	44
Soybeans, dropping leaves	39	27	23	26
Soybeans, mature	31	20	11	NA
Soybeans, harvested	14	8	0	5
Sugarcane, planted	28	17	19	25

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending August 20, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	2	13	64	21
Cotton	0	3	26	65	6
Livestock	2	6	27	58	7
Pasture	3	6	31	52	8
Rice	0	8	35	50	7
Sorghum	0	1	36	59	4
Soybeans	0	3	22	66	9
Sugarcane	1	2	20	63	14
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	8	91	0
Vegetables	3	11	33	51	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Scattered rainfall continued to slow down corn and soybean harvest. Sugarcane producers were preparing ground for planting between rain showers, and some ground has been planted.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Rice harvest continued between rain showers with muddy harvest conditions. Soybean disease pressure is negatively affecting yield, especially where fungicides were not applied. Hay producers are still unable to cut hay.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Fewer rain showers and drier field conditions allowed producers back in the field last week to harvest rice, corn, soybeans, and grain sorghum. Yields on rice continue to vary. Early soybean yields are reported as real good, while corn yields are strong. Hay producers were able to get back in the field, getting big tonnage but low quality hay from being overgrown. Some cattle producers were preparing for plantings of winter forages for grazing.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Finally a few mostly dry, sunny days strung together last week. Rice, corn, and early soybean harvest making better progress. Sugarcane farmers have started planting in areas dry enough again. Cattlemen prepping for fall weaning with a few trying to squeeze in hay cutting before rains start back up.”

– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“Scattered rainfall last week was making poor drying and harvesting conditions for corn. Yield is good to excellent when dry enough to harvest.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 20, 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	93.3	77.7	85.5	82.2	3.3	0.37	3	-0.20	4.16	1.72
Mooringsport	91.7	76.0	83.9	82.9	0.9	0.44	2	-0.23	2.76	0.00
Red River	89.8	77.2	83.5	83.0	0.4	0.05	1	-0.28	7.12	4.57
Shreveport	91.4	74.7	83.1	82.9	0.1	0.34	2	-0.19	8.37	5.33
Extreme/Average	91.5	76.4	84.0	82.8	1.2	0.30	3	-0.23	5.60	2.91
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	81.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	82.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	89.0	73.8	81.4	80.8	0.6	0.38	1	-0.12	4.78	2.48
Extreme/Average	89.0	73.8	81.4	81.3	0.6	0.38	1	-0.12	4.78	2.48
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	91.0	74.7	82.9	82.3	0.6	0.77	4	-0.02	5.55	3.73
St Joseph	93.0	74.0	83.5	82.5	1.0	0.29	3	-0.34	5.55	2.10
Tallulah	92.0	76.6	84.3	81.9	2.4	1.09	5	0.35	7.56	4.74
Winnsboro	92.0	75.6	83.8	82.5	1.3	0.26	2	-0.24	1.53	-1.32
Extreme/Average	92.0	75.2	83.6	82.3	1.3	0.60	5	-0.06	5.05	2.31
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	82.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.52	0.46
Leesville	94.3	74.3	84.3	81.4	2.9	0.46	4	-0.33	3.28	0.03
Natchitoches	94.3	77.7	86.0	83.4	2.6	NA	0	-0.60	6.36	3.39
Extreme/Average	94.3	76.0	85.2	82.3	2.7	0.46	4	-0.46	3.72	1.29
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	92.0	74.7	83.4	83.4	0.0	1.05	2	0.12	4.03	0.18
Bunkie	93.7	76.3	85.0	82.4	2.6	0.17	1	-0.19	6.75	4.08
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	91.8	74.2	83.0	82.7	0.3	0.59	1	0.13	6.25	3.62
New Roads	NA	NA	NA	82.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.43	0.29
Extreme/Average	92.5	75.1	83.8	83.1	1.0	0.60	2	0.02	4.87	2.04
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.00	2	0.00	4.55	0.01
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.69	4	NA	8.14	NA
Slidell	92.3	76.0	84.1	NA	NA	0.11	2	NA	5.96	NA
Extreme/Average	92.3	76.0	84.1	81.8	NA	0.93	4	0.00	6.22	0.01
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	90.6	76.0	83.3	82.5	0.7	1.57	4	0.79	4.92	0.89
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	82.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	91.6	75.6	83.6	82.6	0.9	1.51	3	0.31	5.70	1.25
Oberlin Fire	89.7	74.7	82.2	82.2	0.0	2.49	4	1.53	4.03	0.21
Extreme/Average	90.6	75.4	83.0	82.5	0.6	1.86	4	0.88	4.88	0.78
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	93.7	74.7	84.2	81.9	2.3	1.53	4	0.28	5.66	0.55
Jeanerette	91.8	74.4	83.1	82.4	0.7	0.73	2	-0.23	3.34	-1.78
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	82.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	91.0	76.4	83.7	82.3	1.4	3.17	3	1.51	11.92	5.65
Extreme/Average	92.2	75.2	83.7	82.1	1.5	1.81	4	0.52	6.97	1.47
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	92.1	76.3	84.2	82.7	1.5	1.16	3	-0.50	4.99	-1.89
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.65	4	1.24	6.46	0.81
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	92.1	76.3	84.2	82.7	1.5	1.90	4	0.37	5.72	-0.54
<b>State</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>5.24</b>	<b>1.35</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.