



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending August 27, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 27, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 69.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 77.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 87.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 94.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the west central part of the state with an average of 1.39 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 27, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	100	98	98	98
Corn, harvested	87	58	56	71
Cotton, setting bolls	100	99	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	43	30	60	51
Hay, second cutting	75	73	84	93
Rice, mature	97	94	90	91
Rice, harvested	81	69	69	69
Sorghum, mature	93	90	96	94
Sorghum, harvested	58	43	79	74
Soybeans, turning color	78	69	55	58
Soybeans, dropping leaves	54	39	36	39
Soybeans, mature	43	31	23	NA
Soybeans, harvested	25	14	6	14
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	3	0	2	6
Sugarcane, planted	39	28	25	38

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending August 27, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	0	7	30	58	5
Livestock	2	6	28	57	7
Pasture	3	6	31	53	7
Sorghum	0	1	36	59	4
Soybeans	0	4	26	62	8
Sugarcane	0	2	25	63	10
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	11	85	2
Vegetables	2	11	38	46	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rain began Sunday from Hurricane Harvey. Producers were able to get most of the corn harvested. Some producers finished corn harvest and started harvesting soybeans before the rain stopped them. Cotton bolls beginning to open.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Finally a few sunny days in parts of the parish allowed harvesters to get back in the field. Conditions have not been ideal, but everyone is working long hours to get their crop out before the rains from Hurricane Harvey make landfall. Yields have been good.”

– Kylie Miller, Concordia Parish

“Producers dodged showers all week and planted sugarcane with good planting ratios of 5:1 or better in most areas. Soybeans and rice were harvested with yields in the mid to high 40 bushel range and low 40 barrel range, respectfully. By end of week, all producers were preparing for Hurricane Harvey. Several inches of rain, wind and tidal surges are expected which will adversely affect yields, as well as further delay sugarcane planting due to excess rain.”

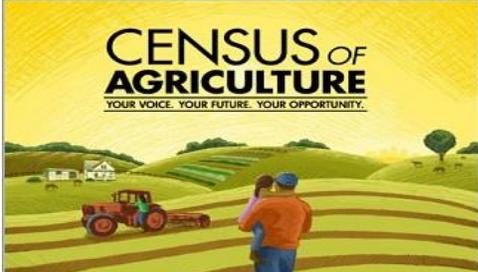
– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“Heavy rains and light winds associated with Hurricane Harvey halted all field progress over the weekend. Soybeans in low lying areas are flooding, and some sugarcane is lodging. Sugarcane planting is at a standstill making growers anxious about completing planting before the start of grinding. Hay producers were still waiting to make their first cutting in some patches.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“The week started out with some rice being harvested between afternoon showers. Everything will come to a halt for the next 10-14 days as rain is expected through next week. Some areas have already received 6-10 inches as of Sunday night from Hurricane Harvey with more expected all next week. We still had some rice to harvest and soybeans were starting to mature. Cameron Parish cattle were moved into Calcasieu Parish to get out of flooding conditions. Not sure how fast water will go down next week.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 27, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	91.4	73.7	82.6	81.5	1.0	0.46	2	-0.18	4.20	1.78
Mooringsport	89.9	72.6	81.2	82.3	-1.1	0.46	2	-0.18	3.08	0.36
Red River	89.3	73.0	81.1	82.4	-1.2	0.69	3	0.14	7.65	5.16
Shreveport	89.3	72.8	81.1	82.4	-1.3	0.45	2	-0.01	8.05	5.45
Extreme/Average	90.0	73.0	81.5	82.2	-0.7	0.52	3	-0.06	5.75	3.19
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	80.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	81.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	87.6	69.3	78.4	80.1	-1.7	0.05	1	-0.52	4.83	2.30
Extreme/Average	87.6	69.3	78.4	80.7	-1.7	0.05	1	-0.52	4.83	2.30
Northeast										
Lake Providence	90.7	71.8	81.3	81.6	-0.5	0.84	1	0.50	5.60	4.43
St Joseph	92.5	71.3	81.9	81.9	0.0	0.41	2	-0.38	2.96	-0.56
Tallulah	93.1	74.3	83.7	81.4	2.3	0.66	2	-0.10	5.27	2.40
Winnsboro	94.7	75.0	84.8	81.9	2.7	0.05	1	-0.29	1.42	-1.17
Extreme/Average	92.8	73.1	82.9	81.7	1.2	0.49	2	-0.07	3.81	1.27
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	89.8	72.4	81.1	81.8	-0.9	1.04	4	0.42	4.82	1.43
Leesville	89.6	71.6	80.6	80.8	-0.3	2.85	6	2.09	5.16	1.94
Natchitoches	89.9	74.7	82.3	83.0	-0.7	0.27	3	-0.61	3.47	0.74
Extreme/Average	89.8	72.9	81.3	81.7	-0.6	1.39	6	0.63	4.48	1.37
Central										
Alexandria	90.4	73.7	82.1	82.9	-0.8	0.70	1	-0.14	3.93	0.15
Bunkie	91.8	73.2	82.5	81.8	0.8	1.08	3	0.28	5.65	2.94
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	90.4	72.1	81.3	82.2	-1.0	0.65	1	-0.20	4.07	1.34
New Roads	NA	NA	NA	82.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.27	-0.01
Extreme/Average	90.9	73.0	82.0	82.7	-0.4	0.81	3	-0.02	3.73	1.10
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.98	3	0.77	5.70	1.23
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.91	4	NA	8.59	NA
Slidell	91.1	74.9	83.0	NA	NA	0.13	1	NA	2.13	NA
Extreme/Average	91.1	74.9	83.0	81.5	NA	1.34	4	0.77	5.47	1.23
Southwest										
Crowley	92.2	74.2	83.2	82.2	0.9	0.10	1	-0.74	4.82	0.69
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	82.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	89.3	73.9	81.6	82.4	-0.8	0.88	4	-0.36	5.34	0.63
Oberlin Fire	88.3	73.6	80.9	81.9	-0.9	2.24	4	1.25	6.59	2.56
Extreme/Average	89.9	73.9	81.9	82.1	-0.3	1.07	4	0.05	5.58	1.29
South Central										
Donaldsonville	91.3	74.0	82.6	81.7	1.0	0.51	3	-0.68	5.22	0.25
Jeanerette	88.7	73.9	81.3	82.0	-0.7	1.11	5	-0.31	4.38	-1.22
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	89.6	76.7	83.1	82.1	1.1	2.52	6	0.80	13.27	6.69
Extreme/Average	89.9	74.9	82.4	81.9	0.4	1.38	6	-0.06	7.62	1.91
Southeast										
Galliano	89.8	77.0	83.4	82.5	0.9	1.08	2	-0.27	5.79	-0.66
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.37	2	0.11	7.42	1.82
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	89.8	77.0	83.4	82.5	0.9	1.23	2	-0.08	6.61	0.58
State	90.1	73.5	81.8	81.9	-0.2	0.90	3	0.05	5.22	1.49

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