



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending September 17, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 17, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 11 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 68.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 81.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 87.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 0.22 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending September 17, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	99	97	97	98
Cotton, open bolls	93	82	95	91
Cotton, harvested	8	1	9	13
Hay, second cutting	90	88	97	99
Rice, harvested	95	91	91	93
Sorghum, harvested	98	91	99	95
Soybeans, turning color	96	93	90	89
Soybeans, dropping leaves	85	75	72	76
Soybeans, mature	78	64	63	NA
Soybeans, harvested	63	40	42	50
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	31	20	30	29
Sugarcane, planted	81	62	64	78

NA= Not Available

### Crop condition for week ending September 17, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	0	14	38	47	1
Livestock	1	5	26	58	10
Pasture	2	10	37	43	8
Soybeans	0	10	28	54	8
Sugarcane	0	4	18	55	23
Sweet Potatoes	0	5	20	72	3
Vegetables	2	12	39	44	3

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“A week of very good harvesting weather really moved soybean harvest along. Sweet potatoes are being harvested with little to no issues.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Drier conditions last week allowed farmers to catch up on harvesting soybeans and planting sugarcane. Hay producers have also been able to get in the fields and cut hay.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“A dry week has facilitated rapid progress in sugarcane planting, soybean harvesting and hay baling. Sugarcane grinding season will start Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at our local sugarcane mill. Most sugarcane growers have finished or will finish planting shortly. Some sugarcane fields are getting a little dry for ideal planting conditions. Sugarcane appears to have good early sugar and tonnage. Cattle producers are preparing fall pastures for cool season forage planting. Pecans are starting to drop from trees. Early nuts appear to have some quality issues.”

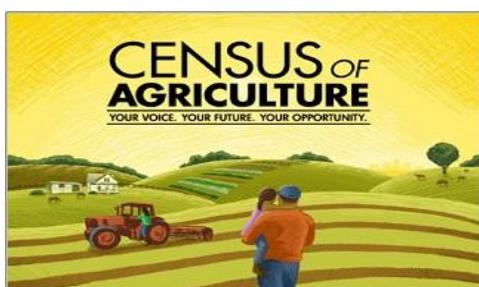
– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Soybean harvest is underway. Ratoon rice crop is requiring irrigating due to dry conditions. Farmers were able to perform fieldwork including leveling. Hay producers are finally making progress.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Improved weather conditions allowed for sugarcane farmers to make excellent progress with planting. Some plant cane lodged but still has very respectful planting ratios. Area mills should start sugarcane harvest around October first. Ripener applications are on schedule.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 17, 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	84.9	60.9	72.9	76.3	-3.4	0.03	1	-0.83	6.11	3.10
Mooringsport	84.3	59.3	71.8	76.9	-5.1	0.00	0	-0.78	2.37	-0.46
Red River	82.2	59.0	70.6	77.2	-7.0	0.00	0	-0.47	5.68	3.43
Shreveport	83.6	60.3	71.9	77.0	-5.1	NA	0	-0.90	5.16	2.70
Extreme/Average	83.8	59.9	71.8	76.8	-5.1	0.01	1	-0.74	4.83	2.19
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	75.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	76.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	82.4	56.8	69.6	74.7	-5.3	0.00	0	-0.65	4.36	1.82
Extreme/Average	82.4	56.8	69.6	75.5	-5.3	0.00	0	-0.65	4.36	1.82
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	81.9	62.3	72.1	76.8	-4.7	0.31	1	-0.24	3.54	2.31
St Joseph	85.8	60.8	73.3	77.6	-4.7	0.00	0	-0.50	4.03	1.22
Tallulah	87.5	68.0	77.8	76.8	1.2	0.00	0	-0.25	4.26	1.67
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	77.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.73	1.62
Extreme/Average	85.1	63.7	74.4	77.1	-2.7	0.10	1	-0.33	3.89	1.71
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	76.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	81.0	60.5	70.8	77.5	-7.2	0.00	0	-0.61	6.55	3.45
Leesville	87.6	60.0	73.8	76.5	-2.7	0.00	0	-1.10	17.08	13.39
Natchitoches	84.9	64.4	74.6	78.2	-3.5	NA	0	-1.21	10.81	6.29
Extreme/Average	84.5	61.6	73.1	77.1	-4.5	0.00	0	-0.97	11.48	7.71
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	85.6	63.4	74.5	78.8	-4.3	0.00	0	-0.96	6.23	2.63
Bunkie	86.6	63.1	74.9	77.4	-2.5	0.00	0	-1.16	7.79	3.59
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	79.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	85.0	64.0	74.5	78.0	-3.5	0.00	0	-0.83	3.68	0.44
New Roads	84.8	63.0	73.9	79.3	-5.8	0.00	0	-0.62	5.44	1.53
Extreme/Average	85.5	63.4	74.4	78.6	-4.0	0.00	0	-0.89	5.79	2.05
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.65	1	-0.50	7.53	2.65
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	77.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	5.65	NA
Slidell	84.7	66.0	75.4	NA	NA	0.02	1	NA	5.41	NA
Extreme/Average	84.7	66.0	75.4	77.9	NA	0.22	1	-0.50	6.20	2.65
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	84.6	61.8	73.2	78.8	-5.9	0.00	0	-0.90	7.00	2.45
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	78.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	86.3	64.3	75.3	78.9	-3.6	0.00	0	-1.34	9.51	4.26
Oberlin Fire	84.1	63.1	73.6	78.0	-4.3	0.00	0	-1.38	10.84	6.12
Extreme/Average	85.0	63.1	74.0	78.4	-4.6	0.00	0	-1.21	9.12	4.28
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	85.9	64.4	75.1	78.5	-3.4	0.05	1	-1.20	5.82	0.79
Jeanerette	85.0	63.0	74.0	78.7	-4.7	0.00	0	-1.42	8.61	2.56
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	78.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	84.3	68.3	76.3	79.6	-3.3	0.23	1	-1.19	11.68	5.30
Extreme/Average	85.1	65.2	75.1	78.7	-3.8	0.09	1	-1.27	8.70	2.88
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	84.0	64.7	74.3	79.6	-5.4	0.00	0	-1.30	8.54	2.63
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.05	1	-1.03	9.56	4.92
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	84.0	64.7	74.3	79.6	-5.4	0.03	1	-1.17	9.05	3.77
<b>State</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0.87</b>	<b>7.01</b>	<b>3.15</b>

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