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Week Ending September 24, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 24, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 38 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 20 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 74.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 87.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 93.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. The precipitation for the week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the state with an average of 0.85 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 24, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	100	99	100	99
Cotton, open bolls	98	93	99	95
Cotton, harvested	26	8	25	26
Hay, second cutting	96	90	100	100
Rice, harvested	97	95	95	96
Sorghum, harvested	99	98	100	98
Soybeans, turning color	98	96	94	94
Soybeans, dropping leaves	91	85	83	85
Soybeans, mature	85	78	74	NA
Soybeans, harvested	75	63	57	61
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	43	31	35	36
Sugarcane, planted	95	81	74	87
Sugarcane, harvested	2	NA	NA	NA

Crop condition for week ending September 24, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	0	20	40	39	1
Livestock	1	4	26	59	10
Pasture	2	10	40	41	7
Sugarcane	0	3	20	55	22
Sweet Potatoes	0	5	19	73	3
Vegetables	2	13	42	40	3

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“We have gone from wet to dry. The dry weather and shorter days of fall forage growth has slowed down. Corn harvest is complete other than a few scattered fields. Soybean harvest is nearing completion and cotton harvest has begun on earlier planted cotton with defoliant being applied to the rest. Corn, soybean and cotton yields have been lower than hoped.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Soybean harvest nears completion, hay balers are rolling, and sugarcane harvest will be in full swing soon, with land preparation for next year's crop underway. Crawfish farmers will be flooding their ponds soon for the up-coming harvest season. Cattle producers are marketing their spring born calves and fall calving season began.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Drier conditions allowed for the near completion of sugarcane planting. Rice farmers did some fieldwork and hay producers continue to harvest. Cattleman continued to market calves and prepared for ryegrass planting.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“More dry conditions last week allowed for more soybeans to be harvested. Yields are between the low 20's and low 40's so far. A lot of soybeans are being sprayed in preparation for harvest. Most of the second cutting of hay has wrapped up with several fields still left to cut.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Dry conditions and heat are making the vegetable crops struggle.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 24, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	92.6	70.9	81.7	73.6	8.1	0.08	1	-0.71	5.73	2.57
Mooringsport	91.1	69.4	80.3	74.1	6.2	0.00	0	-0.84	1.91	-1.12
Red River	91.3	69.7	80.5	74.6	5.9	0.00	0	-0.74	4.99	2.34
Shreveport	90.1	69.4	79.8	74.3	5.5	NA	0	-0.86	4.71	1.85
Extreme/Average	91.3	69.9	80.6	74.2	6.4	0.03	1	-0.79	4.34	1.41
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	72.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	73.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	90.7	66.2	78.4	72.1	6.4	0.04	1	-0.72	4.35	1.50
Extreme/Average	90.7	66.2	78.4	72.9	6.4	0.04	1	-0.72	4.35	1.50
Northeast										
Lake Providence	91.1	70.3	80.7	74.4	6.3	0.34	1	-0.38	3.04	1.65
St Joseph	93.3	68.0	80.6	75.3	5.3	0.06	2	-0.68	3.68	0.68
Tallulah	93.0	72.3	82.7	74.5	8.0	0.45	1	0.11	4.05	1.88
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	74.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.22	1.89
Extreme/Average	92.5	70.2	81.3	74.8	6.5	0.28	2	-0.32	3.50	1.52
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	73.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	89.4	72.0	80.7	75.5	5.3	0.01	1	-0.93	14.32	0.08
Leesville	92.1	68.3	80.2	74.2	6.0	0.02	1	-1.00	14.25	10.30
Natchitoches	91.3	72.4	81.9	75.5	6.4	NA	0	-0.81	10.54	6.09
Extreme/Average	90.9	70.9	80.9	74.7	5.9	0.01	1	-0.91	13.04	5.49
Central										
Alexandria	91.6	72.4	82.0	76.6	5.4	0.00	0	-0.87	5.53	1.90
Bunkie	92.3	69.9	81.1	75.3	5.8	0.00	0	-1.04	6.71	2.27
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	77.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	90.6	71.1	80.9	75.8	5.1	0.00	0	-0.74	3.03	-0.10
New Roads	93.1	71.0	82.1	77.2	4.8	0.01	1	-0.87	3.75	-0.17
Extreme/Average	91.9	71.1	81.5	76.5	5.3	0.00	1	-0.88	4.75	0.97
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.45	1	-0.55	6.00	1.50
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	75.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.05	1	NA	3.41	NA
Slidell	89.7	71.6	80.6	NA	NA	0.96	2	NA	6.24	NA
Extreme/Average	89.7	71.6	80.6	75.9	NA	0.49	2	-0.55	5.22	1.50
Southwest										
Crowley	91.0	71.7	81.3	77.0	4.2	0.70	2	-0.17	6.13	1.55
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	75.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	91.1	71.0	81.1	77.0	4.1	0.47	4	-0.72	9.10	3.90
Oberlin Fire	88.1	70.9	79.5	75.9	3.6	0.18	2	-1.03	8.78	3.84
Extreme/Average	90.1	71.2	80.6	76.4	4.0	0.45	4	-0.64	8.00	3.10
South Central										
Donaldsonville	91.9	70.6	81.2	76.6	4.6	1.44	2	0.32	6.75	1.79
Jeanerette	90.0	70.6	80.3	76.8	3.2	0.10	1	-0.90	7.60	1.74
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	76.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	89.4	74.6	82.0	78.0	4.0	1.00	2	-0.16	10.16	4.34
Extreme/Average	90.4	71.9	81.2	76.9	3.9	0.85	2	-0.25	8.17	2.62
Southeast										
Galliano	87.3	67.3	77.3	77.9	-0.7	0.20	1	-1.08	7.66	1.82
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.98	8.19	3.83
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	87.3	67.3	77.3	77.9	-0.7	0.10	1	-1.03	7.92	2.83
State	90.5	69.9	80.2	75.7	4.1	0.23	2	-0.71	6.43	2.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.