



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending October 1, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 1, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent very short, 46 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 30 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 73.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 85.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 92.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 0.15 inches. It has been very dry over the past few weeks in the state.

**Crop progress for week ending October 1, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, open bolls	99	98	100	98
Cotton, harvested	43	26	43	45
Hay, second cutting	98	96	100	100
Rice, harvested	99	97	98	98
Sorghum, harvested	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	100	98	97	98
Soybeans, dropping leaves	96	91	90	91
Soybeans, mature	91	85	85	NA
Soybeans, harvested	85	75	72	74
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	60	43	39	43
Sugarcane, planted	98	95	90	94
Sugarcane, harvested	5	2	NA	NA

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending October 1, 2017**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	1	27	47	25	0
Livestock	1	6	33	51	9
Pasture	3	12	45	36	4
Sugarcane	0	4	15	53	28
Sweet Potatoes	0	5	26	66	3
Vegetables	3	12	48	34	3

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Sugarcane and cotton harvest is underway. Cotton is definitely showing signs of damage from rain this season. The remainder of soybeans were being harvested and showing promise. Hay producers are trying to get their pastures baled because there are showers in the forecast for upcoming week.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Sugarcane planting is done; while sugarcane harvest has begun. Soybean harvest will be wrapping up soon. Dry field conditions over the last couple of weeks have offered a good opportunity for all areas of agriculture production. Cattle producers are preparing for winter pasture plantings; while catching up with hay baling and marketing spring born calves. This year’s pecan crop remains questionable with widespread reports of scab disease.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“More soybeans harvested last week, also more hay baled over the weekend. Farmers having to pump water for second rice crop harvest. Area could have used a rain this past week.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Soybean harvest is rounding out with a lot of progress made this past week. With the lack of rain, many fields were harvested and yields look good, not great, but good. Ratoon rice seems to be progressing pretty quickly. Some crawfish farmers have begun flooding crawfish ponds.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Another dry week accelerated field activities. Sugarcane grinding is progressing on schedule with farmers reporting average yields. Sugarcane growers could use rain on newly planted fields. Hay producers have had ideal drying conditions to cut and bale hay. Rice second crop shows promise as it starts to head out. Soybean harvest continued with yields being reported in the 30-40 bushel per acre range. Cattle producers are planting cool season pastures.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 1, 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	89.4	68.0	78.7	70.8	7.9	0.00	0	-0.91	1.37	-1.99
Mooringsport	88.6	65.3	76.9	71.2	5.7	0.00	0	-1.02	0.70	-2.70
Red River	88.1	64.7	76.4	71.9	4.5	0.00	0	-0.88	0.04	-3.04
Shreveport	87.6	66.0	76.8	71.5	5.3	0.00	0	-1.09	NA	-3.45
Extreme/Average	88.4	66.0	77.2	71.4	5.9	0.00	0	-0.98	0.70	-2.79
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	70.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	71.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	85.6	62.4	74.0	69.4	4.6	0.00	0	-1.06	0.12	-3.13
Extreme/Average	85.6	62.4	74.0	70.2	4.6	0.00	0	-1.06	0.12	-3.13
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	89.0	66.6	77.8	71.9	5.9	0.00	0	-0.95	1.35	-0.66
St Joseph	92.4	65.2	78.8	72.8	5.6	0.00	0	-0.59	0.51	-2.24
Tallulah	91.0	56.0	73.5	71.9	1.4	0.00	0	-0.38	1.35	-0.36
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	72.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.18	-0.30
Extreme/Average	90.8	62.6	76.7	72.2	4.3	0.00	0	-0.64	0.85	-0.89
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	71.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	91.0	69.0	80.0	73.2	5.8	0.00	0	-0.14	0.04	-3.06
Leesville	91.1	64.9	78.0	71.8	6.2	0.00	0	-0.98	0.02	-4.08
Natchitoches	88.0	67.6	77.8	72.6	5.2	0.00	0	-0.73	0.52	-3.49
Extreme/Average	90.0	67.2	78.6	72.2	5.7	0.00	0	-0.62	0.19	-3.54
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	90.1	68.6	79.4	74.1	5.3	0.00	0	-0.89	0.00	-3.66
Bunkie	88.7	65.2	76.9	73.0	3.9	0.00	0	-0.86	0.00	-4.21
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	75.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	88.3	66.9	77.6	73.4	4.1	0.00	0	-0.83	1.09	-2.22
New Roads	89.7	69.3	79.5	74.9	4.6	0.00	0	-0.91	0.11	-3.67
Extreme/Average	89.2	67.5	78.3	74.1	4.5	0.00	0	-0.87	0.30	-3.44
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.00	1.30	-3.05
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	73.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.19	NA
Slidell	88.5	70.0	79.3	NA	NA	0.30	1	NA	1.36	NA
Extreme/Average	88.5	70.0	79.3	73.6	NA	0.10	1	-1.00	0.95	-3.05
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	90.0	68.7	79.4	74.9	4.5	0.00	NA	-0.96	0.70	-3.75
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	73.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	90.1	69.1	79.6	74.8	4.8	NA	0	-1.11	0.47	-4.54
Oberlin Fire	87.6	67.0	77.3	73.6	3.6	0.00	0	-1.13	0.18	-4.82
Extreme/Average	89.2	68.3	78.8	74.2	4.3	0.00	0	-1.07	0.45	-4.37
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	90.3	69.6	79.9	74.4	5.6	0.03	1	-1.07	1.52	-3.26
Jeanerette	89.3	67.9	78.6	74.8	3.8	0.28	1	-0.90	0.38	-5.51
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	74.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	88.0	72.5	80.3	76.2	4.2	0.00	0	-0.60	1.23	-3.50
Extreme/Average	89.2	70.0	79.6	74.9	4.5	0.10	1	-0.86	1.04	-4.09
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	87.8	73.2	80.5	75.9	4.6	0.30	1	-0.74	0.50	-4.76
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.99	0.05	-4.10
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	87.8	73.2	80.5	75.9	4.6	0.15	1	-0.86	0.28	-4.43
<b>State</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0.90</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>-3.40</b>

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