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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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Week Ending October 15, 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, October 15, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 15 percent very short, 50 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 43 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 57.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 74.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City and Galliano. Highs ranged from 84.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville Locks to 92.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville. The precipitation for this week was light throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 0.66 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 15, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	76	63	84	77
Hay, second cutting	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	99	99	97
Soybeans, mature	99	96	97	NA
Soybeans, harvested	95	91	92	89
Sugarcane, harvested	19	13	16	15
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	84	75	74	64
Winter Wheat, planted	1	0	3	6

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 15, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	1	6	36	53	4
Pasture	2	12	48	37	1
Sugarcane	0	2	13	57	28
Vegetables	3	15	50	30	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Sugarcane planting wrapped up the first of last week. Hay producers have completed their second cutting in most places. Drier weather has allowed sugarcane harvest to continue; however, a rain is needed for plant cane.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Rain is needed as dry conditions continue. Sugarcane harvest continued with few issues and respectful sugar values. Many fields with older stubble that have been harvested are being plowed out and prepared for next year. Some plant cane fields have been cultivated to help row integrity. Cattle producers have baled hay and prepared land for ryegrass but have not planted due to dry conditions. Crawfish producers continued to flood ponds and prepare for the upcoming season.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Moisture is needed to help plant cane. Some areas received up to four inches of rain but was quickly absorbed by dry fields. Soybean harvest is wrapping up with growers reporting yields in the upper 30 bushel range. Cattle producers are planting winter pastures.”

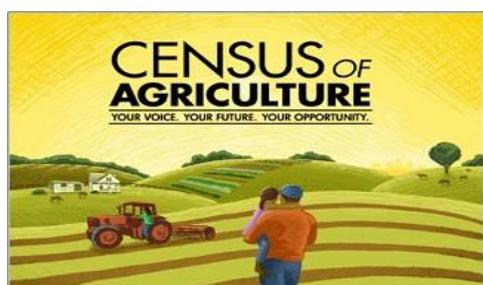
– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Pastures are getting really dry. More soybean harvest continued last week. The second rice crop needs irrigation. Some ryegrass is being planted. A lot of fieldwork was done over the last two weeks. A good shower across the parish is needed.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Fall vegetables are beginning to come in strong with cooler temperatures.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 15, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	89.0	61.7	75.4	65.7	9.7	0.00	0	-1.10	0.08	-3.71
Mooringsport	86.7	60.3	73.5	66.3	7.2	0.00	0	-1.04	0.27	-3.66
Red River	86.6	60.6	73.6	67.0	6.3	0.00	0	-0.69	NA	-3.24
Shreveport	86.3	60.7	73.5	66.4	7.1	0.00	0	-0.97	NA	-4.09
Extreme/Average	87.2	60.8	74.0	66.4	7.6	0.00	0	-0.95	0.18	-3.68
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	64.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	66.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	84.9	57.4	71.1	64.4	6.7	NA	0	-1.17	0.04	-4.06
Extreme/Average	84.9	57.4	71.1	65.3	6.7	NA	0	-1.17	0.04	-4.06
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.3	62.9	75.6	66.9	8.7	0.00	0	-1.23	0.54	-1.12
St Joseph	89.6	64.2	76.9	68.1	8.5	0.00	0	-0.62	0.07	-2.98
Tallulah	89.0	65.0	77.0	67.0	10.0	0.00	0	-0.72	0.65	-1.21
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	67.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	89.0	64.0	76.5	67.3	9.1	0.00	0	-0.86	0.42	-1.77
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	66.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	68.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.01	-1.45
Leesville	92.6	64.4	78.5	67.1	11.4	0.00	0	-0.98	0.23	-3.75
Natchitoches	88.4	64.9	76.6	67.7	8.9	NA	0	-0.98	0.14	-3.27
Extreme/Average	90.5	64.7	77.6	67.4	10.2	0.00	0	-0.98	0.13	-2.82
Central										
Alexandria	88.8	66.2	77.5	69.1	8.5	0.00	0	-0.98	0.27	-3.43
Bunkie	89.9	63.3	76.6	68.7	7.9	0.34	2	-0.80	0.34	-3.50
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	70.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	84.8	66.5	75.6	68.8	7.2	0.75	1	0.11	0.82	-2.20
New Roads	86.3	71.0	78.7	70.1	8.0	0.78	2	0.38	1.77	-1.32
Extreme/Average	87.4	66.8	77.1	69.5	7.9	0.47	2	-0.32	0.80	-2.61
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.50	1	-0.46	1.55	-2.08
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	69.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.05	NA
Slidell	87.3	72.3	79.8	NA	NA	0.09	2	NA	3.46	NA
Extreme/Average	87.3	72.3	79.8	69.1	NA	0.29	2	-0.46	1.69	-2.08
Southwest										
Crowley	87.6	69.0	78.3	70.7	7.3	0.98	2	0.22	2.32	-1.46
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	68.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	89.0	70.1	79.6	70.7	8.9	1.00	3	-0.06	1.67	-2.75
Oberlin Fire	87.6	66.4	77.0	69.3	7.7	0.00	0	-1.08	0.23	-4.27
Extreme/Average	88.1	68.5	78.3	69.9	8.0	0.66	3	-0.31	1.41	-2.83
South Central										
Donaldsonville	90.0	70.7	80.4	69.9	10.5	0.00	0	-1.10	1.91	-2.52
Jeanerette	87.9	69.9	78.9	70.6	8.3	0.67	2	-0.42	1.07	-3.62
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	69.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	88.2	74.8	81.5	72.1	9.3	0.98	2	0.23	3.43	-0.03
Extreme/Average	88.7	71.8	80.2	70.6	9.4	0.55	2	-0.43	2.14	-2.06
Southeast										
Galliano	86.6	74.8	80.7	71.9	8.6	0.22	2	-0.59	3.39	-0.90
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.01	1.58	-2.41
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	86.6	74.8	80.7	71.9	8.6	0.11	2	-0.80	2.49	-1.66
State	87.6	66.9	77.2	68.7	7.4	0.26	1	-0.66	1.06	-2.64

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.