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Week Ending October 29, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 29, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 23 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 35.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 52.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 67.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 77.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the state with an average of 0.92 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 29, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	94	83	98	95
Soybeans, harvested	100	98	99	97
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	96	88	87	83
Sugarcane, harvested	33	28	32	30
Winter Wheat, planted	27	5	9	22
Winter Wheat, emerged	2	0	5	6

Crop condition for week ending October 29, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	1	5	34	54	6
Pasture	2	19	45	30	4
Sugarcane	0	4	14	54	28
Vegetables	2	14	40	40	4

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“After a couple of frosty mornings, spring planted crops are turning color with the season. Combines begin to roll through the second crop of rice with decent yields reported. Some late planted and replant soybeans remained un-harvested. Sugarcane harvest proceeded with good weather and ground condition. Rains with the last couple of cold fronts were real spotty with heavier amounts on the east side of St. Landry Parish and less amounts on the west side.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“We are still dry. A little rain over the weekend though. Cattle producers trying to get ryegrass planted. Row crop harvest is complete.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Dry weather had farmers continuing to work fields. A little rain shower over the weekend should help with ryegrass pasture establishment. Sugarcane harvest continued with excellent conditions. Ratoon crop rice harvest made good progress.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Heavy rains toward the end of the week slowed field progress. Sugarcane harvest continued into some fields heavily lodged by wind and rain. Soybean growers were trying to wrap up harvest. Crawfish producers were utilizing rains to flood fields. Winter pasture planting is in full swing. The citrus and pecan harvest is light for many growers.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rain showers on Friday slowed fieldwork and stopped ratoon rice harvest for a brief moment. Strong north winds have begun drying things out and harvest will resume early next week. Cooler weather has started to come into the area. Cattlemen rushed to apply ryegrass seed ahead of the showers.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 29, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	71.9	37.9	54.9	61.4	-6.6	0.61	1	-0.61	0.66	-3.91
Mooringsport	70.1	43.7	56.9	62.4	-5.5	0.24	1	-0.88	1.06	-3.36
Red River	75.2	45.0	60.1	62.9	-3.1	0.03	1	-0.82	1.42	-2.56
Shreveport	69.0	40.4	54.7	62.2	-7.5	0.22	1	-0.99	1.00	-3.65
Extreme/Average	71.5	41.8	56.7	62.2	-5.7	0.28	1	-0.82	1.04	-3.37
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	60.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	62.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	67.4	35.3	51.4	60.3	-8.9	0.03	2	-1.13	1.13	-3.59
Extreme/Average	67.4	35.3	51.4	61.1	-8.9	0.03	2	-1.13	1.13	-3.59
Northeast										
Lake Providence	70.1	44.3	57.2	62.4	-5.1	1.62	2	0.40	1.82	0.27
St Joseph	77.6	44.6	61.1	63.9	-3.1	0.32	1	-0.36	0.41	-2.94
Tallulah	72.6	47.8	60.2	62.8	-2.9	0.70	1	-0.11	0.96	-2.10
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	63.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	73.4	45.6	59.5	63.1	-3.7	0.88	2	-0.02	1.06	-1.59
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	62.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	64.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-1.04
Leesville	74.7	39.9	57.3	63.1	-5.8	0.38	2	-0.90	1.02	-3.48
Natchitoches	71.9	45.0	58.4	63.9	-5.5	0.18	2	-0.98	0.70	-3.59
Extreme/Average	73.3	42.5	57.9	63.3	-5.7	0.28	2	-0.94	0.57	-2.70
Central										
Alexandria	73.0	45.3	59.1	64.8	-5.7	1.02	2	-0.35	1.29	-3.33
Bunkie	72.9	43.3	58.1	64.9	-6.8	1.15	2	-0.29	2.19	-2.70
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	67.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	70.8	41.7	56.3	64.6	-8.2	0.88	1	-0.20	2.13	-1.68
New Roads	71.5	50.0	60.8	66.0	-5.7	0.00	0	-0.65	10.76	7.33
Extreme/Average	72.1	45.1	58.6	65.5	-6.6	0.76	2	-0.37	4.09	-0.09
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.80	2	-0.31	3.25	-0.87
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	65.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.13	1	NA	11.03	NA
Slidell	71.4	47.1	59.3	NA	NA	0.67	2	NA	4.93	NA
Extreme/Average	71.4	47.1	59.3	65.0	NA	0.53	2	-0.31	6.40	-0.87
Southwest										
Crowley	73.2	49.2	61.3	66.7	-5.8	0.58	1	-0.37	2.86	-1.60
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	65.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	73.0	44.6	58.8	66.8	-8.0	1.56	2	0.24	2.78	-1.99
Oberlin Fire	70.7	45.3	58.0	65.5	-7.5	0.50	1	-0.90	1.10	-3.82
Extreme/Average	72.3	46.4	59.4	66.0	-7.1	0.88	2	-0.34	2.25	-2.47
South Central										
Donaldsonville	72.9	45.4	59.1	66.0	-6.9	1.14	2	0.05	2.15	-2.33
Jeanerette	73.2	48.4	60.8	66.7	-6.2	0.25	1	-0.56	7.08	2.94
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	66.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	72.9	52.1	62.5	68.0	-5.5	1.38	2	0.51	4.04	0.64
Extreme/Average	73.0	48.6	60.8	66.7	-6.2	0.92	2	0.00	4.42	0.42
Southeast										
Galliano	75.1	51.0	63.1	68.2	-5.1	0.29	3	-0.58	6.52	2.58
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.11	2	0.02	3.17	-1.09
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	75.1	51.0	63.1	68.2	-5.1	0.70	3	-0.28	4.84	0.74
State	72.1	44.8	58.5	64.7	-5.6	0.60	2	-0.47	2.99	-1.46

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.