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**Week Ending November 19, 2017**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 19, 2017. Topsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 19 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 24 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 44.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 57.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 69.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 78.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville. The precipitation for this week was scarce throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northeast part of the state with an average of 0.17 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending November 19, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	100	99	99	96
Sugarcane, harvested	56	51	60	56
Winter Wheat, planted	69	47	27	62
Winter Wheat, emerged	39	22	19	45

**Crop condition for week ending November 19, 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	32	57	5
Pasture	2	16	44	33	5
Vegetables	2	11	38	45	4
Winter Wheat	2	8	57	33	0

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Sugarcane and second rice crop harvest continued. A little rain would sure be in order to help some of the cropping areas. Winter pastures and wheat plantings could use a little moisture at this stage. Commercial vegetable growers were coming out of the fields with some of their winter produce such, as turnip, mustard greens and the tail end of the produce from the summer.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“We have reached the mid-point of the sugarcane harvest and both tonnage and recoverable sugar are very good. Field conditions were also favorable for a continued harvest. Cattle producers were preparing for winter. A few crawfish ponds were being fished with favorable selling prices.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Farmers were near completion of ratoon rice harvest. Winter forage is in need of rain in some parts of the parish. Fall fieldwork continued with dry conditions.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Sugarcane harvest continued to move along without any major issues. Most of all wheat has been planted as of last Friday.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“We are getting dry. Did not get much rain over the weekend. More fieldwork being done before winter. Ranchers starting to feed hay.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 19, 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	75.6	53.0	64.3	54.9	9.4	0.02	1	-1.28	2.13	-2.81
Mooringsport	71.5	52.0	61.8	55.5	6.3	0.09	2	-0.86	2.14	-2.10
Red River	NA	NA	NA	56.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.66	-1.47
Shreveport	73.0	53.1	63.1	55.0	8.0	NA	0	-1.12	1.84	-3.06
Extreme/Average	73.4	52.7	63.0	55.4	7.9	0.06	2	-1.09	1.94	-2.36
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	54.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	54.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	69.5	44.5	57.0	53.7	3.1	0.15	1	-0.62	1.06	-2.71
Extreme/Average	69.5	44.5	57.0	54.3	3.1	0.15	1	-0.62	1.06	-2.71
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	70.3	49.9	60.1	55.2	4.8	0.20	1	-1.03	6.51	3.69
St Joseph	76.7	48.4	62.6	57.6	4.9	0.11	1	-1.24	2.67	-1.72
Tallulah	73.3	49.7	61.5	56.3	5.2	0.20	1	-1.05	1.65	-1.30
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	56.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.20	-0.86
Extreme/Average	73.4	49.3	61.4	56.5	5.0	0.17	1	-1.11	3.26	-0.05
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	55.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	58.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Leesville	78.3	51.7	65.0	57.0	8.0	0.02	1	-1.34	1.81	-3.40
Natchitoches	75.1	54.6	64.9	57.4	7.5	0.13	1	-0.95	1.16	-3.59
Extreme/Average	76.7	53.2	64.9	57.1	7.7	0.07	1	-1.15	1.48	-3.50
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	76.5	53.2	64.8	58.3	6.6	0.00	0	-1.23	2.76	-2.61
Bunkie	77.1	51.1	64.1	58.7	5.4	0.00	0	-1.30	2.77	-2.25
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	60.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	75.4	51.4	63.4	58.0	5.5	0.21	1	-0.77	2.96	-1.39
New Roads	73.8	53.8	63.8	60.2	3.3	0.00	0	-0.51	1.28	-2.27
Extreme/Average	75.7	52.4	64.0	59.2	5.2	0.05	1	-0.95	2.44	-2.13
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.05	3.87	-0.51
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	59.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	2.69	NA
Slidell	74.4	52.3	63.4	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.87	NA
Extreme/Average	74.4	52.3	63.4	59.0	NA	0.00	0	-1.05	2.48	-0.51
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	77.4	53.9	65.6	60.1	5.5	0.00	0	-1.10	6.05	1.31
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	58.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	77.1	54.9	66.0	60.6	5.4	0.03	1	-1.10	4.47	-0.42
Oberlin Fire	75.1	52.4	63.8	59.5	4.3	0.00	0	-1.20	1.93	-3.14
Extreme/Average	76.5	53.7	65.1	59.8	5.1	0.01	1	-1.13	4.15	-0.75
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	76.6	52.6	64.6	60.5	4.1	0.06	1	-0.90	2.14	-1.84
Jeanerette	74.1	53.0	63.6	61.0	2.5	0.00	0	-0.83	1.23	-2.66
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	60.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	76.7	57.6	67.1	62.1	5.0	0.00	0	-0.91	1.41	-2.17
Extreme/Average	75.8	54.4	65.1	61.0	3.9	0.02	1	-0.88	1.59	-2.22
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	74.7	56.0	65.4	62.6	2.7	0.10	1	-0.67	0.44	-2.76
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.30	0.85
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	74.7	56.0	65.4	62.6	2.7	0.10	1	-0.67	1.87	-0.95
<b>State</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.95</b>	<b>2.36</b>	<b>-1.61</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.