



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 15, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 28 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 29 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 77.4 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 87.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Oberlin to 94.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the State with an average of 2.00 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 15, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, dough	97	90	95	94
Corn, dent	75	67	76	70
Corn, mature	15	3	20	9
Cotton, squaring	98	95	96	94
Cotton, setting bolls	77	68	67	61
Hay, second cutting	54	45	43	43
Rice, headed	74	56	70	72
Rice, mature	14	1	15	8
Sorghum, headed	94	87	90	91
Sorghum, coloring	54	32	56	52
Sorghum, mature	3	(NA)	7	2
Soybeans, blooming	96	92	90	85
Soybeans, setting pods	82	75	79	65
Soybeans, turning color	1	0	3	1

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending July 15, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	7	43	44	6
Cotton	0	3	55	39	3
Livestock	1	6	33	53	7
Pasture	5	14	40	35	6
Rice	0	5	22	63	10
Sorghum	0	6	73	21	0
Soybeans	1	8	36	43	12
Sugarcane	0	7	29	48	16
Sweet potatoes	0	1	28	71	0
Vegetables	6	13	34	44	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Sugarcane producers are finishing up last minute prep work to begin planting. Continued pop up showers have helped cotton and soybean crops catch up from lack of rain earlier in the growing season. Only time will tell how the lack of moisture has effected the cotton and soybean crops.”

–Mark Carriere, Point Coupee Parish

“Constant rain raises rice pollination concerns. Stink bug are being monitored in rice and beans. Sugarcane and pastures are growing well with the wet conditions. Breeding season is coming to a close, ranchers are working calves. Hay producers are struggling to harvest with high rain chances.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“The parish received much needed rain showers this past week. Some areas received good coverage and others not so much. Rice and soybeans still look good. More rice fields are being drained this week. Hay pastures are ready for cutting, but need a few dry days in a row. Pasture conditions are improving in most areas of parish.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Scattered showers continue to promote crop growth and development. Army worms are showing up in hay fields. Pears are ripening in backyard fruit orchards. Chinch bugs and gray leaf spot are browning Saint Augustine lawns.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rice is starting to mature and we are getting very close to harvest. I expect our first fields to get cut this week. Soybeans are looking very good and are receiving rain at the right time. Pastures are rebounding nicely from the mini drought we had earlier in the summer.”

– Jeremy Herbert, Acadia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 15, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	94.3	76.0	85.1	82.2	3.0	1.49	4	0.60	2.73	-1.59
Mooringsport	91.4	73.9	82.6	83.1	-0.5	0.22	2	-0.56	1.43	-2.39
Red River	90.7	74.1	82.4	83.1	-0.6	0.69	3	-0.13	1.23	-2.85
Shreveport	92.0	72.9	82.4	82.8	-0.3	1.03	3	0.04	1.88	-2.47
Extreme/Average	92.1	74.2	83.2	82.8	0.4	0.86	4	-0.01	1.82	-2.33
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	92.1	71.9	82.0	80.4	1.6	1.15	2	0.22	2.17	-2.07
Extreme/Average	92.1	71.9	82.0	81.3	1.6	1.15	2	0.22	2.17	-2.07
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.9	73.1	81.0	82.5	-1.5	1.79	3	1.01	6.22	2.71
St Joseph	91.4	71.6	81.5	82.7	-1.2	0.09	2	-0.64	2.37	-1.13
Tallulah	92.0	70.0	81.0	82.0	-1.0	0.00	0	-0.12	0.00	-1.72
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.78	-0.65
Extreme/Average	90.8	71.6	81.2	82.5	-1.2	0.63	3	0.08	2.34	-0.20
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	89.9	71.0	80.4	81.3	-0.8	1.70	5	0.75	7.02	2.56
Natchitoches	91.4	75.1	83.3	83.7	-0.4	0.19	3	-0.78	3.56	-0.71
Extreme/Average	90.7	73.0	81.9	82.2	-0.6	0.94	5	-0.02	5.29	0.93
Central										
Alexandria	90.4	72.6	81.5	83.2	-1.7	2.78	2	1.75	4.06	-0.83
Bunkie	90.0	74.1	82.1	82.4	-0.3	1.30	2	0.36	5.08	0.61
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	89.5	72.5	81.0	82.5	-1.5	0.38	3	-0.44	2.20	-1.74
New Roads	93.3	74.7	84.0	83.0	1.0	0.09	2	-0.93	3.32	-0.96
Extreme/Average	90.8	73.5	82.1	83.0	-0.6	1.14	3	0.18	3.66	-0.73
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.42	3	-1.06	4.98	-1.59
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.63	2	(NA)	2.91	(NA)
Slidell	89.5	74.7	82.1	82.1	0.0	0.05	1	-1.27	4.25	-1.08
Extreme/Average	89.5	74.7	82.1	81.9	0.0	0.37	3	-1.17	4.05	-1.33
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.2	(NA)	2.13	3	0.78	5.42	-0.79
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	88.4	73.6	81.0	82.2	-1.2	2.01	5	0.87	7.51	1.78
Oberlin Fire	87.1	72.0	79.6	81.9	-2.3	1.85	1	0.57	5.23	-0.80
Extreme/Average	87.8	72.8	80.3	82.1	-1.7	2.00	5	0.74	6.05	0.06
South central										
Donaldsonville	91.9	72.7	82.3	82.0	0.3	1.53	3	0.01	3.68	-2.93
Jeanerette	89.7	72.4	81.1	82.2	-1.2	2.44	5	0.77	7.65	0.01
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	89.3	75.4	82.4	82.1	0.2	1.91	4	0.35	5.27	-1.75
Extreme/Average	90.3	73.5	81.9	82.0	-0.2	1.96	5	0.38	5.53	-1.56
Southeast										
Galliano	89.8	77.0	83.4	82.3	1.2	1.86	4	0.33	9.14	2.27
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.64	4	-0.74	6.00	-0.15
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	93.4	77.4	85.4	84.2	1.3	0.46	5	-1.35	7.34	0.29
Extreme/Average	91.6	77.2	84.4	83.2	1.2	0.99	5	-0.59	7.49	0.80
State	90.5	73.6	82.1	82.3	-0.2	1.15	4	0.01	4.37	-0.65

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.