



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 29, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 44 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent very short, 46 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 68.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 77.7 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 88.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 99.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville, Minden, and Shreveport. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the State with an average of 0.76 inch.

**Crop progress for week ending July 29, 2018**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, dent	98	91	96	92
Corn, mature	56	19	78	51
Corn, harvested	4	0	15	5
Cotton, squaring	100	99	100	99
Cotton, setting bolls	96	90	86	84
Cotton, open bolls	12	2	13	7
Hay, second cutting	81	68	59	66
Rice, headed	94	88	87	89
Rice, mature	54	31	45	33
Rice, harvested	15	1	24	12
Sorghum, headed	100	98	99	99
Sorghum, coloring	85	61	88	82
Sorghum, mature	37	10	60	35
Soybeans, blooming	99	98	97	94
Soybeans, setting pods	95	88	93	85
Soybeans, turning color	13	3	33	16
Soybeans, dropping leaves	3	0	6	3
Sugarcane, planted	1	0	1	1

**Crop condition for week ending July 29, 2018**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	2	13	38	40	7
Cotton	0	4	53	39	4
Livestock	1	8	35	50	6
Pasture	5	25	36	29	5
Rice	0	4	21	66	9
Sorghum	0	10	57	33	0
Soybeans	2	12	34	41	11
Sugarcane	1	9	35	40	15
Sweet potatoes	0	10	35	55	0
Vegetables	6	18	39	36	1

**Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents**

“Rice harvest begun with mixed yields reported, but favorable. Some early soybeans have been defoliated to be harvested in the coming days for planting sugarcane. Soybean crop looks good in much of the area, but some acres are still struggling from drought conditions. Spring gardens are finishing up. Rain is needed for soybean crop.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Corn harvest is underway, and harvest of earlier planted soybeans will begin shortly as some are approaching maturity. Cotton, sugarcane, pastures, and later planted soybeans across the parish are in need of rain.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Scattered rains have helped the soybean crop and pastures, but rains are still needed for many areas of the parish.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Dry weather allowed for considerable hay harvest last week. Rice harvest made good progress. Rice farmers continued to drain fields, as most rice is near mature. Cattle ranchers are pulling bulls and working calves. Sugarcane is behind last year’s growth; continuous rain would be helpful. Most farmers are geared up for sugarcane planting which will begin in the next two weeks.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Received a much needed rain in parts of the parish over the weekend.”

– Mariah Simoneaux, Acadia Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 29, 2018**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	99.0	73.3	86.1	82.6	3.6	0.45	2	-0.21	2.96	-0.35
Mooringsport	96.8	73.5	85.2	83.2	1.9	0.25	1	-0.32	1.16	-1.49
Red River	97.3	72.0	84.6	83.4	1.2	0.01	1	-0.77	0.93	-2.39
Shreveport	99.0	72.4	85.7	83.0	2.7	0.11	1	-0.78	1.46	-2.49
Extreme/Average	98.0	72.8	85.4	83.1	2.4	0.20	2	-0.52	1.63	-1.68
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	97.0	69.0	83.0	81.0	2.0	0.27	1	-0.05	1.99	-1.06
Extreme/Average	97.0	69.0	83.0	81.6	2.0	0.27	1	-0.05	1.99	-1.06
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	88.1	71.1	79.6	82.7	-3.1	0.60	1	-0.11	3.12	0.07
St Joseph	93.9	68.3	81.1	82.8	-1.7	0.70	1	-0.28	5.43	1.42
Tallulah	94.0	74.0	84.0	82.2	1.8	0.00	0	-0.10	2.23	1.51
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	92.0	71.1	81.6	82.6	-1.0	0.43	1	-0.16	3.59	1.00
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	99.0	68.9	83.9	81.7	2.2	0.98	1	0.21	6.62	3.04
Natchitoches	98.9	74.3	86.6	83.7	2.9	0.00	0	-1.01	2.83	-0.87
Extreme/Average	99.0	71.6	85.3	82.6	2.5	0.49	1	-0.40	4.72	1.08
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	97.8	72.5	85.2	83.5	1.6	0.01	1	-0.76	3.71	-0.11
Bunkie	94.7	71.3	83.0	82.6	0.4	0.00	0	-0.76	3.26	-0.26
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	96.3	71.2	83.8	82.8	0.9	0.00	0	-0.64	1.90	-1.35
New Roads	92.0	71.3	81.7	83.0	-1.3	0.00	0	-0.35	2.13	-1.07
Extreme/Average	95.2	71.6	83.4	83.2	0.4	0.00	1	-0.63	2.75	-0.70
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.50	2	-0.76	3.66	-1.74
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.07	(NA)
Slidell	92.6	74.0	83.3	82.1	1.1	0.12	1	-1.42	3.87	-1.84
Extreme/Average	92.6	74.0	83.3	82.0	1.1	0.31	2	-1.09	3.20	-1.79
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	95.0	73.1	84.1	82.3	1.8	1.15	2	0.07	5.88	0.81
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	94.4	72.6	83.5	82.3	1.2	0.36	1	-0.62	5.75	1.30
Oberlin Fire	95.9	71.7	83.8	82.1	1.7	0.00	0	-1.04	4.15	-0.72
Extreme/Average	95.1	72.5	83.8	82.3	1.5	0.50	2	-0.53	5.26	0.46
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	95.3	74.0	84.6	82.0	2.6	0.05	1	-1.28	2.10	-3.66
Jeanerette	94.1	73.1	83.6	82.4	1.3	0.50	1	-0.83	6.85	0.60
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	93.7	77.6	85.6	82.3	3.3	1.72	2	0.32	6.19	0.01
Extreme/Average	94.4	74.9	84.6	82.1	2.4	0.76	2	-0.60	5.05	-1.02
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	91.8	77.5	84.7	82.5	2.2	1.29	2	-0.48	7.83	1.12
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.06	1	-1.26	4.87	-0.59
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	93.9	77.7	85.8	84.4	1.4	0.51	2	-1.28	6.16	-1.01
Extreme/Average	92.8	77.6	85.2	83.4	1.8	0.62	2	-1.01	6.29	-0.16
<b>State</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.57</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>-0.41</b>

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.