



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 5, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 11 percent very short, 38 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 38 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 61.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 76.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 85.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 93.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Shreveport. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the State with an average of 2.46 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 5, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, dent	100	98	100	97
Corn, mature	77	56	89	75
Corn, harvested	11	4	28	14
Cotton, setting bolls	99	96	93	92
Cotton, open bolls	17	12	16	11
Hay, second cutting	86	81	64	74
Rice, headed	97	94	96	93
Rice, mature	69	54	65	53
Rice, harvested	32	15	41	26
Sorghum, coloring	93	85	93	90
Sorghum, mature	75	37	73	59
Soybeans, blooming	100	99	100	97
Soybeans, setting pods	99	95	97	91
Soybeans, turning color	21	13	45	24
Soybeans, dropping leaves	12	3	14	8
Soybeans, mature	4	(NA)	11	2
Sugarcane, planted	5	1	7	6

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending August 5, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	11	37	44	8
Cotton	0	2	53	40	5
Livestock	2	7	38	46	7
Pasture	3	27	37	28	5
Rice	0	6	27	61	6
Sorghum	0	6	55	39	0
Soybeans	1	10	37	41	11
Sugarcane	0	6	38	43	13
Sweet potatoes	0	5	30	65	0
Vegetables	7	16	32	44	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Many areas of the parish are in need of rainfall. Rice harvest is progressing with reports of many good yields. Soybeans are in their reproductive stages, and many fields need moisture to retain pods. Pastures also need moisture for forage growth. Scattered showers and rain chances have slowed hay cuttings.”

–Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“More rice was cut this last week. Some spotty afternoon rain showers, but not enough for soybeans. The area needs a good widespread soaking rain this week, especially for pastures.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“More rice harvested this week with yields ranging from the upper 30’s to low 50’s; majority in the mid 40’s (barrels). Spotty rain showers slowed rice harvest for some producers.”

– Jeremy Herbert, Acadia Parish

“Scattered rains helped some parched areas. Overall, more rain is needed by growers for crop development. Some cane growers are waiting for more cane height to start planting. Grinding is scheduled to start around September 20th and ripener will be going out on stubble cane shortly. Fall vegetable planting is underway. Rice and soybean harvest has begun.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Scattered rains are affecting harvest and planting conditions. Sugarcane planting has started in some areas with planting ratios lower than normal due to shorter than normal plant cane. Early planted soybeans have been defoliated and should be harvested next week if moisture levels allow.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 5, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	92.8	68.8	80.8	82.6	-1.9	0.24	2	-0.12	2.20	-0.45
Mooringsport	89.9	66.4	78.1	83.2	-5.1	2.17	3	1.45	2.64	-0.01
Red River	92.2	66.8	79.5	83.5	-4.0	0.50	2	-0.04	1.20	-1.71
Shreveport	93.4	66.4	79.9	83.1	-3.2	0.54	2	-0.31	1.73	-2.12
Extreme/Average	92.1	67.1	79.6	83.1	-3.5	0.86	3	0.24	1.94	-1.07
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	89.5	61.5	75.5	81.1	-5.6	0.11	2	-0.31	1.53	-0.92
Extreme/Average	89.5	61.5	75.5	81.7	-5.6	0.11	2	-0.31	1.53	-0.92
Northeast										
Lake Providence	85.6	68.0	76.8	82.7	-6.0	(NA)	0	-0.75	3.05	0.12
St Joseph	89.2	66.6	77.5	82.8	-5.3	0.27	3	-0.40	4.38	0.73
Tallulah	87.0	69.0	78.0	82.3	-4.3	0.00	0	-0.39	2.23	1.41
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	87.3	67.9	77.4	82.7	-5.2	0.14	3	-0.51	3.22	0.75
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	91.1	67.7	79.4	81.8	-2.4	1.08	3	0.23	3.76	0.40
Natchitoches	92.7	71.1	81.9	83.6	-1.7	2.94	3	2.15	3.16	-0.69
Extreme/Average	91.9	69.4	80.7	82.6	-2.0	2.01	3	1.19	3.46	-0.14
Central										
Alexandria	91.0	70.7	80.9	83.6	-2.7	1.23	4	0.22	4.02	0.34
Bunkie	90.0	69.9	79.9	82.7	-2.8	1.10	4	0.37	2.40	-0.82
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	91.6	69.0	80.3	82.9	-2.6	0.35	3	-0.42	1.08	-1.94
New Roads	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.12	-1.95
Extreme/Average	90.9	69.9	80.4	83.2	-2.7	0.89	4	0.06	1.90	-1.09
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.80	1	-0.21	1.81	-3.06
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.98	(NA)
Slidell	87.9	73.1	80.5	82.1	-1.6	0.79	4	-0.85	2.38	-3.69
Extreme/Average	87.9	73.1	80.5	82.0	-1.6	0.80	4	-0.53	1.72	-3.38
Southwest										
Crowley	90.4	72.2	81.3	82.4	-1.1	0.64	2	-0.15	3.92	-0.48
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	88.9	71.7	80.3	82.5	-2.2	1.40	5	0.30	3.78	-0.46
Oberlin Fire	90.8	69.8	80.3	82.2	-1.9	1.20	2	0.43	3.05	-1.15
Extreme/Average	90.0	71.2	80.6	82.4	-1.7	1.08	5	0.19	3.58	-0.70
South central										
Donaldsonville	90.1	71.4	80.8	82.0	-1.2	2.49	5	1.17	4.19	-1.31
Jeanerette	91.0	72.2	81.6	82.4	-0.8	0.27	4	-0.74	3.25	-2.19
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	89.2	74.5	81.8	82.3	-0.5	1.43	4	0.13	5.06	-0.65
Extreme/Average	90.1	72.7	81.4	82.2	-0.8	1.40	5	0.19	4.17	-1.38
Southeast										
Galliano	87.0	76.1	81.6	82.6	-1.0	3.47	5	1.59	7.81	0.82
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.44	3	0.01	2.67	-2.70
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.84	-2.58
Extreme/Average	87.0	76.1	81.6	83.5	-1.0	2.46	5	0.80	4.44	-1.49
State	89.6	69.9	79.7	82.6	-2.7	1.07	4	0.13	2.83	-1.08

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.