



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 19, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 42 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 8 percent very short, 38 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 77.9 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 90.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Slidell to 95.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Natchitoches. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the northeast part of the State with an average of 2.32 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 19, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, mature	99	96	98	94
Corn, harvested	55	27	55	46
Cotton, open bolls	48	29	28	28
Hay, second cutting	93	88	73	85
Rice, mature	95	87	93	82
Rice, harvested	67	57	68	56
Sorghum, coloring	100	97	100	99
Sorghum, mature	91	86	89	87
Sorghum, harvested	59	14	42	52
Soybeans, turning color	60	36	67	46
Soybeans, dropping leaves	35	21	37	27
Soybeans, mature	27	12	29	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	17	5	13	5
Sugarcane, planted	23	11	26	23

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending August 19, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	2	11	37	45	5
Cotton	0	2	43	51	4
Livestock	2	7	39	48	4
Pasture	4	22	40	32	2
Sorghum	0	3	75	22	0
Soybeans	1	9	40	42	8
Sugarcane	1	5	39	45	10
Sweet potatoes	0	4	37	59	0
Vegetables	7	17	36	37	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Dry conditions allowed for rice harvest and sugarcane planting to make good progress. Some hay was harvested during this past week. Ranchers continue to work calves and remove bulls to end breeding season.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Later harvested rice yields are improving. Corn yields are better than expected were rain occurred during the growing season. Early planted soybeans yields are reported to be good. Soybeans diseases are beginning to show up resulting in some stand loss on later planted beans. Rains have been isolated and occurring in what seems to be the same areas. Planting sugarcane has been delayed for some growers due to rainfall. Hay supplies are short.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rice harvest is slowly continuing with spotty afternoon showers slowing some farmers down. Yields are all around better than last year thus far. Soybeans needed the rain this past week. Some hay pastures are ready for cutting, but need a few dry days.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Good week for rice harvest as it stayed mainly dry. Yields seem to be holding steady in the mid 40's (barrels). Some soybeans are starting to change color and some farmers are prepping for soybean harvest.”

–Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Scattered rains again affected sugarcane planting and harvest. Rains are helping sugarcane growth and helping increase planting ratios. Delays continue with rice and soybean harvest. Rice yields are in the 40 - 50 barrel range and soybeans are in the 45 -55 bushel range.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 19, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	95.4	73.1	84.3	82.3	2.0	1.03	1	0.48	1.75	-0.68
Mooringsport	92.1	73.9	83.0	83.0	0.0	1.15	1	0.49	4.45	1.71
Red River	90.6	73.4	82.0	83.1	-1.2	0.06	1	-0.35	1.75	-0.91
Shreveport	94.4	71.3	82.9	83.0	-0.1	0.16	1	-0.38	1.97	-1.12
Extreme/Average	93.1	72.9	83.0	82.8	0.2	0.60	1	0.06	2.48	-0.25
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	95.4	71.6	83.5	80.9	2.6	0.06	1	-0.36	0.80	-1.22
Extreme/Average	95.4	71.6	83.5	81.4	2.6	0.06	1	-0.36	0.80	-1.22
Northeast										
Lake Providence	90.6	73.6	82.1	82.3	-0.3	4.15	3	3.37	5.01	2.05
St Joseph	94.6	70.0	82.3	82.5	-0.3	0.49	1	-0.15	1.73	-1.73
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.54	-0.25
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	92.6	71.8	82.2	82.3	-0.3	2.32	3	1.61	2.43	0.02
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	95.1	71.6	83.4	81.5	1.9	0.00	0	-0.77	3.21	-0.02
Natchitoches	95.9	75.6	85.7	83.5	2.3	0.33	1	-0.22	3.45	0.46
Extreme/Average	95.5	73.6	84.5	82.3	2.1	0.17	1	-0.49	3.33	0.22
Central										
Alexandria	93.8	73.3	83.6	83.4	0.2	0.00	0	-0.79	1.56	-2.01
Bunkie	94.9	72.0	83.4	82.4	1.0	0.82	1	-0.01	3.31	0.18
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	92.7	72.2	82.4	82.8	-0.4	0.63	2	-0.01	1.39	-1.42
New Roads	94.8	73.2	84.0	83.0	1.0	0.18	1	-0.44	2.61	-0.83
Extreme/Average	94.1	72.7	83.4	83.1	0.5	0.41	2	-0.31	2.22	-1.02
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.35	3	0.34	4.59	-0.54
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.22	1	(NA)	3.69	(NA)
Slidell	90.0	74.6	82.3	82.0	0.3	2.32	4	0.78	3.61	-2.68
Extreme/Average	90.0	74.6	82.3	81.9	0.3	1.30	4	0.56	3.96	-1.61
Southwest										
Crowley	92.2	73.8	83.0	82.6	0.4	0.00	0	-0.78	5.83	1.79
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	91.5	74.5	83.0	82.7	0.4	0.97	2	-0.04	5.24	1.00
Oberlin Fire	94.3	72.7	83.5	82.3	1.2	0.23	1	-0.73	2.95	-1.15
Extreme/Average	92.7	73.7	83.2	82.5	0.7	0.40	2	-0.52	4.67	0.55
South central										
Donaldsonville	92.1	73.6	82.9	81.9	0.9	1.15	1	-0.09	6.17	1.05
Jeanerette	92.5	73.5	83.0	82.4	0.6	0.26	2	-0.50	3.49	-1.43
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	91.2	76.3	83.8	82.3	1.5	1.04	4	-0.38	5.99	0.22
Extreme/Average	91.9	74.5	83.2	82.1	1.0	0.82	4	-0.32	5.22	-0.05
Southeast										
Galliano	90.3	76.8	83.6	82.7	0.9	2.20	4	0.77	8.06	1.14
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.87	3	-0.54	3.16	-2.48
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	92.4	77.9	85.1	84.4	0.8	0.49	3	-0.83	5.89	-0.36
Extreme/Average	91.3	77.3	84.4	83.5	0.8	1.19	4	-0.20	5.70	-0.57
State	93.0	73.6	83.3	82.5	0.9	0.75	2	-0.05	3.39	-0.48

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.