



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 26, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 43 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 44 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 65.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 77.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 88.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 98.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. 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 1.47 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 26, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, mature	100	99	100	98
Corn, harvested	83	55	83	67
Cotton, open bolls	67	48	41	44
Hay, second cutting	95	93	75	88
Rice, mature	97	95	97	90
Rice, harvested	76	67	79	68
Sorghum, mature	98	91	93	93
Sorghum, harvested	80	59	56	66
Soybeans, turning color	76	60	77	60
Soybeans, dropping leaves	54	35	52	40
Soybeans, mature	40	27	41	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	23	17	23	13
Sugarcane, planted	37	23	37	35
Sweet potatoes, harvested	2	0	3	5

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending August 26, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	0	3	42	47	8
Livestock	2	8	37	47	6
Pasture	5	18	41	33	3
Soybeans	2	9	34	44	11
Sugarcane	0	6	35	47	12
Sweet potatoes	0	6	35	59	0
Vegetables	3	14	41	41	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Scattered showers continued to interrupt field progress. Sugarcane grinding is projected to begin around the end of September. Ripener is being applied to older stubble fields of sugarcane that will be harvested first. Soybean yields are variable with drought impacted fields yielding poorly. Hay producers continue to battle armyworms. Cattle producers are marketing calves.”

--Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Mostly dry conditions allowed for good progress in rice harvest and sugarcane planting. Evening rains over this past weekend will slow sugarcane planting early this upcoming week. Some cattle ranchers are baling rice straw and there was some hay harvested this past week. Ranchers are weaning calves and preparing to plant Ryegrass.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“The rice and corn harvest are wrapping up with some better than expected yields in many areas. Naturally where the rains showers occurred corn yields are best. Many acres of soybeans are defoliated, the harvest will be in full swing soon. Early yields estimates on soybeans are good. The ratoon rice crop is flooded but armyworms have been an issue. Planting sugarcane continued with good progress made this past week. Still need rain for hay fields.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rice harvest is winding down as many farmers were able to get a lot of rice harvested this past week. Yields are looking very good. The later harvested rice yields have dropped slightly but not much. Soybeans are being sprayed and some fields are very close to harvest. Soybean crop looks very good and I expect the first soybeans to be harvested next week.”

–Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Drier weather conditions allowed sugarcane planting as well as soybean and rice harvest to make good progress. Planting ratios have improved slightly and yields are holding steady. Some hay was produced.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 26, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	98.3	72.0	85.2	81.7	3.5	0.00	0	-0.55	1.30	-1.02
Mooringsport	94.9	72.4	83.6	82.4	1.2	0.00	0	-0.66	4.20	1.46
Red River	93.6	71.1	82.4	82.5	-0.1	0.00	0	-0.57	3.12	0.50
Shreveport	95.7	70.3	83.0	82.5	0.5	0.00	0	-0.55	1.86	-0.89
Extreme/Average	95.6	71.4	83.5	82.3	1.3	0.00	0	-0.58	2.62	0.01
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	93.5	67.7	80.6	80.2	0.3	0.20	1	-0.31	0.73	-1.56
Extreme/Average	93.5	67.7	80.6	80.8	0.3	0.20	1	-0.31	0.73	-1.56
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.6	69.9	79.2	81.8	-2.5	0.67	2	-0.15	5.08	2.01
St Joseph	92.0	65.6	78.8	82.0	-3.3	0.75	2	0.07	3.10	-0.31
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.54	-0.15
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	90.3	67.8	79.0	81.8	-2.9	0.71	2	-0.04	2.91	0.52
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	95.7	70.1	82.9	80.9	2.0	0.00	0	-0.79	2.23	-1.02
Natchitoches	96.0	74.0	85.0	83.1	1.9	0.22	1	-0.66	3.67	0.81
Extreme/Average	95.8	72.0	84.0	81.8	2.0	0.11	1	-0.73	2.95	-0.10
Central										
Alexandria	94.3	73.0	83.6	83.0	0.7	0.00	0	-0.88	1.55	-2.13
Bunkie	93.7	72.0	82.9	81.9	1.0	0.70	1	-0.23	4.01	0.71
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	92.4	70.4	81.4	82.3	-0.9	0.34	1	-0.53	1.73	-1.31
New Roads	90.7	72.7	81.7	82.7	-1.0	0.00	0	-1.16	2.98	-1.25
Extreme/Average	92.8	72.0	82.4	82.7	-0.1	0.26	1	-0.70	2.57	-0.99
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.08	3	-0.35	5.17	-0.13
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.38	1	(NA)	4.11	(NA)
Slidell	89.1	73.0	81.1	81.7	-0.7	0.80	3	-0.79	4.29	-2.05
Extreme/Average	89.1	73.0	81.1	81.6	-0.7	0.75	3	-0.57	4.52	-1.09
Southwest										
Crowley	91.2	74.0	82.6	82.3	0.2	1.04	3	-0.13	6.54	2.09
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	92.0	73.9	82.9	82.4	0.5	0.26	1	-0.99	5.14	0.63
Oberlin Fire	94.3	72.1	83.2	81.9	1.3	0.49	1	-0.51	3.44	-0.62
Extreme/Average	92.5	73.3	82.9	82.2	0.7	0.60	3	-0.54	5.04	0.70
South central										
Donaldsonville	91.7	72.4	82.1	81.7	0.4	0.70	2	-0.51	6.82	1.82
Jeanerette	91.0	73.3	82.1	82.1	0.0	1.68	3	0.26	4.95	-0.65
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	90.0	76.7	83.4	82.1	1.2	0.80	3	-0.93	5.07	-1.03
Extreme/Average	90.9	74.1	82.5	81.9	0.5	1.06	3	-0.39	5.61	0.05
Southeast										
Galliano	89.6	77.0	83.3	82.5	0.7	2.09	3	0.49	8.86	2.11
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.00	2	1.07	5.10	-0.15
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	92.7	77.3	85.0	84.1	0.8	0.31	3	-0.28	5.69	0.64
Extreme/Average	91.2	77.2	84.2	83.3	0.8	1.47	3	0.43	6.55	0.87
State	92.4	72.2	82.3	82.1	0.2	0.57	2	-0.38	3.72	-0.21

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.