



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 2, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 27 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 34 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 69.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 76.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 86.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Slidell to 97.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the State with an average of 3.43 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 2, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, harvested	94	83	90	84
Cotton, open bolls	79	67	68	69
Cotton, harvested	1	(NA)	0	0
Hay, second cutting	97	95	77	91
Rice, mature	99	97	99	95
Rice, harvested	84	76	86	80
Sorghum, mature	100	98	96	97
Sorghum, harvested	91	80	83	83
Soybeans, turning color	83	76	86	73
Soybeans, dropping leaves	65	54	63	54
Soybeans, mature	55	40	52	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	34	23	29	24
Sugarcane, planted	49	37	46	51
Sweet potatoes, harvested	9	2	10	12

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 2, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	0	3	42	48	7
Livestock	1	8	38	48	5
Pasture	5	22	41	29	3
Soybeans	1	10	41	37	11
Sugarcane	2	4	32	49	13
Sweet potatoes	0	7	32	61	0
Vegetables	4	17	36	40	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rice harvest is wrapping up with yields in the 50 barrel range. Early planted soybean harvest is nearing completion with decent yields. Sugarcane planting has somewhat slowed due to scattered showers. Early planted sugarcane appears to be off to a good start. Sugarcane harvest is expected to begin at the end of September and ripener applications have started.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“Untimely rainfall has brought all fieldwork to a standstill. Soybean producers are trying to harvest their crop. Sugarcane producers are trying to finish planting their crop, but no one is able to get into the fields at this time.”

– Mark Carriere, Point Coupee Parish

“Rice ratoon crop is progressing well with warm conditions. Soybean harvest has begun with good yields in areas that had rain. Scattered showers have prevented hay harvest but has provided moisture to some areas of the parish. Corn harvest is winding down and sugarcane continued to be planted. Many pastures are in dire need of rain.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Finally some slow widespread showers this weekend. Much needed rainfall in parts of the parish. Some parts of the parish are waiting for drier weather to finish cutting hay. Spring calves are being weaned and processed for market. Soybeans are starting to dry down.”

– James Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Dry conditions over past several weeks have yielded to nearly daily showers and thunderstorms with many areas now saturated. Sugarcane planting, soybean harvest, and hay baling have stopped with wet conditions, which are hampering rice harvest also. Tropical Storm Gordon has all eyes focused to the southeast.”

– Stanley J. Dutile, Lafayette Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 2, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	97.2	74.3	85.8	80.5	5.3	0.03	1	-0.57	1.09	-1.21
Mooringsport	94.2	74.0	84.1	81.4	2.7	0.40	1	-0.14	2.43	-0.13
Red River	94.0	75.0	84.5	81.4	2.6	(NA)	0	-0.14	2.62	0.61
Shreveport	95.4	72.1	83.8	81.4	2.4	0.01	1	-0.47	1.33	-1.05
Extreme/Average	95.2	73.8	84.5	81.2	3.2	0.15	1	-0.33	1.87	-0.44
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	93.1	70.4	81.8	79.1	2.7	0.07	2	-0.57	0.69	-1.62
Extreme/Average	93.1	70.4	81.8	79.7	2.7	0.07	2	-0.57	0.69	-1.62
Northeast										
Lake Providence	90.6	72.4	81.5	80.7	0.8	0.28	1	-0.50	5.36	2.26
St Joseph	93.9	69.4	81.6	81.1	0.5	0.50	3	-0.34	3.33	-0.24
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.54	0.24
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.04	-0.50
Extreme/Average	92.2	70.9	81.6	80.9	0.7	0.39	3	-0.42	2.32	0.44
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	92.4	71.9	82.1	80.0	2.1	0.65	2	-0.15	1.80	-1.40
Natchitoches	93.9	74.0	83.9	82.2	1.7	0.27	2	-0.83	1.00	-2.17
Extreme/Average	93.2	73.0	83.0	80.9	1.9	0.46	2	-0.49	1.40	-1.78
Central										
Alexandria	92.9	73.1	83.0	82.2	0.8	0.37	3	-0.46	0.69	-2.81
Bunkie	92.1	73.0	82.6	80.9	1.6	0.80	1	-0.25	3.71	0.09
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	91.9	71.4	81.6	81.5	0.2	1.20	2	0.34	2.58	-0.55
New Roads	89.0	70.8	79.9	82.2	-2.5	2.35	5	1.30	3.85	-0.43
Extreme/Average	91.5	72.1	81.8	82.0	0.0	1.18	5	0.23	2.71	-0.93
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.86	6	2.54	7.49	2.30
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	2.42	(NA)
Slidell	86.6	74.0	80.3	81.2	-1.0	2.11	6	0.67	5.61	-0.53
Extreme/Average	86.6	74.0	80.3	81.1	-1.0	1.99	6	1.60	5.17	0.88
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.7	(NA)	2.61	4	1.77	7.86	3.67
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	90.1	73.7	81.9	81.8	0.1	0.55	4	-0.73	4.29	-0.57
Oberlin Fire	92.7	73.0	82.9	81.2	1.6	0.19	2	-0.84	2.43	-1.59
Extreme/Average	91.4	73.3	82.4	81.5	0.9	1.12	4	0.07	4.86	0.50
South central										
Donaldsonville	88.4	73.3	80.9	81.2	-0.3	3.82	5	2.56	8.15	3.21
Jeanerette	89.1	73.6	81.4	81.5	-0.1	4.45	5	2.94	8.18	2.50
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	87.3	75.4	81.4	81.7	-0.3	2.02	5	0.32	5.66	-0.84
Extreme/Average	88.3	74.1	81.2	81.3	-0.3	3.43	5	1.94	7.33	1.62
Southeast										
Galliano	87.0	76.9	81.9	82.1	-0.2	1.15	4	-0.44	6.54	0.08
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.30	5	2.09	6.96	1.93
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	87.4	75.3	81.4	83.5	-2.1	4.54	7	3.17	7.48	2.02
Extreme/Average	87.2	76.1	81.7	82.8	-1.2	3.00	7	1.61	6.99	1.34
State	90.9	73.0	82.0	81.3	0.7	1.29	4	0.38	3.71	-0.04

(NA) Not available.
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
DFN = Departure From Normal.