



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 9, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 18 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 32 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 69.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 76.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. Highs ranged from 85.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 93.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. Heavy precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the State with an average of 3.92 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 9, 2018

Crop	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn, harvested	98	94	96	93
Cotton, open bolls	91	79	81	81
Cotton, harvested	8	1	1	1
Hay, second cutting	98	97	86	94
Rice, mature	100	99	100	98
Rice, harvested	89	84	90	87
Sorghum, harvested	96	91	90	90
Soybeans, turning color	90	83	92	83
Soybeans, dropping leaves	78	65	73	66
Soybeans, mature	66	55	62	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	42	34	39	36
Sugarcane, planted	63	49	60	65
Sweet potatoes, harvested	19	9	19	21

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 9, 2018

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cotton	0	4	37	53	6
Livestock	1	9	42	45	3
Pasture	5	19	43	30	3
Soybeans	2	10	33	43	12
Sugarcane	1	5	35	47	12
Sweet potatoes	0	7	32	61	0
Vegetables	7	19	37	35	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Recent rains slowed any progress with planting sugarcane and harvesting soybeans. Most of the rice, corn, and grain sorghum crops been harvested. Pastures and hay fields are seeing some relief from recent rains. Some fall land preparation for spring planting is taking place where field conditions will allow. Crawfish producers will soon be flooding ponds for the fall and winter harvest of crawfish.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Wet conditions halted field progress the majority of this week. Sugarcane continued to make good growth now that it received moisture. Hay fields in need of harvest are becoming overgrown and rank with weed pressure. Sugarcane growers are awaiting dry weather to wrap up planting. Mature soybeans need to be harvested to avoid further quality loss. Pecan scab pressure is building under recent wet conditions. Fall vegetable planting is underway.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rains slowed field activity. While weather is allowing sugarcane to grow and mature, plenty of sugarcane still needs to be planted and sugarcane harvest is expected to start the week of September 24th in the Teche area.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Rice harvest is trying to wrap up, but rain showers have stopped harvest. Soybean harvest is underway with yields looking good for the parish. Pastures are benefiting from the rain.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Rains most days slowed sugarcane planting and the completion of rice harvest. Cattle ranchers are weaning calves and preparing for ryegrass planting. Most are waiting on a good window to make some hay.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 9, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	93.3	73.7	83.5	78.9	4.6	1.14	4	0.35	2.20	-0.29
Mooringsport	90.0	72.6	81.3	79.6	1.7	2.03	4	1.29	3.58	0.98
Red River	89.1	73.1	81.1	79.7	1.4	1.77	5	1.12	3.21	0.94
Shreveport	89.3	71.9	80.6	79.7	0.9	2.77	5	2.19	2.94	0.79
Extreme/Average	90.4	72.8	81.6	79.5	2.2	1.93	5	1.24	2.98	0.60
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	88.9	69.9	79.4	77.4	2.0	1.65	4	0.89	1.98	-0.43
Extreme/Average	88.9	69.9	79.4	78.0	2.0	1.65	4	0.89	1.98	-0.43
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.1	72.6	80.4	79.1	1.2	1.72	5	0.94	6.82	3.77
St Joseph	91.4	70.0	80.7	79.8	1.0	1.07	3	0.26	4.13	0.66
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	89.8	71.3	80.5	79.4	1.1	1.40	5	0.60	5.47	2.21
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	90.3	70.9	80.6	78.6	1.9	0.95	5	0.00	1.60	-1.71
Natchitoches	90.3	74.3	82.3	80.7	1.5	1.46	5	0.18	2.28	-1.53
Extreme/Average	90.3	72.6	81.4	79.4	1.7	1.21	5	0.09	1.94	-1.62
Central										
Alexandria	89.1	73.0	81.1	80.9	0.2	1.81	3	0.88	2.18	-1.25
Bunkie	86.7	73.5	80.1	79.5	0.6	0.09	1	-0.90	2.41	-1.39
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	88.6	72.0	80.3	80.1	0.1	1.69	3	0.77	3.86	0.57
New Roads	86.0	71.3	78.6	81.2	-2.5	0.40	2	-0.68	3.33	-1.05
Extreme/Average	87.6	72.5	80.0	80.7	-0.4	1.00	3	0.02	2.94	-0.78
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.18	3	0.14	6.53	1.73
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.41	3	(NA)	2.41	(NA)
Slidell	86.6	72.6	79.6	80.3	-0.8	1.75	5	0.34	6.98	1.00
Extreme/Average	86.6	72.6	79.6	80.1	-0.8	1.45	5	0.24	5.31	1.36
Southwest										
Crowley	88.0	76.0	82.0	80.6	1.6	2.79	3	1.90	9.44	5.08
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	86.3	73.1	79.7	80.7	-1.0	5.56	4	4.21	7.34	2.28
Oberlin Fire	87.9	72.3	80.1	80.0	0.1	3.42	5	2.17	4.33	0.09
Extreme/Average	87.4	73.8	80.6	80.4	0.2	3.92	5	2.76	7.04	2.48
South central										
Donaldsonville	87.7	71.7	79.7	80.2	-0.5	2.79	4	1.48	8.46	3.44
Jeanerette	86.4	72.3	79.4	80.4	-1.1	2.67	5	1.02	9.34	3.41
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	86.3	74.3	80.3	80.9	-0.7	2.18	4	0.62	6.04	-0.37
Extreme/Average	86.8	72.8	79.8	80.4	-0.7	2.55	5	1.04	7.95	2.16
Southeast										
Galliano	85.1	75.4	80.3	81.2	-0.9	4.08	4	2.42	9.52	3.24
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.14	4	1.04	8.31	3.30
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	89.9	75.9	82.9	82.5	0.3	1.46	5	-0.04	6.81	1.30
Extreme/Average	87.5	75.7	81.6	81.9	-0.3	2.56	5	1.14	8.21	2.61
State	88.2	72.7	80.5	80.0	0.5	2.02	5	0.95	4.89	0.96

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.