



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 16, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 26 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Shreveport and Tallulah to 76.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano and New Orleans. Highs ranged from 76.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Shreveport to 92.6 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Precipitation was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the State with an average of 1.96 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 16, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, harvested	100	98	99	97
Cotton, open bolls	95	91	91	90
Cotton, harvested	14	8	7	8
Hay, second cutting	100	98	90	97
Rice, harvested	93	89	94	92
Sorghum, harvested	99	96	97	95
Soybeans, turning color	94	90	96	90
Soybeans, dropping leaves	83	78	84	77
Soybeans, mature	75	66	76	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	51	42	60	50
Sugarcane, planted	68	63	78	77
Sweet potatoes, harvested	24	19	29	30

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 16, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	0	3	33	58	6
Livestock	1	8	40	48	3
Pasture	5	15	43	33	4
Soybeans	2	10	35	41	12
Sugarcane	0	8	37	45	10
Sweet potatoes	0	6	33	61	0
Vegetables	5	15	43	36	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Following the previous week of isolated showers interrupting fieldwork, better weather last week allowed producers back in the field harvesting soybeans and planting cane. Hay producers received some much needed rains to make that fall cutting. Cattle producers sent spring born calves to market planning for fall plantings of winter pastures. Mosquito populations have exploded with recent rain events, drier fall weather would help greatly in this area.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Wet conditions continued to stall grower progress. Sugarcane grinding will start soon with some growers struggling to finish planting. Cane is making good compensatory growth now that moisture is not limiting. Soybean yield reports have been highly variable depending on the moisture the crop received. Hay producers are waiting on drier conditions to harvest rank hay fields. Some pecans are starting to fall and quality seems poor. Early satsumas are coloring. Persimmon harvest is in full swing. Fall vegetables are being planted.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Scattered showers continue to leave fields too wet to plant sugarcane; however rains have allowed for good sugarcane growth. The ability to make some hay was delayed by daily rains, and hay pastures are becoming overgrown. Ryegrass pastures and crawfish ponds are being prepared, and some fall vegetable planting has started.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“More rain showers slowed up fieldwork but it appears all of the rice has been harvested. Soybean harvest was slowed up as well but will be in full swing soon as we are finally expecting a decent week without much rain. Rainy conditions took its toll on pastures as the weed pressure is skyrocketing and wet fields prevented ranchers from spraying. Still hearing high reports of armyworms in parts of the parish.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Rains continue to slow progress on cane planting and hay harvest. Rice harvest is all but complete. Ratoon crop is looking good. Mosquitoes on cattle have taken its toll on cattle condition and the loss of some bulls. Cattle ranchers are weaning and shipping calves.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 16, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	88.0	71.0	79.5	76.6	2.9	1.05	4	0.18	2.22	-0.78
Mooringsport	83.6	69.0	76.3	77.3	-1.0	0.73	4	-0.18	3.16	0.22
Red River	84.9	70.4	77.6	77.5	0.1	0.51	4	-0.29	2.28	-0.21
Shreveport	76.7	67.0	71.8	77.4	-6.3	0.43	2	0.06	3.21	1.23
Extreme/Average	83.3	69.3	76.3	77.2	-1.1	0.68	4	-0.06	2.72	0.11
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	79.8	67.2	73.5	75.1	-1.9	1.01	4	0.38	2.93	0.39
Extreme/Average	79.8	67.2	73.5	75.8	-1.9	1.01	4	0.38	2.93	0.39
Northeast										
Lake Providence	85.6	69.6	77.6	77.1	0.5	0.06	2	-0.73	2.73	-0.33
St Joseph	88.6	68.4	78.5	77.9	0.6	0.75	2	-0.11	3.07	-0.37
Tallulah	87.0	67.0	77.0	77.1	-0.7	0.00	0	-0.13	0.00	-1.35
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	87.1	68.3	77.7	77.4	0.1	0.27	2	-0.32	1.93	-0.68
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	85.8	70.5	78.2	76.8	1.3	1.48	6	0.51	3.08	-0.43
Natchitoches	86.5	72.3	79.4	78.5	0.9	1.25	5	0.00	3.20	-1.31
Extreme/Average	86.2	71.4	78.8	77.4	1.1	1.36	6	0.26	3.14	-0.87
Central										
Alexandria	86.3	71.6	78.9	79.1	-0.2	0.79	4	-0.18	2.97	-0.64
Bunkie	88.0	72.6	80.3	77.7	2.6	1.40	3	0.23	2.99	-1.15
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	86.6	70.4	78.5	78.3	0.2	0.46	4	-0.52	3.69	0.06
New Roads	92.5	73.0	82.8	79.6	3.3	0.45	2	-0.46	3.20	-1.00
Extreme/Average	88.3	71.9	80.1	78.9	1.5	0.78	4	-0.23	3.21	-0.68
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.58	3	0.40	6.76	1.79
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.05	4	(NA)	3.49	(NA)
Slidell	89.3	73.4	81.4	78.9	2.4	1.54	5	0.27	6.20	0.49
Extreme/Average	89.3	73.4	81.4	78.6	2.4	1.39	5	0.34	5.48	1.14
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.1	(NA)	1.19	4	-0.06	10.67	5.80
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	87.3	73.0	80.1	79.2	1.0	0.39	4	-0.99	6.76	1.50
Oberlin Fire	87.1	72.1	79.6	78.3	1.4	3.50	5	2.10	7.60	2.92
Extreme/Average	87.2	72.5	79.9	78.7	1.2	1.69	5	0.35	8.34	3.41
South central										
Donaldsonville	91.4	72.6	82.0	78.8	3.2	2.13	5	0.87	9.44	4.40
Jeanerette	87.0	73.2	80.1	78.9	0.9	1.04	5	-0.18	9.84	4.04
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	88.3	74.9	81.6	79.8	1.8	1.18	4	-0.27	6.18	-0.26
Extreme/Average	88.9	73.6	81.2	79.0	2.0	1.45	5	0.14	8.49	2.73
Southeast										
Galliano	89.0	76.6	82.8	79.9	2.9	1.30	4	-0.23	8.62	2.24
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.79	3	-0.31	8.23	3.53
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	92.6	76.6	84.6	81.1	3.4	3.80	4	2.31	10.12	4.44
Extreme/Average	90.8	76.6	83.7	80.5	3.2	1.96	4	0.59	8.99	3.40
State	86.8	71.7	79.3	78.3	1.0	1.21	4	0.17	5.16	1.09

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.