



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 7, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 12 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 65.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 76.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 85.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 91.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the west central part of the State with an average of 1.35 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 7, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, open bolls	100	99	100	98
Cotton, harvested	51	38	60	58
Rice, harvested	99	97	100	99
Soybeans, turning color	99	98	100	99
Soybeans, dropping leaves	96	93	99	95
Soybeans, mature	92	90	95	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	79	69	90	84
Sugarcane, planted	89	85	100	98
Sugarcane, harvested	9	2	12	7
Sweet potatoes, harvested	45	35	73	55

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending October 7, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	0	3	34	56	7
Livestock	1	7	37	50	5
Pasture	2	14	45	36	3
Sugarcane	0	5	33	50	12
Sweet potatoes	0	4	32	64	0
Vegetables	2	11	44	42	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Soybean damage continued to increase with many acres being left in the field.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Rains delayed hay and soybean harvest. Significant damage to ripe soybeans was reported. Cane planting has also been slowed but most farmers are done. Cane harvest progressed in muddy conditions.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“A somewhat drier week allowed more soybeans to be harvested. Some soybeans have been ready to harvest for a few weeks and were being cut now. Quality was not very good on some beans while some still remained adequate.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Finally a few dry/sunny days last week, but wet fields still had farmers and cattlemen behind the 8 ball. Soybean farmers struggled to salvage this year's already quality damaged crop. Sugarcane farmers trying to complete planting of next year's crop while at the same time fighting muddy harvest conditions for this year's crop. Cattlemen still fighting army worms, getting desperate to complete hay harvest and begin planting ryegrass. Cooler/drier weather is needed soon.”

– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“Field conditions improved in recent days, however, quality issues for soybean producers were a huge issue. Producers selectively harvested to make grade. Many acres will be left in the field not making minimum grade and no storage. Sugarcane harvest proceeded with improving field conditions in areas. Crawfish farmers flood up ponds for the upcoming harvest and livestock producers were busy with a last run at fall hay cutting and planting winter pastures.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“With drier days, farmers were able to get back into the fields to continue to harvest. Cotton, soybean, and sugarcane harvest remained underway. We continued to see quality damage in the soybean crop across the parish. Pecans started to fall and pecan harvest is starting to pick up. At the present time the pecan crop looks promising.”

– Mark Carriere, Point Coupee Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 7, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	88.9	70.3	79.6	68.5	11.0	1.01	2	0.04	6.19	2.77
Mooringsport	86.0	70.1	78.1	68.9	9.1	0.53	2	-0.50	5.86	2.09
Red River	86.0	70.0	78.0	69.7	7.9	1.49	1	0.83	4.49	1.43
Shreveport	86.6	69.6	78.1	69.2	8.9	1.68	2	0.51	7.74	3.78
Extreme/Average	86.9	70.0	78.4	69.1	9.3	1.18	2	0.22	6.07	2.52
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	85.2	65.3	75.3	67.1	8.0	0.59	2	-0.35	5.22	1.77
Extreme/Average	85.2	65.3	75.3	68.0	8.0	0.59	2	-0.35	5.22	1.77
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.1	70.0	79.1	69.7	9.4	1.45	1	0.34	4.16	0.64
St Joseph	91.2	68.0	79.6	70.7	8.5	0.00	0	-0.60	5.85	2.82
Tallulah	85.5	70.5	78.0	69.8	7.9	0.00	0	-0.14	0.00	-0.27
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	88.3	69.5	78.9	70.1	8.6	0.48	1	-0.13	3.34	1.06
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	87.9	69.7	78.8	69.7	9.0	0.91	3	-0.08	4.66	0.53
Natchitoches	87.1	71.7	79.4	70.3	9.1	1.80	2	0.94	6.29	2.60
Extreme/Average	87.5	70.7	79.1	70.0	9.1	1.35	3	0.43	5.47	1.56
Central										
Alexandria	88.4	71.6	80.0	71.9	8.1	0.29	2	-0.65	2.81	-0.87
Bunkie	90.2	70.6	80.4	71.1	9.4	1.28	1	0.61	5.61	1.69
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	86.9	70.0	78.4	71.4	7.1	0.82	1	-0.10	3.89	0.41
New Roads	91.0	72.0	81.5	72.8	8.3	0.23	1	-0.16	4.40	1.14
Extreme/Average	89.1	71.0	80.1	72.1	8.2	0.66	2	-0.08	4.18	0.59
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.23	3	0.28	4.46	0.49
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.30	1	(NA)	2.38	(NA)
Slidell	88.1	71.9	80.0	72.7	7.3	0.06	2	-0.80	3.83	-0.21
Extreme/Average	88.1	71.9	80.0	72.2	7.3	0.53	3	-0.26	3.56	0.14
Southwest										
Crowley	86.6	71.8	79.2	73.1	5.8	0.31	2	-0.45	4.12	0.13
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	86.6	71.7	79.1	73.0	6.1	1.38	5	0.30	6.27	1.50
Oberlin Fire	88.0	71.5	79.8	71.7	7.9	0.53	1	-0.40	5.16	0.46
Extreme/Average	87.1	71.7	79.4	72.3	6.6	0.74	5	-0.18	5.18	0.70
South central										
Donaldsonville	89.7	71.4	80.6	72.4	8.2	1.27	3	0.16	4.32	-0.28
Jeanerette	87.0	71.5	79.3	72.9	5.9	0.12	2	-0.49	7.33	2.40
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.51	-0.78
Extreme/Average	88.3	71.5	79.9	73.0	7.0	0.70	3	-0.16	4.72	0.45
Southeast										
Galliano	87.8	76.2	82.0	74.2	7.9	0.11	1	-0.89	7.87	2.98
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.92	3	-0.08	5.77	1.84
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	89.3	75.7	82.5	75.5	6.4	1.19	1	0.75	8.12	3.80
Extreme/Average	88.5	76.0	82.3	74.8	7.1	0.74	3	-0.07	7.25	2.87
State	87.7	70.9	79.3	71.4	7.8	0.74	3	-0.09	5.01	1.27

(NA) Not Available

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.