



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 14, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 9 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 74.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 79.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 88.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. 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 1.62 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 14, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, harvested	65	51	74	75
Rice, harvested	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	99	96	100	98
Soybeans, mature	96	92	99	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	86	79	94	90
Sugarcane, planted	95	89	100	99
Sugarcane, harvested	18	9	18	14
Sweet potatoes, harvested	56	45	83	67

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending October 14, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	2	8	36	49	5
Pasture	3	13	46	35	3
Sugarcane	1	5	36	48	10
Sweet potatoes	0	4	36	60	0
Vegetables	3	12	43	41	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Drying conditions allowed cane harvesting, hay baling, and soybean harvest to accelerate. Sugar content improved and cane tonnage ran slightly below last year's record crop. Soybean damage levels created marketing issues for growers. Crawfish ponds were flooded. Cattle producers planted cool season pastures.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Cooler and dryer weather allowed producers to get back in their fields to plant sugarcane and bale hay. Hay appeared to be of low quality. Some ryegrass was planted. Late sugarcane planting seemed to have good planting ratios. Sugarcane harvest continued with improved field conditions, and some early planted sugarcane fields were being worked for weed control and were sprayed as well.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“North wind dried the ground quickly and allowed for hay harvest and much better harvest conditions for Sugarcane and soybeans. Cattle ranchers continued to wean and market spring calves. Rice farmers were able to start some fall fieldwork. Crawfish farmers flooded ponds.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Drier/cooler weather allowed for improved conditions. Sugarcane farmers continued with 2018 crop harvest and tried to wrap up planting of 2019 crop. Soybean farmers worked to get remaining beans out of the field, although some portion of crop will likely go unharvested due to damage issues. Much hay was cut this week and cattlemen were working to get it baled and winter pastures planted.”

– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“Soybeans left in the field are likely not harvestable due to excessive damage and not marketable. The sugarcane harvest continued underway and there were still many acres to be planted. Pastures seeded for winter grazing were challenged by army worms. Days are getting shorter with an abundance of hay to be made. Better weather is needed to make progress in many areas of the agriculture production areas.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 14, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	82.3	61.9	72.1	66.0	6.1	1.40	3	0.31	6.54	2.90
Mooringsport	79.8	61.3	70.6	66.6	3.8	1.15	3	0.27	6.28	2.54
Red River	83.8	63.0	73.4	67.3	5.7	1.07	2	0.39	5.12	1.92
Shreveport	80.7	62.9	71.8	66.7	5.0	1.68	4	0.70	8.99	4.93
Extreme/Average	81.7	62.3	72.0	66.7	5.2	1.32	4	0.42	6.73	3.07
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	85.3	58.7	72.0	64.7	6.6	1.28	1	0.79	5.49	2.45
Extreme/Average	85.3	58.7	72.0	65.6	6.6	1.28	1	0.79	5.49	2.45
Northeast										
Lake Providence	80.9	62.9	71.9	67.2	4.6	1.83	4	0.62	5.93	2.15
St Joseph	86.8	60.5	73.6	68.4	5.0	0.06	1	-0.43	5.16	2.25
Tallulah	88.0	69.0	78.5	67.4	10.1	0.00	0	-0.15	0.00	-0.29
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.38	-0.88
Extreme/Average	85.2	64.1	74.7	67.7	6.6	0.63	4	0.01	2.87	0.81
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	84.7	62.7	73.7	67.4	6.3	1.86	2	0.90	5.04	1.07
Natchitoches	82.7	64.0	73.4	68.0	5.4	1.39	2	0.43	6.43	3.03
Extreme/Average	83.7	63.4	73.5	67.7	5.8	1.62	2	0.67	5.73	2.05
Central										
Alexandria	83.4	63.3	73.4	69.5	3.9	1.50	2	0.42	3.52	-0.27
Bunkie	84.9	62.7	73.8	69.0	4.8	0.66	2	-0.43	4.87	1.03
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	83.1	62.9	73.0	69.1	3.9	0.70	1	-0.37	4.13	0.56
New Roads	86.0	66.5	76.3	70.4	5.3	0.00	0	-0.52	4.00	0.91
Extreme/Average	84.3	63.8	74.1	69.8	4.5	0.72	2	-0.23	4.13	0.56
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0	-0.82	2.88	-0.73
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.23	2	(NA)	1.56	(NA)
Slidell	84.2	66.0	75.1	70.5	4.5	2.64	2	1.93	4.93	1.45
Extreme/Average	84.2	66.0	75.1	69.9	4.5	1.44	2	0.55	3.12	0.36
Southwest										
Crowley	86.0	66.6	76.3	71.0	5.0	0.20	3	-0.55	4.29	0.51
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	83.9	65.0	74.4	70.9	3.5	0.43	3	-0.60	6.31	1.89
Oberlin Fire	83.7	64.3	74.0	69.6	4.4	0.80	2	-0.26	2.46	-2.05
Extreme/Average	84.5	65.3	74.9	70.2	4.3	0.48	3	-0.47	4.35	0.12
South central										
Donaldsonville	85.0	63.9	74.4	70.2	4.2	0.53	2	-0.56	2.72	-1.71
Jeanerette	86.0	67.8	76.9	70.8	5.8	0.02	2	-0.71	6.61	2.19
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.33	-0.51
Extreme/Average	85.5	65.8	75.7	70.9	5.0	0.28	2	-0.64	3.55	-0.01
Southeast										
Galliano	85.5	70.0	77.8	72.1	5.5	0.01	1	-0.97	6.58	2.24
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.52	1	-0.49	5.50	1.66
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	86.0	74.3	80.2	73.6	6.1	1.65	2	1.26	6.35	2.59
Extreme/Average	85.8	72.2	79.0	72.9	5.8	0.73	2	-0.07	6.14	2.16
State	84.5	64.7	74.6	69.2	5.3	0.91	2	0.08	4.67	1.22

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.