



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 21, 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, 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 70.8 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 62.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 84.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the State with an average of 2.79 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 21, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, harvested	75	65	82	85
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	99	100	99
Soybeans, mature	99	96	100	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	91	86	98	95
Sugarcane, planted	97	95	100	100
Sugarcane, harvested	27	18	27	22
Sweet potatoes, harvested	62	56	87	75
Winter wheat, planted	8	0	4	9

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending October 21, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	2	8	37	48	5
Pasture	3	13	46	36	2
Sugarcane	0	6	32	48	14
Vegetables	3	9	40	46	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Last week was drier but the fields still need more sun to dry out. Producers continued to plant ryegrass and make last hay cuttings before winter. Second crop of rice looked ok. Some fields were getting drained and close to cutting.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Some soybeans were left in the field. Quality is poor so some soybeans will go unharvested. Also, some farmers stored soybeans in bins that they cannot sell and will need that room for rice soon. Farmers began harvesting ratoon rice and more will be ready this week. Most crawfish farmers flooded up. Most pastures that were intended on being planted for winter forage were planted, however, a few acres are not dry enough.”

– James Herbert, Acadia Parish

“Dryer conditions came late in the week.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

“Big rain in portions of the parish last week hampered sugarcane harvest and stopped hay harvest. Some hay was made early last week. Cattle producers are on hold for ryegrass planting but some preparations were completed late in the week. Ratoon crop rice harvest is underway.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Soybean farmers harvested a few acres where they have storage. Quality issues continued to be a problem at the elevators. Crawfish farmers continue flooding up ponds for the upcoming harvest. Field conditions improved for the sugarcane harvest where good tonnage and yield were being reported. Livestock producers were busy with planting winter pastures and marketing spring born calves. They, also, were waiting for better weather to get some more hay put up.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 21, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	72.5	54.3	63.4	63.8	-0.3	0.74	3	-0.32	6.05	2.02
Mooringsport	62.0	49.4	55.7	64.5	-8.6	2.18	3	1.13	5.98	2.01
Red River	67.2	53.8	60.5	65.2	-5.2	3.19	3	2.54	7.16	3.75
Shreveport	70.1	55.3	62.7	64.6	-1.9	4.43	5	3.17	10.71	6.24
Extreme/Average	68.0	53.2	60.6	64.5	-4.0	2.63	5	1.63	7.48	3.50
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	67.4	48.0	57.7	62.6	-4.9	1.77	4	0.68	4.91	1.60
Extreme/Average	67.4	48.0	57.7	63.4	-4.9	1.77	4	0.68	4.91	1.60
Northeast										
Lake Providence	70.4	53.3	61.9	64.9	-3.1	2.63	3	1.28	8.42	3.99
St Joseph	74.2	55.4	64.8	66.2	-1.7	1.85	3	1.21	6.92	3.87
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.29
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.26	-0.28
Extreme/Average	72.3	54.3	63.3	65.5	-2.4	2.24	3	1.25	3.90	1.82
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	72.6	55.9	64.2	65.3	-1.1	1.81	5	0.60	6.25	2.09
Natchitoches	71.6	56.7	64.1	66.0	-1.8	1.07	5	-0.01	6.81	3.31
Extreme/Average	72.1	56.3	64.2	65.6	-1.5	1.44	5	0.29	6.53	2.70
Central										
Alexandria	74.3	57.4	65.9	67.2	-1.4	1.92	2	0.62	4.28	0.06
Bunkie	77.3	58.7	68.0	67.0	1.0	0.71	2	-0.46	4.13	0.17
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	75.0	57.3	66.1	66.9	-0.8	0.88	2	-0.37	3.56	-0.50
New Roads	78.5	65.5	72.0	68.3	3.3	1.90	3	1.26	5.43	2.13
Extreme/Average	76.3	59.7	68.0	67.7	0.5	1.35	3	0.26	4.35	0.46
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.54	4	1.45	5.30	1.60
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.72	2	(NA)	2.28	(NA)
Slidell	83.4	65.0	74.2	68.4	5.9	5.12	2	4.22	9.36	5.97
Extreme/Average	83.4	65.0	74.2	67.8	5.9	2.79	4	2.83	5.65	3.79
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.0	(NA)	2.30	3	1.58	5.37	1.57
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	77.3	61.1	69.2	69.0	0.2	0.95	4	-0.36	6.32	1.77
Oberlin Fire	75.4	59.3	67.4	67.7	-0.3	1.71	4	0.38	4.06	-0.56
Extreme/Average	76.3	60.2	68.3	68.2	-0.1	1.65	4	0.53	5.25	0.93
South central										
Donaldsonville	84.1	64.1	74.1	68.2	6.0	1.20	4	0.02	3.40	-1.08
Jeanerette	83.2	67.0	75.1	68.9	5.9	0.20	2	-0.47	5.42	1.41
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.42	-0.23
Extreme/Average	83.7	65.5	74.6	68.9	6.0	0.70	4	-0.22	3.08	0.03
Southeast										
Galliano	84.6	70.4	77.5	70.2	7.3	1.53	3	0.42	5.23	1.08
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.78	3	0.65	5.06	1.07
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	84.0	70.8	77.4	71.7	5.3	0.82	2	0.35	6.67	3.23
Extreme/Average	84.3	70.6	77.4	71.0	6.3	1.38	3	0.47	5.65	1.79
State	76.1	59.4	67.7	67.1	0.6	1.75	4	0.83	5.17	1.72

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.