



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 18, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 18 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 14 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 81.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 92.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Jeanerette to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. Precipitation received ranged from light to moderate throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the State with an average of 2.15 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 18, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, mature	91	74	99	94
Corn, harvested	36	13	51	46
Cotton, setting bolls	99	97	100	98
Cotton, open bolls	23	18	45	30
Hay, second cutting	91	88	92	84
Rice, headed	95	91	100	99
Rice, mature	73	59	94	84
Rice, harvested	50	38	66	57
Sorghum, coloring	100	97	100	99
Sorghum, mature	92	88	90	88
Sorghum, harvested	61	38	53	53
Soybeans, setting pods	98	96	100	97
Soybeans, turning color	36	28	57	52
Soybeans, dropping leaves	19	11	33	30
Soybeans, mature	12	4	25	18
Soybeans, harvested	5	1	15	8
Sugarcane, planted	18	8	21	22
Sweet potatoes, harvested	1	(NA)	0	1

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending August 18, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	9	38	46	7
Cotton	0	3	28	64	5
Livestock	1	5	39	49	6
Pasture	1	7	40	48	4
Rice	1	4	30	58	7
Sorghum	0	19	44	37	0
Soybeans	2	7	28	57	6
Sugarcane	1	6	30	47	16
Sweet potatoes	0	7	32	60	1
Vegetables	0	13	37	50	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Heavy showers by mid to late week has nearly halted all fieldwork. Prior to rains sugarcane planting was progressing nicely with slightly improved planting ratios as was harvesting of early planted soybeans with yields improving.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Almost daily rains continue to hamper all fieldwork, especially sugarcane planting and rice harvest. Cattle and hay producers are waiting for dry weather as 2nd crop hay quality continues to decline in the field. Drier conditions are needed soon but 10 day weather forecast continues to show high rain chances.”

–Stanley J Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“The rice harvest continues around the rain showers the last few days, with mixed reports on yield but a good to average crop. The corn harvest is complete with fairly good yields lower in areas where too much rain occurred during the growing season. Sugarcane planting continues and soybeans are maturing with some acres harvested. Hay producers seem to be in good shape on supply, with another cutting possible in the fall.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Growers were forced to dodge showers to make field progress. Cane growers searched to find dry fields to plant. Crawfish growers planted rice and other forage crops in their ponds. Cattle producers are mowing pastures and making plans for cool season forage planting. Soybeans are being sprayed with defoliant in preparation for harvest. Extremely hot temperatures stressed livestock and delayed fall garden preparations.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 18, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm ¹	DFN ²	One Week	Rain Days	DFN ²	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN ²
Northwest										
Minden	100.0	75.6	87.8	82.3	5.5	1.20	2	0.65	2.10	-0.34
Mooringsport	96.7	76.1	86.4	83.0	3.4	0.00	0	-0.65	0.38	-2.25
Red River	95.6	77.1	86.4	83.2	3.2	1.44	1	0.86	2.04	-0.80
Shreveport	97.3	73.1	85.2	83.0	2.2	0.52	2	-0.03	1.62	-1.53
Extreme/Average	97.4	75.5	86.5	82.9	3.6	0.79	2	0.21	1.53	-1.23
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	94.5	70.8	82.7	80.9	1.8	0.03	1	-0.39	2.76	0.30
Extreme/Average	94.5	70.8	82.7	81.5	1.8	0.03	1	-0.39	2.76	0.30
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	96.6	73.8	85.2	82.6	2.6	0.15	1	-0.50	3.04	-0.31
Tallulah	96.3	78.0	87.2	82.0	5.1	0.00	0	-0.20	1.12	-0.44
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	96.4	75.9	86.2	82.4	3.8	0.07	1	-0.35	2.08	-0.38
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	99.1	73.4	86.3	81.5	4.8	(NA)	0	-0.78	1.99	-1.23
Natchitoches	96.7	76.4	86.6	83.5	3.1	0.44	1	-0.09	1.46	-1.57
Extreme/Average	97.9	74.9	86.4	82.4	3.9	0.44	1	-0.43	1.73	-1.40
Central										
Alexandria	95.0	76.7	85.9	83.4	2.4	0.36	1	-0.57	4.39	0.58
Bunkie	94.3	75.7	85.0	82.5	2.5	0.10	1	-0.73	7.52	4.41
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	92.2	74.5	83.3	82.8	0.5	0.00	0	-0.64	3.60	0.69
New Roads	96.0	77.9	86.9	83.0	4.0	0.20	1	-0.87	1.17	-2.69
Extreme/Average	94.4	76.2	85.3	83.2	2.4	0.17	1	-0.70	4.17	0.75
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.23	1	(NA)	5.37	(NA)
Slidell	92.3	74.7	83.5	82.0	1.5	2.69	3	1.17	14.36	8.10
Extreme/Average	92.3	74.7	83.5	81.9	1.5	1.46	3	1.17	9.87	8.10
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.6	(NA)	0.59	4	-0.49	4.34	0.00
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	92.9	77.4	85.1	82.7	2.5	0.53	2	-0.64	2.62	-1.77
Oberlin Fire	93.1	76.0	84.6	82.3	2.3	2.41	2	1.45	6.91	2.80
Extreme/Average	93.0	76.7	84.9	82.5	2.4	1.18	4	0.11	4.62	0.34
South central										
Donaldsonville	92.7	75.3	84.0	81.9	2.1	1.37	3	0.13	6.25	1.13
Jeanerette	92.1	75.9	84.0	82.4	1.6	3.51	3	2.17	9.96	4.65
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	93.8	79.5	86.7	82.3	4.4	1.56	2	0.40	6.73	1.24
Extreme/Average	92.9	76.9	84.9	82.2	2.7	2.15	3	0.90	7.65	2.34
Southeast										
Galliano	92.2	78.5	85.4	82.7	2.7	2.43	3	1.43	9.15	3.71
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.68	2	0.05	7.91	3.46
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	96.3	81.3	88.8	84.4	4.4	0.00	0	-0.57	10.82	5.27
Extreme/Average	94.2	79.9	87.1	83.5	3.6	1.04	3	0.30	9.29	4.15
State	94.6	75.8	85.2	82.5	2.7	0.76	2	0.03	4.96	1.51

(NA) Not available.

¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

² Departure from normal.