



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 1, 2019**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 35 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 23 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 65.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Bunkie to 78.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 88.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Jeanerette to 95.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. Light to heavy precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the State with an average of 2.69 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 1, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, harvested	84	65	92	83
Cotton, open bolls	53	33	77	69
Hay, second cutting	96	94	97	91
Rice, headed	99	98	100	100
Rice, mature	87	82	99	95
Rice, harvested	75	66	83	80
Sorghum, mature	96	93	100	98
Sorghum, harvested	90	84	89	84
Soybeans, turning color	56	44	82	76
Soybeans, dropping leaves	36	27	63	58
Soybeans, mature	25	17	53	48
Soybeans, harvested	16	8	32	28
Sugarcane, planted	29	24	47	48
Sweet potatoes, harvested	7	2	8	10

Crop condition for week ending September 1, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	0	5	23	63	9
Livestock	0	6	33	56	5
Pasture	0	6	37	52	5
Soybeans	3	6	29	55	7
Sugarcane	1	5	30	50	14
Sweet potatoes	0	8	34	57	1
Vegetables	0	10	37	52	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Continued rainfalls through the beginning of last week slowed fieldwork. Soybean harvest and sugarcane planting continued as fields dried. The majority of the hay producers made their second cutting. Reports on pecan crop looked to be promising, but continued rainfall increases the threat of diseases.”

– Mark Carriere, Point Coupee Parish

“Finally several days of dry weather were strung together and producers took full advantage. Sugarcane planting and rice harvest continued back at full force. Cattle and hay producers began making second hay cutting, a few third. Calves were being weaned and sold. Early soybean harvest began. Forecast calling for more dry weather should help producers continue to catch up following past month of wet weather.”

–Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“With rain showers ending by latter part of last week; field conditions improved. Sugarcane farmers were once again working their fields with improved planting ratios. Harvest of early planted soybeans was nearly complete with comparable yields. Cattle producers prepared to return to their pastures to bale hay. Fall vegetable preparations kicked into high gear.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Drier conditions finally allowed some growers to get back in the fields toward the weekend. Sugarcane planting is running behind schedule due to wet conditions. Sugarcane growers are applying ripener in preparation for the start of grinding in mid-September. Soybean harvest is moving forward with later planted beans being treated for stinkbugs. Hay producers are cutting overgrown fields. Armyworms are showing up in pastures and Bermuda hay fields. Fruit growers are harvesting persimmons. Fall garden vegetables like cole crops are being planted.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 1, 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	95.3	75.3	85.3	80.7	4.6	0.50	1	-0.16	1.97	-0.49
Mooringsport	91.6	72.9	82.2	81.6	0.6	0.74	2	0.13	0.74	-1.81
Red River	91.0	78.0	84.5	81.6	2.5	(NA)	0	-0.15	1.82	-0.23
Shreveport	92.9	72.9	82.9	81.6	1.2	1.24	2	0.77	2.81	0.40
Extreme/Average	92.7	74.8	83.7	81.4	2.2	0.83	2	0.15	1.83	-0.53
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	90.4	69.0	79.7	79.3	0.4	0.08	2	-0.52	1.26	-1.03
Extreme/Average	90.4	69.0	79.7	79.9	0.4	0.08	2	-0.52	1.26	-1.03
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	95.0	70.2	82.6	81.3	1.1	0.04	1	-0.55	1.62	-1.31
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.52	-0.18
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	95.0	70.2	82.6	81.0	1.1	0.04	1	-0.55	1.07	-0.74
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	94.1	70.9	82.5	80.2	2.3	0.35	2	-0.43	2.85	-0.34
Natchitoches	94.4	73.4	83.9	82.4	1.5	1.11	1	0.10	1.92	-1.12
Extreme/Average	94.2	72.2	83.2	81.0	1.9	0.73	2	-0.16	2.38	-0.73
Central										
Alexandria	91.6	73.3	82.5	82.3	0.2	1.08	2	0.26	1.56	-2.09
Bunkie	91.0	65.7	78.4	81.1	-2.8	2.86	3	1.85	3.79	0.23
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	90.9	72.3	81.6	81.6	-0.1	0.10	1	-0.75	0.69	-2.42
New Roads	92.2	75.2	83.8	82.3	1.3	1.22	2	0.62	3.87	0.06
Extreme/Average	91.4	71.6	81.6	82.1	-0.3	1.31	3	0.49	2.48	-1.05
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.55	2	(NA)	3.42	(NA)
Slidell	89.4	72.7	81.1	81.3	-0.3	3.23	2	1.78	15.40	9.23
Extreme/Average	89.4	72.7	81.1	81.2	-0.3	1.89	2	1.78	9.41	9.23
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	0.49	2	-0.34	3.40	-0.77
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	90.4	74.1	82.3	81.9	0.4	2.04	4	0.78	4.83	0.00
Oberlin Fire	90.0	73.9	81.9	81.3	0.6	0.90	3	-0.09	5.98	1.98
Extreme/Average	90.2	74.0	82.1	81.7	0.5	1.14	4	0.12	4.74	0.40
South central										
Donaldsonville	90.4	72.9	81.6	81.3	0.3	1.75	3	0.51	7.00	2.07
Jeanerette	88.8	73.0	80.9	81.6	-0.8	1.82	4	0.81	10.32	5.13
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	89.0	77.4	83.2	81.8	1.4	1.63	3	-0.08	5.20	-1.04
Extreme/Average	89.4	74.4	81.9	81.5	0.3	1.73	4	0.41	7.51	2.05
Southeast										
Galliano	89.2	78.2	83.7	82.2	1.4	0.87	1	-0.23	8.51	2.75
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.34	3	0.11	5.55	1.10
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	90.5	77.8	84.1	83.6	0.4	5.85	2	5.12	7.72	3.03
Extreme/Average	89.8	78.0	83.9	82.9	0.9	2.69	3	1.67	7.26	2.29
State	91.2	73.0	82.1	81.5	0.6	1.19	3	0.41	4.19	1.01

(NA) Not available.

¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

² Departure from normal.