



## Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 8, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 12 percent very short, 48 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 80.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 92.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Slidell and Jennings to 101.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. Precipitation was scarce throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the State with an average of 0.48 inch.

### Crop progress for week ending September 8, 2019

Crop	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn, harvested	97	84	97	92
Cotton, open bolls	65	53	89	84
Cotton, harvested	1	0	7	2
Hay, second cutting	97	96	98	94
Rice, headed	100	99	100	100
Rice, mature	92	87	100	98
Rice, harvested	81	75	88	86
Sorghum, mature	100	96	100	100
Sorghum, harvested	95	90	95	91
Soybeans, turning color	72	56	89	85
Soybeans, dropping leaves	51	36	76	69
Soybeans, mature	35	25	64	59
Soybeans, harvested	23	16	41	38
Sugarcane, planted	57	29	61	62
Sweet potatoes, harvested	14	7	18	19

### Crop condition for week ending September 8, 2019

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cotton	0	3	26	63	8
Livestock	0	6	33	55	6
Pasture	2	8	37	48	5
Soybeans	0	3	26	63	8
Sugarcane	1	4	28	56	11
Sweet potatoes	0	0	33	67	0
Vegetables	1	11	34	53	1

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Dry weather allowed for hay harvest, sugarcane planting, and near completion of rice harvest. Rice farmers prepared land for next year’s crop and sugarcane farmers were getting ready for grinding. Cattle ranchers were weaning calves and getting ready to seed ryegrass.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Dry weather during the past week has allowed sugarcane producers to get back in the field to plant. Some soybeans were being harvested.”

–Mariah Simoneaux, Assumption Parish

“Last week was simply hot and dry. Good for harvest, tough on people and animals.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“A stretch of highs in the upper 90s and a lack of rain provided stressful conditions for crops.”

– Mary Helen Ferguson, Washington Parish

“Last week was dry. Lots of hay pastures were baled. Lots of fieldwork done. Farmers were able to cut rice without interruption from showers. The area could use a good shower for pastures and hay fields.”

–James Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Dry conditions allowed good field progress. Cane planting was in full swing as growers work to finish planting before the start of grinding next week. Hay producers were baling hay. Cattle producers were weaning and marketing calves. Fall garden planting was in full swing.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 8, 2019**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm <sup>1</sup>	DFN <sup>2</sup>	One Week	Rain Days	DFN <sup>2</sup>	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	101.4	71.3	86.4	79.1	7.2	0.00	0	-0.80	1.93	-0.72
Mooringsport	97.8	71.0	84.4	79.9	4.6	0.00	0	-0.63	0.74	-1.83
Red River	97.1	70.7	83.9	80.0	3.9	0.00	0	-0.64	1.94	-0.40
Shreveport	98.4	68.6	83.5	80.0	3.5	0.00	0	-0.58	1.76	-0.40
Extreme/Average	98.7	70.4	84.6	79.8	4.8	0.00	0	-0.66	1.59	-0.84
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	95.3	66.3	80.8	77.6	3.1	0.00	0	-0.76	0.21	-2.17
Extreme/Average	95.3	66.3	80.8	78.3	3.1	0.00	0	-0.76	0.21	-2.17
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	98.8	67.5	83.2	80.0	3.3	0.00	0	-0.69	0.86	-2.22
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.31
Winnsboro	96.8	69.2	83.0	79.8	2.9	0.00	0	-0.62	1.11	-1.81
Extreme/Average	97.8	68.3	83.1	79.6	3.1	0.00	0	-0.66	0.66	-1.45
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	99.4	67.6	83.5	78.9	4.6	0.00	0	-0.93	2.81	-0.47
Natchitoches	98.0	72.4	85.2	81.0	4.2	0.00	0	-1.33	1.92	-1.80
Extreme/Average	98.7	70.0	84.4	79.6	4.4	0.00	0	-1.13	2.37	-1.14
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	95.1	73.1	84.1	81.1	3.0	0.00	0	-0.92	1.56	-2.00
Bunkie	95.0	71.4	83.2	79.8	3.4	0.00	0	-1.16	3.78	-0.14
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	94.7	70.7	82.7	80.4	2.3	0.00	0	-0.92	0.69	-2.58
New Roads	95.5	75.5	85.5	81.3	3.9	0.00	0	-0.61	3.95	0.05
Extreme/Average	95.1	72.7	83.9	80.9	3.2	0.00	0	-0.90	2.50	-1.17
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	3.42	(NA)
Slidell	92.4	73.9	83.1	80.5	2.6	0.24	2	-1.18	9.62	3.61
Extreme/Average	92.4	73.9	83.1	80.2	2.6	0.12	2	-1.18	6.52	3.61
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.8	(NA)	0.34	1	-0.91	3.22	-1.47
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	92.4	74.0	83.2	80.9	2.3	0.46	1	-0.88	5.22	0.20
Oberlin Fire	93.7	72.0	82.9	80.2	2.7	0.00	0	-1.23	5.90	1.71
Extreme/Average	93.1	73.0	83.0	80.6	2.5	0.27	1	-1.01	4.78	0.15
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	94.9	73.3	84.1	80.4	3.7	0.01	1	-1.31	5.95	0.93
Jeanerette	94.3	73.3	83.8	80.6	3.2	0.00	0	-1.65	9.91	4.03
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	94.2	76.8	85.5	81.1	4.4	0.59	1	-0.77	4.93	-1.03
Extreme/Average	94.5	74.5	84.5	80.5	3.8	0.20	1	-1.24	6.93	1.31
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	94.8	80.0	87.4	81.3	6.1	0.84	1	-0.35	8.31	2.95
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.12	1	-0.99	4.47	0.39
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.07	2.87
Extreme/Average	94.8	80.0	87.4	82.0	6.1	0.48	1	-0.67	6.28	2.07
<b>State</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.90</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>0.01</b>

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

<sup>2</sup> Departure from normal.