



## Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 15, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 21 percent very short, 50 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 47 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 77.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 92.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 100.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. Precipitation was scarce throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the State with an average of 0.29 inch.

### Crop progress for week ending September 15, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, harvested	99	97	100	97
Cotton, open bolls	77	65	94	92
Cotton, harvested	9	1	13	8
Hay, second cutting	99	97	100	96
Rice, mature	96	92	100	99
Rice, harvested	88	81	92	91
Sorghum, harvested	100	95	99	96
Soybeans, turning color	85	72	93	91
Soybeans, dropping leaves	71	51	82	78
Soybeans, mature	50	35	74	70
Soybeans, harvested	38	23	50	51
Sugarcane, planted	83	57	67	73
Sweet potatoes, harvested	19	14	23	27

### Crop condition for week ending September 15, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	0	3	32	58	7
Livestock	1	7	43	47	2
Pasture	3	9	47	38	3
Soybeans	1	4	27	61	7
Sugarcane	1	5	38	50	6
Sweet potatoes	0	0	34	66	0
Vegetables	3	18	36	43	0

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Dry weather allowed for considerable progress in sugarcane planting and hay harvest. Many hay producers were done for the year. Cattle ranchers continued to wean and market calves. Ryegrass planting is about to start. Rice harvest was completed, second crop is doing well and farmers have been able to get some field preparation completed.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Dry weather allowed for a lot of progress planting sugarcane and harvesting soybeans during the past week.”

–Mariah Simoneaux, Assumption Parish

“Claiborne and Webster parishes were getting the occasional afternoon shower. They were scattered throughout the parishes. Overall the parishes were still dry.”

– John Monzingo, Claiborne Parish

“Dry conditions continued. Rainfall was still needed for soybeans and pastures. Ratoon rice began progressing well with warm temperatures.”

–Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Dry conditions prevailed allowing optimal harvest conditions. Pastures, lawns and newly planted trees started to show some signs of drought stress. Cane growers were trying to wrap up planting while preparing for the start of cane grinding. Hay producers were taking advantage of dry conditions to bale hay. Hay supplies are plentiful but low quality. Crawfish producers started to flood fields. Fall vegetable planting continued. Extremely hot weather is creating heat stress in livestock. Fruit growers began harvesting persimmons.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 15, 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	100.8	72.2	86.5	77.0	9.7	0.06	1	-0.69	0.79	-2.06
Mooringsport	96.4	71.7	84.1	77.6	6.4	0.00	0	-0.89	0.74	-2.07
Red River	96.0	70.4	83.1	77.9	5.0	0.05	1	-0.50	0.55	-1.76
Shreveport	98.4	69.0	83.7	77.8	6.0	0.16	2	-0.67	1.40	-1.04
Extreme/Average	97.9	70.8	84.4	77.6	6.8	0.07	2	-0.69	0.87	-1.73
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	94.7	66.7	80.7	75.5	5.3	0.03	1	-0.84	0.21	-2.62
Extreme/Average	94.7	66.7	80.7	76.2	5.3	0.03	1	-0.84	0.21	-2.62
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	97.4	67.6	82.5	78.2	4.0	0.00	0	-0.61	0.71	-2.09
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.11
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.11	-1.11
Extreme/Average	97.4	67.6	82.5	77.7	4.0	0.00	0	-0.61	0.61	-1.10
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	97.0	67.8	82.4	77.1	5.3	0.11	2	-0.85	2.92	-0.54
Natchitoches	96.4	72.1	84.3	78.9	5.4	0.08	1	-1.16	1.56	-2.87
Extreme/Average	96.7	69.9	83.4	77.7	5.3	0.10	2	-1.00	2.24	-1.71
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	95.3	72.4	83.9	79.4	4.5	0.01	1	-0.97	1.21	-2.40
Bunkie	94.6	67.4	81.0	78.0	3.0	0.00	0	-1.17	3.68	-0.58
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	94.0	71.6	82.8	78.6	4.2	0.00	0	-0.97	0.69	-2.91
New Roads	95.8	73.0	84.4	79.8	4.2	0.22	1	-0.42	3.97	0.04
Extreme/Average	94.9	71.1	83.0	79.2	4.0	0.06	1	-0.88	2.39	-1.46
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.06	1	(NA)	3.25	(NA)
Slidell	93.0	74.0	83.5	79.2	4.3	0.00	0	-1.30	6.93	1.14
Extreme/Average	93.0	74.0	83.5	78.8	4.3	0.03	1	-1.30	5.09	1.14
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.3	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.93	2.63	-1.91
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	92.9	73.3	83.1	79.4	3.7	0.80	2	-0.60	5.49	0.24
Oberlin Fire	93.0	71.7	82.4	78.5	3.8	0.07	1	-1.33	3.56	-1.07
Extreme/Average	93.0	72.5	82.7	79.0	3.7	0.29	2	-0.95	3.89	-0.91
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	94.2	72.0	83.1	79.0	4.1	0.00	0	-1.08	4.58	-0.28
Jeanerette	93.0	75.0	84.0	79.2	4.5	0.11	2	-0.87	6.51	0.99
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	94.1	77.4	85.8	80.0	5.8	0.00	0	-1.47	3.37	-2.90
Extreme/Average	93.8	74.8	84.3	79.2	4.8	0.04	2	-1.14	4.82	-0.73
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	92.2	76.8	84.5	80.1	4.4	0.03	1	-0.86	5.91	1.12
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-1.10	3.79	-0.76
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.07	4.19
Extreme/Average	92.2	76.8	84.5	80.7	4.4	0.01	1	-0.98	5.26	1.52
<b>State</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.93</b>	<b>2.87</b>	<b>-0.83</b>

(NA) Not available.

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

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