



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 22, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 15 percent very short, 33 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent very short, 32 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 77.9 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 86.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Oberlin to 96.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. Light to moderate precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the State with an average of 2.20 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 22, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, harvested	100	99	100	99
Cotton, open bolls	90	77	98	96
Cotton, harvested	19	9	33	21
Hay, second cutting	100	99	100	98
Rice, mature	99	96	100	100
Rice, harvested	91	88	96	95
Soybeans, turning color	92	85	97	95
Soybeans, dropping leaves	81	71	90	86
Soybeans, mature	70	50	84	79
Soybeans, harvested	56	38	64	63
Sugarcane, planted	91	83	78	83
Sugarcane, harvested	1	(NA)	0	0
Sweet potatoes, harvested	23	19	29	34

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 22, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	0	2	33	57	8
Livestock	1	8	38	49	4
Pasture	4	10	41	41	4
Soybeans	2	6	26	61	5
Sugarcane	1	4	31	53	11
Sweet potatoes	0	6	30	63	1
Vegetables	6	23	35	35	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rains limited sugarcane planting and hay harvest. Some areas needed the rain. Ryegrass planting started. Army worms were very active in pastures and rice growing for crawfish production. Cattlemen continued to wean and market calves.”
– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Needed showers slowed fieldwork, as sugarcane farmers are trying to finish planting. Rice and soybeans farmers are wrapping up harvest. Most pastures were baled with an abundance of low quality hay made. One local mill started grinding during the week with low sugar content being reported. Most other sugarcane mills in the area plan to start grinding by the end of the month.”
–Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Lower areas of the parish received 7 inches of rain. Rye grass ground was being worked before the rain event. Farmers were preparing for second crop with land flooded up.”
– Bradley Pousson, Cameron Parish

“Rain showers last week slowed down fieldwork. Soybeans were close to being harvested with some fields set to be cut this week. Recent rain showers stopped hay cutting which was wrapping up.”
–Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Scattered showers during last week and over the weekend interrupted field activities. Cane grinding began with older stubble and lower tonnage being reported. Soybean and rice harvest continued with lower yields being reported. Fall hay harvest is winding down with ample supplies. Fall garden vegetable planting continued.”
–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Dry conditions persisted.”
–Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 22, 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	94.0	74.1	84.1	74.4	9.7	1.29	4	0.52	1.85	-1.13
Mooringsport	91.1	71.1	81.1	74.9	6.2	1.32	3	0.49	2.06	-0.90
Red River	91.3	72.0	81.6	75.4	6.3	1.02	4	0.30	1.57	-1.12
Shreveport	91.9	70.1	81.0	75.1	5.9	1.34	4	0.49	2.74	0.01
Extreme/Average	92.1	71.8	82.0	74.9	7.0	1.24	4	0.45	2.06	-0.79
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	89.7	68.1	78.9	72.9	6.1	0.39	3	-0.47	0.50	-2.59
Extreme/Average	89.7	68.1	78.9	73.6	6.1	0.39	3	-0.47	0.50	-2.59
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	96.5	67.0	81.8	76.0	5.8	0.02	1	-0.64	0.06	-2.73
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	-1.43
Extreme/Average	96.5	67.0	81.8	75.5	5.8	0.02	1	-0.64	0.06	-2.08
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	87.6	70.3	78.9	74.9	4.0	1.07	5	0.05	1.53	-2.32
Natchitoches	90.0	71.7	80.9	76.3	4.6	0.55	2	-0.36	1.74	-2.75
Extreme/Average	88.8	71.0	79.9	75.4	4.3	0.81	5	-0.15	1.64	-2.54
Central										
Alexandria	89.3	72.1	80.7	77.2	3.5	0.79	3	-0.09	1.88	-1.72
Bunkie	89.0	69.3	79.2	75.9	3.4	2.31	4	1.42	5.17	0.94
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	91.3	71.7	81.5	76.5	5.0	0.50	1	-0.29	0.60	-2.93
New Roads	92.2	74.8	83.5	77.9	5.2	3.69	3	3.15	5.21	1.45
Extreme/Average	90.5	72.0	81.2	77.1	4.3	1.82	4	1.05	3.21	-0.57
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.61	(NA)
Slidell	89.7	72.5	81.1	77.4	3.6	0.49	2	-0.23	3.96	-0.93
Extreme/Average	89.7	72.5	81.1	76.9	3.6	0.49	2	-0.23	2.29	-0.93
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.5	(NA)	1.40	5	0.36	2.23	-2.52
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	86.7	72.9	79.8	77.6	2.2	3.41	6	2.22	6.71	1.52
Oberlin	86.1	72.9	79.5	76.5	3.0	1.80	6	0.56	2.77	-2.09
Extreme/Average	86.4	72.9	79.7	77.0	2.6	2.20	6	1.05	3.90	-1.03
South central										
Donaldsonville	89.9	71.6	80.7	77.2	3.5	0.37	1	-0.78	2.13	-2.66
Jeanerette	89.3	73.3	81.3	77.4	3.9	2.83	3	1.38	4.76	-1.50
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	90.9	75.0	82.9	78.5	4.4	1.54	4	0.32	3.76	-2.00
Extreme/Average	90.0	73.3	81.6	77.5	4.0	1.58	4	0.31	3.55	-2.05
Southeast										
Galliano	88.0	77.0	82.5	78.4	4.2	0.22	3	-0.72	1.96	-2.16
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.83	2	1.12	3.29	-0.86
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	89.4	77.9	83.6	79.7	4.0	0.00	0	-1.26	5.85	0.25
Extreme/Average	88.7	77.5	83.1	79.0	4.1	0.68	3	-0.29	3.70	-0.92
State	89.9	71.9	80.9	76.5	4.5	1.11	4	0.20	2.46	-1.40

(NA) Not available.

¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

² Departure from normal.