



## Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 6, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 14 percent very short, 43 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 14 percent very short, 40 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 64.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 79.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 89.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 97.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. Light precipitation was reported throughout the State with the highest concentration in the northwest part of the State with an average of 1.26 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending October 6, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, open bolls	97	94	100	99
Cotton, harvested	51	33	49	56
Rice, harvested	97	94	99	99
Soybeans, turning color	100	98	99	99
Soybeans, dropping leaves	96	91	96	96
Soybeans, mature	90	81	92	92
Soybeans, harvested	80	68	78	83
Sugarcane, planted	98	96	88	96
Sugarcane, harvested	9	5	8	7
Sweet potatoes, harvested	48	33	44	53
Winter wheat, planted	3	0	0	1

### Crop condition for week ending October 6, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	1	5	33	52	9
Livestock	1	8	36	51	4
Pasture	3	14	43	37	3
Sugarcane	1	5	30	57	7
Sweet potatoes	0	5	33	61	1
Vegetables	3	24	41	32	0

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“The soybean harvest continued with disappointing yields, a result of extended period of saturated soils during the growing season. Sugarcane harvest was under way with some lower than expected yields. Dry conditions allowed for some land preparation for next year. Crawfish ponds will go under flood in the coming weeks. Cattle producer prepped pastures for winter plantings and wound down the hay baling with an abundance of hay available. The spring run of calves went to market.”

–Vince Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry weather hampered ryegrass pasture development but allowed for significant fieldwork in rice and sugarcane fields. Cane harvest went well under dry conditions during the week. Cattlemen continued to wean and market calves.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Continued dry field conditions provided for excellent fieldwork progress in recent weeks. Sugarcane planting nearly 100% complete and harvest well underway. Early season cane tonnage reports relatively low but farmers appreciative of good weather. Soybean harvest made good progress with yield reports mixed. Cattle and hay growers wrapping up hay harvest and beginning to plant ryegrass. Rain will be needed soon to aid in early growth of cool season forages. Cattlemen also busy weaning and marketing calves but hoping for upturn in calf prices soon.”

–Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“Still hot and dry. The plant cane and pastures would benefit from a good rain.”

–Mariah Simoneaux, Assumption Parish

“Dry conditions allowed soybean farmers to harvest a large portion of the soybeans within Acadia Parish. Dry conditions in the future are expected and I expect soybean harvest to begin wrapping up next week with there being very few soybean fields left to cut. Some crawfish farmers started to flood their fields in preparation for the upcoming crawfish season. Some second crop rice fields were getting very close to being cut. Lots of fieldwork done last week.”

–Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 6, 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	96.4	69.7	83.1	68.9	14.2	1.56	1	0.60	2.91	-0.47
Mooringsport	89.9	69.6	79.7	69.3	10.4	1.60	1	0.56	2.92	-0.82
Red River	95.9	73.1	84.5	70.1	14.4	1.64	1	0.72	2.71	-0.58
Shreveport	94.0	67.7	80.9	69.5	11.3	0.22	1	-0.94	1.72	-2.15
Extreme/Average	94.1	70.0	82.0	69.5	12.6	1.26	1	0.24	2.56	-1.00
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	90.3	64.8	77.6	67.5	10.3	0.21	1	-0.73	0.63	-3.07
Extreme/Average	90.3	64.8	77.6	68.3	10.3	0.21	1	-0.73	0.63	-3.07
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	97.4	68.0	82.7	71.1	11.3	0.14	1	-0.45	0.16	-2.50
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	-0.61
Extreme/Average	97.4	68.0	82.7	70.4	11.3	0.14	1	-0.45	0.16	-1.55
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	95.3	68.0	81.6	70.1	11.6	0.13	2	-0.86	1.31	-2.83
Natchitoches	94.7	70.4	82.6	70.7	11.9	0.66	1	-0.17	1.29	-2.44
Extreme/Average	95.0	69.2	82.1	70.4	11.7	0.40	2	-0.52	1.30	-2.63
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	93.1	71.4	82.3	72.3	10.0	0.02	1	-0.91	0.82	-2.86
Bunkie	91.6	67.7	79.6	71.4	8.2	0.00	0	-0.93	2.31	-1.72
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	92.5	69.7	81.1	71.7	9.3	0.00	0	-0.77	0.50	-2.84
New Roads	94.1	72.9	83.5	73.1	10.4	1.42	3	0.52	5.33	1.53
Extreme/Average	92.8	70.4	81.6	72.4	9.5	0.36	3	-0.52	2.24	-1.47
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.80	1	(NA)	1.06	(NA)
Slidell	91.3	71.7	81.5	73.0	8.5	0.63	1	-0.24	1.12	-2.70
Extreme/Average	91.3	71.7	81.5	72.5	8.5	0.72	1	-0.24	1.09	-2.70
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.4	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.74	1.40	-2.62
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	91.9	72.0	81.9	73.3	8.6	0.18	2	-0.91	4.39	-0.44
Oberlin	91.7	71.3	81.5	72.0	9.5	0.00	0	-1.10	1.87	-3.03
Extreme/Average	91.8	71.7	81.7	72.6	9.1	0.06	2	-0.92	2.55	-2.03
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	93.0	70.1	81.6	72.7	8.8	(NA)	0	-1.12	0.37	-4.07
Jeanerette	90.1	69.9	80.0	73.2	6.8	0.09	2	-0.98	3.03	-2.44
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	92.5	75.5	84.0	74.8	9.7	0.23	1	-0.31	1.78	-2.55
Extreme/Average	91.9	71.8	81.9	73.3	8.4	0.16	2	-0.80	1.73	-3.02
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	89.2	74.3	81.8	74.4	7.4	0.30	1	-0.69	0.55	-3.16
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.58	1	-0.42	2.41	-1.67
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	95.0	79.0	87.0	75.8	10.4	0.00	0	-0.15	0.00	-4.10
Extreme/Average	92.1	76.7	84.4	75.1	8.9	0.29	1	-0.42	0.99	-2.98
<b>State</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.52</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>-2.26</b>

(NA) Not available.

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

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