



## Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 20, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 30 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 29 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 71.7 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 69.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 87.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Moderate to heavy precipitation was reported throughout the State with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the State with an average of 3.20 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending October 20, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, harvested	81	72	74	82
Rice, harvested	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, mature	99	95	99	98
Soybeans, harvested	94	89	90	94
Sugarcane, planted	100	99	97	99
Sugarcane, harvested	26	18	26	22
Sweet potatoes, harvested	70	65	61	74
Winter wheat, planted	21	11	7	6
Winter wheat, emerged	1	(NA)	0	1

(NA) Not available.

### Crop condition for week ending October 20, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	1	10	36	49	4
Pasture	1	17	49	30	3
Sugarcane	1	5	37	42	15
Vegetables	0	15	39	45	1

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Five to six inches of rain last week halted any harvesting or fieldwork.”

–Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“Recent rains slowed land preparation for spring planting and also made sugarcane harvest more difficult with wet field conditions. Crawfish ponds going to flood benefiting from rain events, assisting with flooding. Winter pastures begin to emerge from rains. Some hay producers could get some additional fields cut but the long range forecasts are not favorable with rain expected.”

–Vince Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry conditions allowed for continued field preparations and good harvest conditions for sugarcane. Ryegrass planting continued and cattlemen near complete with weaning and marketing of spring calves.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Had a good rain midweek to help pastures with ryegrass planted. Second crop rice was being drained and harvest should start soon if weather cooperates. Soybean harvest complete in our area.”

–James Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Wet fields dried up toward the weekend allowing growers to continue harvest and planting activities. Ryegrass planting was in full swing. Fall hay harvest winding down with most growers having plentiful supplies. Elliot pecans were bearing a good crop. Fall vegetable planting were starting to make good progress with cooler conditions. Satsuma and oranges were starting to color prompting light harvesting.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“With all area mills operating sugarcane harvest was in full swing. Rains during past week resulted in mixed yield reports as farmers were dealing with muddy harvest conditions. Cattle producers dodged showers as they were busy trying to plant ryegrass. Crawfish producers were flooding fields and planting of fall vegetable gardens was wrapping up in most areas of the parish.”

–Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 20, 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	73.9	51.6	62.7	64.1	-1.4	1.45	4	0.23	3.75	-0.40
Mooringsport	72.6	52.4	62.5	64.8	-2.3	1.78	3	0.60	4.39	0.17
Red River	74.8	59.8	67.3	65.5	1.5	1.28	2	0.49	3.11	-0.41
Shreveport	73.7	50.0	61.9	64.9	-3.0	1.16	2	-0.05	1.65	-2.76
Extreme/Average	73.8	53.5	63.6	64.8	-1.3	1.42	4	0.32	3.23	-0.85
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	69.1	48.6	58.9	62.9	-4.0	2.11	4	0.86	2.57	-1.80
Extreme/Average	69.1	48.6	58.9	63.7	-4.0	2.11	4	0.86	2.57	-1.80
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	71.0	53.8	62.4	66.5	-4.4	0.83	2	0.19	1.27	-1.52
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	71.0	53.8	62.4	65.8	-4.4	0.83	2	0.19	1.27	-1.52
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	77.0	54.4	65.7	65.6	0.1	1.92	3	0.75	2.37	-1.75
Natchitoches	73.7	54.4	64.1	66.3	-2.2	0.85	2	-0.34	1.82	-1.90
Extreme/Average	75.3	54.4	64.9	65.9	-1.1	1.39	3	0.20	2.10	-1.82
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	74.9	55.9	65.4	67.5	-2.2	1.28	3	0.01	1.52	-2.62
Bunkie	75.3	56.4	65.9	67.3	-1.4	1.96	4	0.64	1.96	-2.22
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	72.1	54.7	63.4	67.2	-3.8	1.89	3	0.66	1.94	-1.91
New Roads	74.8	61.8	68.3	68.6	-0.8	3.04	3	2.40	5.09	1.70
Extreme/Average	74.3	57.2	65.7	68.0	-2.0	2.04	4	0.93	2.63	-1.26
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.03	2	(NA)	3.97	(NA)
Slidell	76.9	60.6	68.7	68.6	0.1	0.85	2	-0.04	1.83	-1.57
Extreme/Average	76.9	60.6	68.7	68.1	0.1	1.94	2	-0.04	2.90	-1.57
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.2	(NA)	2.58	4	1.69	2.84	-1.11
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	75.7	58.1	66.9	69.3	-2.3	2.70	4	1.42	2.97	-1.55
Oberlin	74.0	58.4	66.2	67.9	-2.0	4.33	4	3.43	4.42	0.23
Extreme/Average	74.8	58.2	66.6	68.5	-2.2	3.20	4	2.18	3.41	-0.81
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	79.0	60.0	69.5	68.4	1.1	0.84	4	-0.33	1.44	-3.02
Jeanerette	80.0	63.2	71.6	69.1	2.1	1.54	4	0.87	3.05	-0.98
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	81.0	62.6	71.8	70.6	1.2	0.37	3	-0.60	0.88	-2.23
Extreme/Average	80.0	61.9	71.0	69.2	1.4	0.92	4	-0.02	1.79	-2.08
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	87.0	62.0	74.5	70.5	4.4	0.07	2	-0.57	0.45	-2.72
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.53	3	-0.11	1.11	-2.22
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	84.7	71.7	78.2	72.0	5.7	0.08	1	-0.28	0.48	-2.91
Extreme/Average	85.8	66.8	76.3	71.2	5.0	0.23	3	-0.32	0.68	-2.62
<b>State</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>-1.56</b>

(NA) Not available.

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

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