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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending August 2, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 2, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 19 percent very short, 48 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 45 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 60.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria to 78.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 91.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 98.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens. Hot, dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with some areas receiving scattered rain. The highest rain concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 1.53 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 2, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	100	95	100	100
Corn, dent	94	90	94	NA
Corn, mature	69	43	45	79
Corn, harvested	5	NA	1	16
Cotton, squaring	100	99	99	100
Cotton, setting bolls	88	82	91	93
Cotton, open bolls	4	NA	7	9
Hay, second cutting	81	66	68	75
Rice, headed	94	91	91	92
Rice, mature	55	34	19	32
Rice, harvested	23	3	3	12
Sorghum, headed	100	99	100	100
Sorghum, coloring	91	80	84	88
Sorghum, mature	59	16	38	46
Sorghum, harvested	11	NA	0	9
Soybeans, blooming	94	91	97	96
Soybeans, setting pods	87	82	86	87
Soybeans, turning color	35	23	9	13
Soybeans, dropping leaves	14	6	2	2
Sugarcane, planted	3	NA	2	3

Crop condition for week ending August 2, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	3	32	59	6
Cotton	1	5	33	51	10
Livestock	1	5	40	45	9
Pasture	2	18	39	36	5
Rice	0	6	35	51	8
Sorghum	2	13	34	50	1
Soybeans	1	11	34	44	10
Sugarcane	1	4	29	51	15
Vegetables	3	27	42	27	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rice harvest in full swing, yields reported as good, some early harvested rice flailed and fertilized for ratoon crop, soybeans progressing well, very light insect and disease pressure reported. Forages suffering with extended dry weather, some hay fields being fertilized after a very late first cutting. Crawfish ponds reworking of boat lanes and levees.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Rice, corn, and grain sorghum are being harvested. Hay producers are making good progress. Sugarcane planting has started and early planted soybeans near maturity. Fallow ground is being prepared for spring planting.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Hot and dry conditions continue. Rice harvest really picked up this week in Acadia Parish. Rice harvest made good progress in Jefferson Davis Parish. Soybean producers hoping for some showers. Some fungicide applications going out on soybeans. Cattle producers continue to make hay.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“All crops, pastures, gardens, and livestock could use rain given the past several weeks of hot and dry weather. Some sugarcane has been planted, but sugarcane could be a little taller for better planting ratios. Some early soybeans being harvested with decent yields. Pastures have been bailed and fertilized.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Dry, hot weather is drying up fields and accelerating harvest conditions in rice, milo and soybean fields. Sugarcane fields could use some moisture to aide planting. Sugarcane growth has slowed this week with the dry conditions. Crawfish growers are planting rice, and other forages in ponds. Hay producers are cutting, baling and applying herbicides.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Sugarcane farmers spraying for borers. Cattlemen cutting hay. Crawfish farmers planting rice in ponds. Citrus producers checking for insects. Vegetable producers preparing land for planting vegetables.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 2, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	97.6	72.4	85.0	82.6	2.4	0.16	1	-0.48	0.48	-2.59
Mooringsport	96.7	73.1	84.9	83.2	1.7	0.00	1	-0.71	NA	-2.79
Red River	97.1	73.7	85.4	83.5	2.0	NA	NA	NA	0.94	-2.15
Shreveport	97.9	72.9	85.4	83.1	2.3	0.00	0	-0.90	1.08	-2.84
Extreme/Average	97.3	73.0	85.2	83.1	2.1	0.05	1	-0.70	0.63	-2.59
North Central										
Calhoun	96.3	68.4	82.4	81.6	0.8	0.31	0	-0.45	1.18	-1.91
Farmerville	97.6	74.5	86.3	82.4	4.0	1.08	0	0.38	1.29	-2.18
Homer	96.0	69.3	82.6	81.0	1.6	NA	1	-0.74	0.34	-2.97
Extreme/Average	96.6	70.7	83.8	81.7	2.1	0.70	1	-0.27	0.94	-2.35
Northeast										
Lake Providence	94.4	75.4	84.9	82.8	2.1	0.00	2	-0.73	4.79	3.83
St Joseph	97.4	72.7	85.1	82.8	2.3	0.03	0	-0.93	0.63	-3.34
Tallulah	97.6	75.9	86.7	82.3	4.5	0.00	1	-0.70	0.98	-2.01
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.32	0.04
Extreme/Average	96.5	74.7	85.6	82.7	3.0	0.01	2	-0.79	1.68	-0.37
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	98.7	74.7	86.7	83.1	3.6	0.11	1	-0.29	0.19	-2.95
Leesville	97.6	69.9	83.7	81.8	2.0	0.31	0	-0.53	0.73	-2.73
Natchitoches	94.4	73.3	83.9	83.6	0.2	0.22	1	-0.73	0.22	-3.67
Extreme/Average	96.9	72.6	84.7	82.6	1.9	0.21	1	-0.52	0.38	-3.12
Central										
Alexandria	93.7	60.4	76.8	83.6	-6.8	NA	NA	NA	1.26	-2.46
Bunkie	96.0	73.9	84.9	82.7	2.2	NA	0	-0.74	1.91	-1.19
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	95.7	74.7	85.2	82.9	2.3	0.00	1	-0.77	1.06	-2.28
New Roads	96.5	76.2	86.4	82.9	3.4	0.53	0	0.01	1.08	-1.94
Extreme/Average	95.5	71.3	83.3	83.2	0.3	0.27	1	-0.50	1.33	-1.97
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.58	2	0.21	4.29	-1.21
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.42	NA
Slidell	93.1	73.6	83.4	NA	NA	1.48	3	NA	5.93	NA
Extreme/Average	93.1	73.6	83.4	81.8	NA	1.53	3	0.21	4.21	-1.21
Southwest										
Crowley	95.0	74.8	84.9	82.4	2.5	1.60	3	0.50	1.67	-3.20
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	82.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.51	-1.97
Jennings	96.1	74.6	85.4	82.4	2.9	1.44	2	0.41	3.07	-1.24
Oberlin Fire	95.1	72.0	83.6	82.2	1.4	0.97	3	-0.11	1.26	-3.40
Extreme/Average	95.4	73.8	84.6	82.4	2.3	1.34	3	0.27	1.63	-2.45
South Central										
Donaldsonville	95.4	74.1	84.8	82.0	2.8	2.06	2	0.73	3.99	-1.62
Jeanerette	94.1	73.3	83.7	82.4	1.3	0.13	2	-1.26	1.46	-4.55
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	82.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-0.39
Morgan City	93.1	76.4	84.8	82.3	2.5	0.76	2	-0.69	3.14	-2.86
Extreme/Average	94.2	74.6	84.4	82.2	2.2	0.98	2	-0.41	2.15	-2.35
Southeast										
Galliano	91.3	77.0	84.2	82.5	1.7	1.81	2	-0.02	3.94	-3.02
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.05	3	-0.30	2.56	-2.82
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	97.5	78.5	88.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.95	NA
Extreme/Average	94.4	77.8	86.1	82.5	1.6	1.43	3	-0.16	3.15	-2.92
State	95.5	73.5	84.5	82.5	1.6	0.77	1	-0.27	1.82	-2.16

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.