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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending August 9, 2015

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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, August 9, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 33 percent very short, 50 percent short, 17 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 25 percent very short, 45 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 80.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 90.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. Hot, dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 0.35 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 9, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dent	97	94	98	NA
Corn, mature	82	69	69	91
Corn, harvested	32	5	5	30
Cotton, setting bolls	93	88	95	96
Cotton, open bolls	9	4	10	19
Hay, second cutting	88	81	77	82
Rice, headed	96	94	95	95
Rice, mature	79	55	40	53
Rice, harvested	40	23	13	25
Sorghum, coloring	96	91	92	94
Sorghum, mature	84	59	62	70
Sorghum, harvested	48	11	7	27
Soybeans, blooming	97	94	99	98
Soybeans, setting pods	91	87	91	91
Soybeans, turning color	42	35	19	21
Soybeans, dropping leaves	24	14	6	6
Sugarcane, planted	16	3	5	10

Crop condition for week ending August 9, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	3	35	57	5
Cotton	1	5	37	49	8
Livestock	1	6	44	41	8
Pasture	4	23	40	30	3
Rice	0	6	32	55	7
Sorghum	3	13	34	49	1
Soybeans	1	13	34	43	9
Sugarcane	1	5	31	48	15
Vegetables	4	33	38	24	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Due to absence of rainfall and triple digit temperatures, pasture and hay meadow conditions have rapidly deteriorated. Some producers will soon be forced to begin feeding hay, cutting into their stocks for winter feeding. Heat stress on cattle and small farm ponds beginning to get critically low is also weighing heavily on our producers.”

– Jason Holmes, Union Parish

“Extremely dry conditions affecting all crops and field operations. Rice harvest continues, yield reports are good, grain weight is good, stubble being cut, or rolled for ratoon crop, fertilizer applied, then flooded. Soybeans at several different stages. Early beans starting to color, later beans need water for pod fill, some being irrigated, real late beans flowering. Field operations, levee pulling, and land prep needing multiple passes due to ground hardness. Hay fields and pastures extremely dry showing little if any growth, couple of producers have put out hay with short pastures.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Hot and dry conditions are affecting all commodities. Already marginal soybean stands are experiencing some stand loss due to droughty conditions. Rice harvest is well underway and will all come together quickly due to drier than normal conditions. The grain sorghum and corn harvest will make major progress this week. Sugarcane growth is slow, livestock conditions are less than favorable as pastures dry up quickly and regrowth of hay will be short for a fall cutting. In general rain is needed in all areas.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry conditions have made for excellent rice and hay harvest and sugarcane planting progress. Pastures and cane could use a rain for continued growth. Cattleman are pulling bulls and in a few cases weaning calves. Salty irrigation water in the lower half of the parish is becoming a problem.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Sugarcane planting and soybean harvest in full swing. Hot and dry weather is allowing farmers to make good progress in fields, but sugarcane fields, pastures, and lawn could use rain.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Sugarcane planting has started. Cattlemen cutting hay. Citrus producers scouting trees. Vegetable producers preparing for fall plantings.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 9, 2015**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	98.3	74.7	86.5	82.6	3.9	0.00	0	-0.52	0.16	-2.48
Mooringsport	98.7	76.0	87.4	83.2	4.2	0.00	0	-0.71	0.00	-2.67
Red River	97.0	75.2	86.1	83.4	2.6	NA	NA	NA	0.02	-2.83
Shreveport	99.6	74.3	86.9	83.1	3.8	0.00	0	-0.82	0.00	-3.78
Extreme/Average	98.4	75.0	86.7	83.1	3.6	0.00	0	-0.68	0.04	-2.94
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	98.1	70.1	84.1	81.6	2.5	0.00	0	-0.75	0.31	-2.67
Farmerville	99.3	77.3	88.3	82.3	6.0	0.00	0	-0.66	1.08	-1.99
Homer	96.6	72.2	84.4	81.1	3.3	0.00	0	-0.50	NA	-2.83
Extreme/Average	98.0	73.2	85.6	81.7	3.9	0.00	0	-0.64	0.70	-2.50
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	97.7	75.9	86.8	82.7	4.1	0.08	0	-0.64	1.29	-0.27
St Joseph	98.2	75.4	86.8	82.8	4.0	0.00	1	-0.65	0.50	-3.08
Tallulah	98.2	76.0	87.1	82.2	4.9	0.00	0	-0.58	0.35	-2.30
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	98.0	75.8	86.9	82.6	4.3	0.03	1	-0.62	0.71	-1.88
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	99.0	73.5	86.3	83.1	3.1	0.00	0	-0.26	0.11	-2.86
Leesville	99.1	72.3	85.7	81.8	4.0	0.00	0	-0.85	0.31	-2.97
Natchitoches	97.0	75.9	86.4	83.6	2.8	0.00	0	-0.65	0.22	-3.46
Extreme/Average	98.4	73.9	86.1	82.6	3.3	0.00	0	-0.59	0.21	-3.10
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	94.7	74.0	84.3	83.6	0.7	NA	NA	NA	0.32	-3.33
Bunkie	97.2	73.7	85.4	82.7	2.7	0.00	0	-0.66	1.40	-1.37
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	96.9	75.7	86.3	82.9	3.4	0.00	0	-0.76	0.78	-2.33
New Roads	100.0	74.0	87.0	83.0	4.1	0.00	0	-0.30	1.06	-1.74
Extreme/Average	97.2	74.3	85.8	83.3	2.7	0.00	0	-0.57	0.89	-2.19
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.44	2.08	-3.33
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.30	NA
Slidell	92.3	77.6	84.9	NA	NA	0.70	0	NA	5.43	NA
Extreme/Average	92.3	77.6	84.9	81.9	NA	0.35	0	-1.44	2.94	-3.33
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	95.0	74.0	84.5	82.5	2.0	0.00	0	-0.62	1.60	-2.46
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	82.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-1.13
Jennings	97.4	74.6	86.0	82.6	3.4	NA	3	-1.15	2.85	-1.37
Oberlin Fire	95.7	73.9	84.8	82.3	2.5	NA	NA	NA	1.14	-3.21
Extreme/Average	96.0	74.2	85.1	82.5	2.7	0.00	3	-0.89	1.86	-2.04
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	94.6	75.7	85.1	82.0	3.1	0.15	0	-1.11	3.64	-1.66
Jeanerette	93.8	73.6	83.7	82.4	1.3	0.00	1	-1.03	0.92	-4.35
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	82.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	92.9	78.9	85.9	82.3	3.5	0.00	0	-1.61	1.53	-4.43
Extreme/Average	93.8	76.1	84.9	82.2	2.7	0.05	1	-1.25	2.03	-3.48
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	90.9	79.4	85.1	82.6	2.5	0.27	0	-1.62	4.08	-3.22
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	2	-1.28	1.15	-4.02
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	96.0	80.5	88.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.18	NA
Extreme/Average	93.5	80.0	86.7	82.6	2.5	0.14	2	-1.45	2.47	-3.62
<b>State</b>	96.1	75.5	85.8	82.5	2.8	0.06	0	-0.90	1.38	-2.71

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.