



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending August 30, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 30, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 25 percent very short, 34 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 21 percent very short, 34 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 59.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 74.7 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 87.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 93.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria. Dry weather conditions with scattered rain were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 1.31 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 30, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	98	97	98	100
Corn, harvested	92	87	63	85
Cotton, open bolls	58	28	59	66
Hay, second cutting	96	94	95	95
Rice, headed	100	99	100	100
Rice, mature	95	92	89	91
Rice, harvested	84	75	66	72
Sorghum, mature	95	93	98	97
Sorghum, harvested	79	68	81	83
Soybeans, setting pods	99	97	98	99
Soybeans, turning color	72	62	72	63
Soybeans, dropping leaves	58	46	54	43
Soybeans, mature	50	31	44	NA
Soybeans, harvested	32	15	21	20
Sugarcane, planted	59	42	40	46
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	6	1	14	8

Crop condition for week ending August 30, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	4	35	58	3
Cotton	3	6	37	47	7
Livestock	1	9	43	41	6
Pasture	6	22	40	30	2
Rice	0	6	33	54	7
Sorghum	3	13	34	49	1
Soybeans	3	9	37	46	5
Sugarcane	3	6	30	44	17
Vegetables	5	34	36	24	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Drought conditions continue. Majority of cattlemen now feeding hay due to short pasture. At this point in time, it appears that stored forage will be in short supply due to drought and growing hours shortening.”

– Jason Holmes, Union Parish

“We are very dry. Pastures need rain. Early planted soybean harvest is progressing.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“All crop conditions are stable. The soybean harvest is sporadic with reasonable yields being reported on early planted soybeans. Rice harvest near completion with late planted crawfish fields to be harvested. Sugarcane acres are being planted and sweet potatoes near harvest. Cattlemen prepare to market the spring calf crop and continue to make hay. Winter pasture preparation will begin soon.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry conditions allowed for hay harvest and sugarcane planting to resume and made for good rice harvest conditions. Cattle ranchers continue to wean and market calves.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Farmers returned to the fields as drying conditions returned. Cooler weather and a north wind enhanced harvest progress and made sugarcane planting more bearable. The fall pecan crop appears light. Rains last week appears to have given the sugarcane crop a needed growth spurt. Soybean harvest continues to give yield reports in the 40 to 50 bushel range.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Soybean harvest started. Sugarcane planting continuing. Citrus producers scouting trees. Cattlemen cutting hay. Vegetable producers planting fall crops.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 30, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	89.0	64.7	76.9	81.1	-4.2	NA	NA	NA	1.32	-1.10
Mooringsport	89.0	66.3	77.6	81.9	-4.3	0.35	1	-0.26	1.27	-1.40
Red River	89.0	63.5	76.3	81.9	-5.8	NA	NA	NA	0.75	-1.50
Shreveport	90.3	65.9	78.1	82.0	-3.9	0.54	1	0.08	1.64	-0.84
Extreme/Average	89.3	65.1	77.2	81.7	-4.5	0.45	1	-0.09	1.24	-1.21
North Central										
Calhoun	91.3	59.4	75.4	80.2	-4.8	0.00	1	-0.73	0.30	-2.68
Farmerville	91.6	66.4	79.0	80.9	-1.9	0.00	1	-0.87	0.17	-2.72
Homer	87.9	61.1	74.5	79.6	-5.1	0.38	0	-0.19	2.12	1.27
Extreme/Average	90.3	62.3	76.3	80.2	-4.0	0.13	1	-0.60	0.86	-1.38
Northeast										
Lake Providence	89.6	65.4	77.5	81.2	-3.7	0.03	0	-0.75	1.37	-0.10
St Joseph	92.0	61.8	76.9	81.6	-4.8	0.00	1	-0.62	1.28	-2.08
Tallulah	90.7	66.3	78.5	81.0	-2.5	0.00	0	-0.77	1.59	-1.13
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	81.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	90.8	64.5	77.6	81.3	-3.7	0.01	1	-0.71	1.41	-1.10
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	80.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	92.8	68.2	80.5	81.4	-1.1	0.43	1	-0.02	2.33	-0.86
Leesville	93.0	62.3	77.6	80.5	-2.8	0.76	0	0.01	2.07	-1.11
Natchitoches	90.0	66.6	78.3	82.7	-4.4	0.03	1	-0.86	1.10	-1.76
Extreme/Average	91.9	65.7	78.8	81.3	-2.8	0.41	1	-0.29	1.83	-1.24
Central										
Alexandria	93.7	66.1	79.9	82.6	-2.6	NA	NA	NA	2.05	-1.64
Bunkie	93.1	66.1	79.6	81.4	-1.8	0.00	0	-0.94	2.70	-0.74
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	90.7	67.6	79.1	81.9	-2.8	0.00	1	-0.83	1.50	-1.68
New Roads	88.2	69.8	79.0	82.5	-3.6	0.00	0	-0.64	3.76	0.26
Extreme/Average	91.4	67.4	79.4	82.3	-2.7	0.00	1	-0.80	2.50	-0.95
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.34	3.96	-1.67
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.96	NA
Slidell	88.6	67.7	78.1	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	4.06	NA
Extreme/Average	88.6	67.7	78.1	81.2	NA	0.00	0	-1.34	3.99	-1.67
Southwest										
Crowley	89.8	68.2	79.0	82.0	-3.1	0.05	1	-0.77	7.15	3.01
DeRidder	90.7	65.5	78.1	81.8	-3.7	NA	0	-0.79	2.85	-0.78
Jennings	90.6	67.0	78.8	82.1	-3.3	2.70	0	1.46	6.55	1.77
Oberlin Fire	90.9	65.1	78.0	81.6	-3.6	1.18	1	0.21	3.79	-0.21
Extreme/Average	90.5	66.4	78.5	81.9	-3.4	1.31	1	0.03	5.08	0.95
South Central										
Donaldsonville	89.9	68.1	79.0	81.5	-2.5	0.03	1	-1.17	1.78	-3.15
Jeanerette	89.3	65.6	77.4	81.8	-4.4	0.00	1	-1.42	5.72	0.31
Lafayette	93.0	74.0	83.5	81.4	2.0	0.00	0	-0.53	0.00	-0.53
Morgan City	90.6	71.1	80.9	81.9	-1.1	0.00	0	-1.71	5.37	-1.31
Extreme/Average	90.7	69.7	80.2	81.6	-1.5	0.01	1	-1.21	3.22	-1.17
Southeast										
Galliano	89.3	71.6	80.4	82.3	-1.9	NA	NA	NA	4.97	-1.84
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	2	-1.25	2.82	-2.72
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	92.7	74.7	83.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.91	NA
Extreme/Average	91.0	73.2	82.1	82.3	-1.9	0.00	2	-1.25	3.57	-2.28
State	90.5	66.9	78.7	81.6	-2.7	0.29	1	-0.68	2.79	-1.03

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.