



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending September 20, 2015

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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, September 20, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 25 percent very short, 29 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 21 percent very short, 26 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 55.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 70.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 84.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 92.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria. Warm dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the southwest and south central part of the state with an average of 0.03 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 20, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	99	98	94	99
Cotton, open bolls	95	89	92	94
Cotton, harvested	14	3	11	32
Hay, harvested	100	99	98	99
Rice, mature	100	98	100	100
Rice, harvested	95	94	92	95
Sorghum, harvested	95	90	96	98
Soybeans, turning color	92	87	91	90
Soybeans, dropping leaves	85	78	83	79
Soybeans, setting pods	78	71	74	NA
Soybeans, harvested	66	57	57	55
Sugarcane, planted	95	88	77	84
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	35	33	29	26

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending September 20, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	2	13	46	37	2
Livestock	1	10	42	41	6
Pasture	6	22	41	28	3
Soybeans	5	16	33	42	4
Sugarcane	3	6	27	46	18
Vegetables	7	31	34	26	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Soybean harvest continuing, cotton harvest has begun, sweet potato harvest slow due to dry soil conditions. Pastures need rain and planting of winter forage will be delayed if it does not rain soon.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Clearer weather with excellent drying conditions has allowed much fieldwork. Hay baling is wide open as is the plowing of ground for ryegrass planting. Herbicide and fertilizer applications following baling in efforts to correct weed problems developed earlier in our prolonged wet spring. Rice harvest essentially complete with exception of late planted crawfish pond, pulling of levees and plowing for next year’s fields underway. Earlier planted soybeans receiving harvest aid herbicide applications, while later planted beans receiving insecticide applications primarily for stinkbugs.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Plenty of sunshine this week and first soybeans are being harvested. Seeing aerial blight and frog-eye in soybeans. Fall vegetables are off to a good start. Livestock is looking good.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Soybean harvest and sugarcane planting just about complete. Sugarcane farmers preparing for harvest season with area mills expected to start grinding right around October 1st. Cattle producers finishing making hay and preparing fields/pastures for winter planting.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Soybean harvest complete. Sugarcane growing well. Cattlemen getting ready to plant ryegrass. Citrus producers scouting trees for insects and disease. Vegetable producers planting fall crops.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 20, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	90.9	63.9	77.4	75.2	2.2	0.00	0	-0.80	0.35	-2.54
Mooringsport	92.6	64.9	78.7	75.7	3.0	0.00	0	-0.85	1.21	-1.41
Red River	89.4	62.0	75.7	76.1	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.55	0.40	-2.65
Extreme/Average	91.0	63.6	77.3	75.7	1.5	0.00	0	-0.73	0.65	-2.20
North Central										
Calhoun	91.4	55.6	73.5	74.4	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.62	0.95	-1.93
Homer	84.2	58.5	71.3	73.6	-2.5	0.00	0	-0.74	0.08	-3.62
Shreveport	90.4	62.7	76.6	75.9	0.7	0.00	0	-0.84	0.37	-2.61
Extreme/Average	88.7	58.9	73.8	74.6	-0.9	0.00	0	-0.73	0.47	-2.72
Northeast										
Farmerville	91.9	67.0	79.4	75.1	4.3	0.00	0	-0.91	0.08	-3.00
Lake Providence	90.0	63.9	76.9	75.8	1.1	0.03	1	-0.70	1.89	-1.23
St Joseph	90.0	63.2	76.6	76.7	-0.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	76.3	NA	NA	0	NA	0.78	-1.34
Extreme/Average	90.6	64.7	77.7	76.0	1.7	0.01	1	-0.80	0.92	-1.86
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	75.2	NA	NA	0	NA	2.61	-0.76
Leesville	91.0	61.4	76.2	75.6	0.7	0.01	1	-1.03	0.91	-3.58
Natchitoches	87.4	64.9	76.1	77.1	-0.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tallulah	91.3	63.3	77.3	75.8	1.6	NA	NA	NA	1.22	-2.56
Extreme/Average	89.9	63.2	76.6	75.9	0.5	0.01	1	-1.03	1.58	-2.30
Central										
Alexandria	92.9	60.4	76.6	77.9	-1.2	0.00	0	-0.90	0.63	-2.93
Bunkie	89.3	62.1	75.7	76.5	-0.8	0.00	0	-1.09	1.56	-2.27
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	78.8	NA	NA	0	NA	0.25	-4.10
Hodges Gardens	87.2	66.0	76.6	76.7	-0.5	NA	NA	NA	1.67	-1.63
Jonesville Locks	88.0	65.1	76.6	77.1	-0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	89.3	63.4	76.4	77.4	-0.8	0.00	0	-1.00	1.03	-2.73
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	77.1	NA	NA	0	NA	1.79	NA
New Roads	90.0	66.0	78.0	78.5	-0.9	NA	NA	NA	3.91	-0.96
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.15	NA
Extreme/Average	90.0	66.0	78.0	77.8	-0.9	NA	0	NA	1.95	-0.96
Southwest										
Crowley	86.6	65.0	75.8	78.1	-2.5	0.00	0	-0.82	2.88	-1.92
DeRidder	89.9	64.6	77.2	77.1	0.1	0.12	1	-1.17	5.18	-0.03
Jennings	88.3	66.9	77.6	78.1	-0.5	0.00	0	-1.23	3.59	-0.93
Slidell	86.1	66.9	76.5	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.93	-2.93
Extreme/Average	87.7	65.8	76.8	77.8	-1.0	0.03	1	-1.07	3.14	-1.45
South Central										
Donaldsonville	87.9	65.9	76.9	77.7	-0.9	0.00	0	-1.18	4.73	-1.15
Jeanerette	85.6	64.2	74.9	77.9	-3.3	0.02	1	-1.11	3.83	-2.31
Morgan City	87.4	70.6	79.0	79.0	0.0	NA	NA	NA	0.05	-1.77
Oberlin Fire	87.4	64.0	75.7	77.1	-1.4	0.06	1	-1.24	3.04	-1.96
Extreme/Average	87.1	66.2	76.6	77.9	-1.4	0.03	1	-1.18	2.91	-1.80
Southeast										
Galliano	85.3	70.0	77.7	78.9	-1.3	0.00	0	-1.20	2.57	-1.94
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	4.12	-1.89
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	77.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.76	NA
Extreme/Average	85.3	70.0	77.7	78.1	-1.3	0.00	1	-1.20	2.48	-1.92
State	88.7	64.6	76.7	76.9	-0.4	0.01	0	-0.87	1.71	-2.02

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.