



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 27, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 30 percent very short, 32 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 23 percent very short, 32 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 70.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 83.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 92.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville. Warm dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state and some areas received scattered rain, with the highest rain concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 0.44 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 27, 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	100	99	98	100
Cotton, open bolls	97	95	94	97
Cotton, harvested	32	14	26	48
Rice, harvested	98	95	96	98
Sorghum, harvested	99	95	98	99
Soybeans, turning color	97	92	95	97
Soybeans, dropping leaves	92	85	89	88
Soybeans, mature	86	78	83	NA
Soybeans, harvested	75	66	70	68
Sugarcane, planted	99	95	88	92
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	49	35	34	35

Crop condition for week ending September 27, 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	19	44	33	2
Livestock	1	10	44	39	6
Pasture	8	22	41	26	3
Soybeans	5	16	33	42	4
Sugarcane	3	6	26	47	18
Vegetables	7	31	34	25	3

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Soybeans, planted behind wheat, turning color. Cotton harvest increasing. We are still very dry.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“A general rain is need to help improve all field conditions that have really dried out in relation to soil moisture. Sweet potato field conditions would benefit the most with a general rain to improve harvest conditions. Newly planted sugarcane would benefit as well. Livestock producers need moisture to get winter pastures planted but the dry conditions have been favorable for hay production.”

– Vincent Deshotel, St. Landry Parish

“Slow rain showers over weekend were good for pastures and beans. Some hay cut last week. Ground preparations for ryegrass being done. Some planted this week.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Labor issues are delaying the start of grinding at the sugar mill. Growers are anxious to start harvesting cane that was treated last month with ripener. Rains in the last month have helped sugarcane growth recover somewhat from dry spells this summer. Soybean harvest yields continue to be disappointing. However, some growers are hopeful that the later planted group V beans have better potential. Cattle growers have had good hay making weather, and some growers are starting to throw out ryegrass seed for cool season pastures.”

– Stuart Gauthier, St. Martin Parish

“Cattlemen preparing to plant ryegrass. Vegetable producers planting vegetables. Citrus producers scouting trees for insects.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 27, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	90.4	63.1	76.8	72.4	4.4	0.00	0	-0.86	0.04	-3.17
Mooringsport	89.1	62.4	75.8	72.9	2.9	0.04	1	-0.89	0.69	-2.46
Red River	91.5	62.2	76.9	73.5	2.9	NA	NA	NA	0.02	-3.26
Extreme/Average	90.3	62.6	76.5	72.9	3.4	0.02	1	-0.88	0.25	-2.96
North Central										
Calhoun	91.6	57.0	74.3	71.6	2.7	0.00	0	-0.75	0.57	-2.84
Homer	88.4	56.6	72.5	70.9	1.6	0.00	0	-0.98	0.08	-3.69
Shreveport	90.9	62.6	76.7	73.1	3.6	NA	0	-0.99	0.37	-2.72
Extreme/Average	90.3	58.7	74.5	71.9	2.6	0.00	0	-0.91	0.34	-3.08
Northeast										
Farmerville	89.6	64.3	76.9	72.6	4.3	NA	0	-0.94	0.07	-0.75
Lake Providence	88.0	64.6	76.3	73.3	3.0	0.07	1	-0.75	1.91	-1.10
St Joseph	90.8	61.4	76.1	74.3	1.5	0.02	1	-0.51	0.84	-1.97
Winnsboro	92.0	59.0	75.5	73.7	1.0	NA	NA	NA	0.83	-1.33
Extreme/Average	90.1	62.3	76.2	73.5	2.4	0.05	1	-0.73	0.91	-1.29
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	72.6	NA	NA	0	NA	2.18	-1.33
Leesville	91.7	61.0	76.4	73.2	3.2	0.03	1	-1.00	0.88	-3.52
Natchitoches	89.3	64.3	76.8	74.2	2.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tallulah	91.3	65.7	78.5	73.4	5.1	0.05	1	-0.76	0.49	-3.57
Extreme/Average	90.8	63.7	77.2	73.3	3.6	0.04	1	-0.88	1.18	-2.81
Central										
Alexandria	92.0	66.6	79.3	75.5	3.8	0.35	1	-0.56	0.80	-2.72
Bunkie	89.6	64.6	77.1	74.3	2.8	0.50	1	-0.57	1.56	-2.06
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	76.5	NA	NA	2	NA	0.75	-3.73
Hodges Gardens	91.5	66.0	78.8	74.5	3.8	NA	NA	NA	1.61	-1.80
Jonesville Locks	92.1	66.3	79.2	74.8	4.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	91.3	65.9	78.6	75.1	3.7	0.42	2	-0.56	1.18	-2.58
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	74.9	NA	NA	0	NA	2.15	NA
New Roads	87.2	67.0	77.1	76.2	0.4	NA	NA	NA	3.91	-0.64
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.15	NA
Extreme/Average	87.2	67.0	77.1	75.6	0.4	NA	0	NA	2.07	-0.64
Southwest										
Crowley	86.5	64.0	75.3	76.1	-1.3	NA	NA	NA	1.70	-2.99
DeRidder	90.0	64.3	77.2	74.8	2.3	0.96	1	-0.09	2.48	-2.69
Jennings	90.6	67.3	79.0	76.1	2.9	0.00	0	-1.20	3.54	-0.39
Slidell	85.6	68.3	76.9	NA	NA	0.36	1	NA	1.89	-2.23
Extreme/Average	88.2	66.0	77.1	75.6	1.3	0.44	1	-0.65	2.40	-2.07
South Central										
Donaldsonville	87.6	66.4	77.0	75.7	1.3	0.00	0	-1.11	4.73	-1.10
Jeanerette	87.6	66.0	76.8	76.0	0.5	0.00	0	-0.97	3.83	-1.74
Morgan City	86.3	70.9	78.6	77.3	1.3	NA	NA	NA	0.05	-0.52
Oberlin Fire	88.6	64.0	76.3	74.9	1.0	0.00	0	-0.86	3.01	-1.90
Extreme/Average	87.5	66.8	77.2	76.0	1.1	0.00	0	-0.98	2.91	-1.31
Southeast										
Galliano	83.7	70.7	77.2	77.1	0.1	0.15	1	-1.11	2.57	-1.25
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	4.23	-1.50
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	75.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	75.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.76	NA
Extreme/Average	83.7	70.7	77.2	76.2	0.1	0.15	1	-1.11	2.52	-1.38
State	88.8	65.0	76.9	74.6	2.1	0.17	0	-0.73	1.55	-2.05

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.