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Week Ending November 8, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 1.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 8, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 67 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 48 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 69.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 65.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 82.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Heavy rain this week causing flooding in some parts of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the central part of the state with an average of 4.42 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 8, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	97	96	97	99
Soybeans, harvested	98	98	99	100
Sugarcane, harvested	42	32	39	43
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	80	80	84	90
Winter Wheat, planted	12	10	61	54
Winter Wheat, emerged	9	7	31	27

Crop condition for week ending November 8, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	2	12	45	37	4
Pasture	7	28	42	21	2
Sugarcane	3	13	34	41	9
Vegetables	7	25	42	24	2

NA = Not Available.

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Too wet for most field work. Some were able to plant rye grass on permanent pastures.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Excessive rainfall has agricultural lands saturated. The sugarcane and sweet potato harvest are challenged at this point. Second crop rice harvest has begun. Sugarcane and second crop rice acres will need extra work in the spring to repair the rutted conditions, an unnecessary added expense. Livestock pastures have greened up due to warm temperatures and much of the winter pasture plantings are off to a good start but need drying conditions. Crawfish ponds are flooded up but no indication of yield at this point.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Past weekend rain again delayed activities of pasture preparations and continued planting. Improved weather predictions for this week should help with planting along with fall vegetables.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Sugarcane harvest has been difficult with muddy conditions. Ratoon rice harvest has been slowed due to rain but some outstanding yields have been reported. Ryegrass is up and growing well with moisture and proper temperature.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Heavy rains each of past 3 weekends have transformed previous drought conditions to flooded conditions across the area, with some localized spots receiving 20 plus inches of total rainfall over that time period. Field work at a standstill except for sugarcane harvest which is being severely hampered by muddy field conditions and downed cane.”

– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“Growers are bracing for another round of heavy rains over the weekend. Wet conditions are slowing the cane harvest, lowering sugar levels and increasing tonnage hauled to the mill. Cool season pastures are making good growth. Some cattle growers are starting to feed hay as summer pastures decline. The pecan harvest continues to be very poor to non-existent. Satsumas are changing color but cooler temperatures would improve their sugar content. Most citrus trees have a light crop.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Cane harvest progressing but plenty of mud from rain affecting quality. Citrus producers selling good fruit but harvest is down. Vegetable producers selling quality vegetables.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 8, 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	70.3	60.3	65.3	58.5	6.8	5.25	5	4.05	12.41	7.57
Mooringsport	70.0	59.1	64.6	59.4	5.1	2.71	4	1.62	9.52	5.18
Red River	73.8	63.0	68.4	59.9	8.2	2.78	2	1.95	10.91	6.62
Shreveport	70.0	59.1	64.6	59.1	5.5	3.50	4	2.16	12.63	7.71
Extreme/Average	71.0	60.4	65.7	59.2	6.4	3.56	5	2.45	11.37	6.77
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	71.6	59.3	65.4	57.8	7.6	2.98	4	1.79	13.23	8.73
Farmerville	72.3	60.4	66.4	59.0	7.4	4.52	4	3.40	11.63	6.91
Homer	65.0	59.5	62.3	57.3	4.1	NA	NA	NA	3.68	2.21
Extreme/Average	69.6	59.7	64.7	58.0	6.4	3.75	4	2.59	9.51	5.95
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	68.0	57.5	62.8	59.1	4.6	NA	NA	NA	12.15	11.18
St Joseph	75.4	63.6	69.5	61.1	8.1	0.37	2	-0.39	11.45	8.06
Tallulah	77.1	56.1	66.6	59.9	6.8	2.42	4	1.38	11.92	7.94
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	60.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-2.08
Extreme/Average	73.5	59.1	66.3	60.1	6.5	1.40	4	0.49	8.88	6.28
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	59.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	71.0	62.5	66.8	61.4	4.9	NA	NA	NA	13.19	8.70
Leesville	74.4	61.7	68.1	60.3	7.7	3.27	4	1.99	19.88	14.96
Natchitoches	73.3	60.9	67.1	61.2	5.9	3.25	3	1.91	13.66	8.86
Extreme/Average	72.9	61.7	67.3	60.5	6.2	3.26	4	1.95	15.58	10.84
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	76.1	62.4	69.3	61.8	7.5	5.66	4	4.25	16.03	10.70
Bunkie	78.7	61.9	70.3	62.1	8.2	3.20	2	1.89	13.75	8.52
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	64.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	75.1	62.0	68.6	61.6	7.0	4.40	2	3.15	14.95	10.01
New Roads	76.8	64.0	70.4	63.3	6.7	NA	NA	NA	12.57	8.75
Extreme/Average	76.7	62.6	69.6	62.6	7.3	4.42	4	3.10	14.33	9.49
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.17	3	1.05	15.88	11.65
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	62.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14.97	NA
Slidell	77.4	65.6	71.5	NA	NA	2.95	3	NA	8.71	NA
Extreme/Average	77.4	65.6	71.5	62.2	NA	2.56	3	1.05	13.19	11.65
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	NA	NA	NA	63.6	NA	0.45	1	-0.40	8.74	4.06
DeRidder	74.1	62.0	68.1	62.3	5.8	4.26	6	2.98	19.72	15.47
Jennings	77.1	63.9	70.5	64.0	6.5	2.06	4	0.83	12.32	7.27
Oberlin Fire	74.8	63.0	68.9	62.8	5.8	0.30	2	-0.59	8.38	3.52
Extreme/Average	75.3	63.0	69.2	63.2	6.0	1.77	6	0.71	12.29	7.58
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	78.2	66.4	72.3	63.4	8.6	1.22	1	0.54	13.41	9.40
Jeanerette	75.8	65.4	70.6	64.1	6.3	0.45	1	-0.28	11.05	6.90
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	63.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	77.9	67.4	72.6	65.2	7.4	5.48	3	4.58	12.16	8.65
Extreme/Average	77.3	66.4	71.8	64.0	7.4	2.38	3	1.61	12.21	8.32
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	78.6	69.1	73.9	65.6	8.2	4.51	2	3.71	12.84	9.37
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.89	4	2.82	16.99	12.79
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-1.05
New Orleans	82.3	68.0	75.2	NA	NA	2.29	1	NA	14.11	NA
Extreme/Average	80.4	68.5	74.5	65.6	8.2	3.56	4	3.26	10.98	7.04
<b>State</b>	75.1	63.1	69.1	61.9	6.1	3.03	4	1.98	12.07	8.18

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.