



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 11, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 68.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 76.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 86.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 92.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria. Scattered rainfall throughout the state with the southeast part of the state received the highest average of rain concentration at 4.15 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending September 11, 2016**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	93	83	97	96
Cotton, open bolls	92	83	85	84
Cotton, harvested	2	0	2	10
Hay, second cutting	93	90	99	98
Rice, mature	99	96	98	99
Rice, harvested	84	77	93	89
Sorghum, harvested	97	90	89	92
Soybeans, coloring	83	73	86	82
Soybeans, dropping leaves	63	52	76	67
Soybeans, mature	53	40	69	NA
Soybeans, harvested	31	25	54	42
Sugarcane, planted	59	50	84	73
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	20	12	29	21

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending September 11, 2016**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	2	9	39	45	5
Livestock	1	5	26	63	5
Pasture	3	12	37	44	4
Soybeans	6	11	30	48	5
Sugarcane	1	7	40	39	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	21	73	4
Vegetables	3	14	32	50	1

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Frequent rains returned this past week delaying soybean and sweet potato harvest. Cotton harvest will begin when it dries. Early planted soybeans that have been harvested have had significant quality issues. Only a few acres of corn still to be harvested.”

– Carol-Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Wet conditions have all areas of commodity production seriously backed up. Showers each day are presenting quality issues for crops left in the field to be harvested. Many acres of soybeans have been defoliated but not drying down due to the daily showers. Hay fields are growing out of control and weedy, quality is going down with each passing shower. The softening commodity and cattle markets have producers wondering on where the bottom might be.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Spotty rain showers this week. The last bit of late planted rice is being harvested. Still high stink bug numbers. Late rice was affected by cercospora, blast and insects. Soybean are looking decent. The fields that bounced back quickly after the flood are looking pretty good again, but there are still some bad looking soybeans out there. Should start harvesting within the next week or two.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Daily rain showers still making it hard for rice farms to finish cutting and hay pastures to be cut. We need week’s long dry spell to get caught up.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Growers had to dodge showers to make sugarcane planting progress. Rice harvest is wrapping up with growers reporting significant yield and quality reductions due to flooding. Hay harvest continues with rain interrupting progress. Soybean are being chemically defoliated and harvested. Growers are reporting decent yields and quality in early planted beans. Cattle growers are marketing calves and are preparing to plant cool season pastures in early October.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rain continues to slow fieldwork. Beans that should have been harvested are still in the field. Very little progress has been made planting sugarcane.”

– Mariah Simoneaux, Saint James Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 11, 2016**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	91.4	71.6	81.5	78.3	3.2	4.75	1	3.94	12.78	10.01
Mooringsport	89.1	72.7	80.9	79.0	1.9	0.09	2	-0.71	7.30	4.53
Red River	92.2	75.6	83.9	79.1	4.4	NA	0	-0.47	9.32	7.14
Shreveport	90.6	71.1	80.9	79.1	1.8	1.33	1	0.69	11.79	9.58
Extreme/Average	90.8	72.8	81.8	78.9	2.8	2.06	2	0.86	10.30	7.81
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	77.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.42	4.03
Farmerville	90.6	71.9	81.2	78.1	3.1	0.47	2	-0.48	5.54	2.05
Homer	90.7	71.5	81.1	76.8	4.5	1.55	3	0.85	3.31	2.21
Extreme/Average	90.7	71.7	81.1	77.4	3.8	1.01	3	0.18	4.76	2.76
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	89.9	73.1	81.5	78.6	2.9	0.02	1	-0.65	4.65	2.96
St Joseph	92.0	73.2	82.6	79.3	3.1	1.11	2	0.54	3.51	0.42
Tallulah	91.7	74.0	82.9	78.5	4.3	0.68	3	-0.19	7.05	3.93
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	79.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.66	4.04
Extreme/Average	91.2	73.4	82.3	78.9	3.4	0.60	3	-0.10	4.97	2.84
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	78.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	91.2	68.2	79.8	79.0	0.4	NA	NA	NA	5.15	1.96
Leesville	91.1	70.7	80.9	78.1	2.8	0.98	4	-0.04	8.63	5.20
Natchitoches	90.7	73.3	82.0	80.2	1.8	1.00	3	-0.25	9.47	5.46
Extreme/Average	91.0	70.7	80.9	78.9	1.7	0.99	4	-0.14	7.75	4.21
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	92.3	73.0	82.6	80.4	2.2	0.93	2	-0.02	9.92	6.35
Bunkie	91.7	71.9	81.8	79.1	2.7	2.75	3	1.60	5.35	1.54
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	81.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	89.4	74.0	81.7	79.7	2.0	2.53	3	1.61	7.78	4.33
New Roads	89.8	73.2	81.5	80.8	0.4	NA	NA	NA	3.40	-0.19
Extreme/Average	90.8	73.0	81.9	80.3	1.8	2.07	3	1.06	6.61	3.01
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.36	4	1.17	5.48	0.18
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	79.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.19	2	NA	3.65	NA
Slidell	88.0	72.6	80.3	NA	NA	0.47	3	NA	3.61	NA
Extreme/Average	88.0	72.6	80.3	79.4	NA	1.01	4	1.17	4.25	0.18
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	90.8	74.8	82.8	80.2	2.4	1.28	3	0.39	5.77	1.35
DeRidder	92.0	72.0	82.0	79.7	1.6	0.79	2	-0.47	8.90	4.64
Jennings	90.0	74.6	82.3	80.3	2.0	5.11	6	3.73	11.45	6.30
Oberlin Fire	90.0	72.4	81.2	79.5	1.7	0.63	3	-0.68	8.14	3.78
Extreme/Average	90.7	73.5	82.1	79.9	1.9	1.95	6	0.74	8.56	4.02
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	89.0	72.9	80.9	79.9	1.1	3.15	4	1.85	7.66	2.62
Jeanerette	89.3	73.6	81.4	80.0	1.4	5.43	5	3.75	7.70	1.65
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	79.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	88.5	75.2	81.8	80.7	1.1	2.08	5	0.77	6.94	0.55
Extreme/Average	88.9	73.9	81.4	80.0	1.2	3.55	5	2.12	7.43	1.61
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	86.7	76.1	81.4	80.9	0.6	6.05	5	4.44	12.61	6.16
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.72	5	0.61	6.00	1.07
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	91.7	76.2	83.9	NA	NA	4.68	4	NA	8.05	NA
Extreme/Average	89.2	76.2	82.7	80.9	0.6	4.15	5	2.53	8.89	3.62
<b>State</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>7.02</b>	<b>3.29</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.