



# 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 18, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 11 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 67.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 76.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 85.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 93.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. Scattered rainfall throughout the state with the south central part of the state received the highest average of rain concentration at 3.18 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending September 18, 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	98	93	99	98
Cotton, open bolls	96	92	93	92
Cotton, harvested	10	2	11	22
Hay, second cutting	98	93	100	99
Rice, mature	100	99	99	100
Rice, harvested	92	84	95	94
Sorghum, harvested	99	97	94	96
Soybeans, turning color	91	83	91	90
Soybeans, dropping leaves	74	63	83	79
Soybeans, mature	65	53	76	NA
Soybeans, harvested	44	31	63	54
Sugarcane, planted	65	59	93	83
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	32	20	34	27

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending September 18, 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	13	50	31	4
Livestock	1	6	27	61	5
Pasture	2	14	38	42	4
Soybeans	5	11	32	47	5
Sugarcane	1	7	35	43	14
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	21	73	4
Vegetables	3	14	32	49	2

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rain has been scattered with some getting frequent showers and others no rain. Soybean harvest has begun for most producers. Spraying pastures for armyworms continues. Cotton and sweet potato harvest beginning.”

– Carol-Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Some crop production areas remain wet, with better weather conditions in the forecast for fieldwork to resume this week. Reports of soybeans not affected by the flood have favorable yields. Rice harvest will be wrapped up soon, but heavy damage and rutted fields will offer an additional cost to repair. Hay producers will have a chance at getting some baling done, and cow calf producers are in the early stages of preparing for winter plantings for grazing. Armyworm populations are extremely high. A definite season change is needed.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Flood waters are slow to recede in the southern third of the parish leaving some pastures flooded. Post flood rice harvest is near complete with yields being highly variable. Cattle producers are weaning calves and trying to make hay, facing a potential severe hay shortage. Ryegrass planting should start soon. Sugarcane farmers are near complete planting and gearing up for harvest.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Incessant rainfall has caused serious delays in the cane planting process. The remaining soybeans are beginning to deteriorate in quality.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

“A wet week of showers hampered field progress. Cane growers voted to delay the start of grinding for a week to try and give farmers more time to finish planting. Now the mill will open Sept. 27th. Some cane growers have switched to billet planting to try and speed up the process. Soybean growers are spraying for stinkbugs and defoliants on mature beans. Some growers are reporting high levels of damage from insects and the flood waters. High levels of sod, webworms and armyworms are infesting pastures and hay fields. Satsumas are starting to color and should be ready to harvest in a few weeks. The pecan crop appears light and appears to have ample scab and insect damage.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rain just about every day. Work in fields will continue as soon as we get some dry weather.”

– Reed Himel, Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 18, 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	90.0	71.9	80.9	75.9	5.0	0.00	0	-0.84	6.84	3.81
Mooringsport	88.8	70.8	79.8	76.5	3.2	0.27	2	-0.49	3.03	0.18
Red River	90.4	72.2	81.3	76.8	4.1	0.00	0	-0.58	4.57	2.18
Shreveport	89.9	70.6	80.2	76.7	3.6	NA	0	-0.88	4.71	2.15
Extreme/Average	89.8	71.4	80.6	76.5	4.0	0.09	2	-0.70	4.79	2.08
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	75.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.09	1.45
Farmerville	89.4	71.9	80.6	75.8	4.8	NA	0	-0.94	3.18	-0.51
Homer	87.8	68.2	78.0	74.4	3.4	0.00	0	-0.65	3.31	1.56
Extreme/Average	88.6	70.1	79.3	75.1	4.1	0.00	0	-0.79	2.86	0.83
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	90.1	72.9	81.5	76.5	5.0	NA	0	-0.77	0.55	-1.23
St Joseph	92.4	69.8	81.1	77.3	3.5	0.00	0	-0.62	1.93	-1.11
Tallulah	93.3	72.9	83.1	76.5	6.6	0.00	0	-0.86	1.94	-1.28
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	76.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	91.9	71.9	81.9	76.8	5.0	0.00	0	-0.75	1.47	-1.21
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	75.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	90.1	67.7	78.9	77.2	1.7	0.00	0	-1.02	1.32	-2.45
Leesville	89.7	69.4	79.6	76.2	3.4	0.03	2	-1.05	2.54	-1.17
Natchitoches	88.3	72.4	80.4	77.8	2.5	0.07	1	-1.07	4.07	-0.44
Extreme/Average	89.4	69.8	79.6	76.8	2.5	0.03	2	-1.05	2.64	-1.35
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	90.3	72.9	81.6	78.5	3.1	2.98	3	2.04	7.03	3.45
Bunkie	89.8	71.4	80.6	77.1	3.3	0.95	1	0.12	5.00	0.97
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	79.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	89.7	73.3	81.5	77.7	3.8	0.78	3	-0.16	4.91	1.31
New Roads	90.2	72.0	81.1	79.0	1.7	NA	NA	NA	2.39	-1.17
Extreme/Average	90.0	72.4	81.2	78.3	3.0	1.57	3	0.67	4.83	1.14
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.54	3	0.41	5.07	0.06
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	77.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.90	NA
Slidell	88.5	74.0	81.3	NA	NA	1.37	4	NA	3.85	NA
Extreme/Average	88.5	74.0	81.3	77.6	NA	1.46	4	0.41	3.61	0.06
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	89.5	71.5	80.5	78.6	1.3	NA	NA	NA	5.20	1.16
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	77.7	NA	0.02	1	-1.31	3.02	-1.56
Jennings	87.3	73.6	80.4	78.6	1.8	1.64	5	0.33	9.38	4.14
Oberlin Fire	87.3	72.0	79.6	77.7	1.9	2.38	5	1.02	6.45	1.70
Extreme/Average	88.0	72.4	80.2	78.2	1.7	1.35	5	0.01	6.01	1.36
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	88.3	73.1	80.7	78.3	2.5	1.03	4	-0.19	6.79	1.78
Jeanerette	88.4	72.2	80.3	78.5	1.6	3.35	5	2.17	10.25	4.40
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	77.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	88.3	75.4	81.9	79.4	2.5	5.17	4	3.80	11.03	4.96
Extreme/Average	88.3	73.6	81.0	78.5	2.2	3.18	5	1.93	9.36	3.71
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	85.0	76.7	80.9	79.4	1.4	3.29	6	1.81	15.38	9.09
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.04	3	0.99	6.43	1.83
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	93.0	76.5	84.8	NA	NA	0.71	6	NA	7.74	NA
Extreme/Average	89.0	76.6	82.8	79.4	1.4	2.01	6	1.40	9.85	5.46
<b>State</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>5.11</b>	<b>1.41</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.